

Appendix 2 - Comments and Submissions from Public Consultation with (Acting) Returning Officer Response

Cherwell District Council welcomed comments and submissions from the public and interested parties on the Acting Returning Officer's proposals between 21 October 2024 and 11 November 2024.

The responses received are set out in full below (NB. Only polling stations commented on are listed; Comments received that are not relevant to the polling place review are not included):

NB: No comments received on any polling stations in the following district wards: Banbury Calthorpe and Easington; Banbury Cross and Neithrop; and, Fringford and Heyfords.

District Ward: Adderbury, Bloxham and Bodicote			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CAA1 – Adderbury Library	Member of public	Adderbury Library is adequate but I find the parking and access to Adderbury Institute is preferable and does not interfere with the opening hours of the library.	The ARO notes the comments on the Adderbury Institute however when the Democratic and Elections Team have tried to book the venue for elections, the venue has advised that it is already booked and the booking cannot be changed. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed – continue to use Adderbury Library as the polling station, as a double station.
CCK1 – The Bloxham Ex-Serviceman's Village Hall	Parish Councillor	Over the last 30 years I have also worked for the CDC Elections Team and am a Presiding Officer on most elections. I therefore volunteered to review the summary as someone who has visited a fair number of the stations listed, as well as our one in Bloxham which is always well managed and suitably located and sized for the village. I do not have any further comments on the proposed changes to be made and also agree that the stations I have visited over this time are adequate and suitable for the purposes of Polling day. It appears that where there have / are issues all efforts are being made to address and find alternatives in the long run.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your detailed and helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed – No change proposed – continue to use The Bloxham Ex-servicemen's Village Hall as the polling station, as a double station.

District Ward: Banbury Grimsbury and Hightown			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBA1 – St Leonard’s Church	Town Councillor	<p>I wish to oppose the change of polling station. St Leonards Church Hall and then St Leonards Church and before that the former St Leonards School adjacent to the Church has been the polling station(s) for Middleton Road and houses south of the Middleton Road for at least 7 decades.</p> <p>The grounds for moving to the St Leonards School are insufficient (eg cold) these could be dealt with and should be dealt with.</p> <p>There is NO REASON to have voters having to walk in some instances from the Bridge or Waterloo Drive past and access all the other residential housing to vote.</p> <p>Almost all voters will live west of St Leonards School (over the Road) and some from opposite Morrisons Supermarket.</p> <p>Arguments that conditions are unsuitable do not stand up. The Church has been used for about 20 years or mor before that the old Church Hall to the rear. Although some elections may take place in the winter we know the annual County, District and Town voting is always. On the 1st Thursday in May, and not every year do artic conditions apply sometimes. Tellers take numbers in the sun.</p> <p>CDC should reject the move of Polling Station to St Leonards School. Perhaps in colder times this may have made sense when schools were run by the LEA but not now.</p> <p>Grimsbury lost its East Street School Polling Station a few years ago and if St Leonards Church were to go this would another regrettable change. Please stick with what people know. I have know sure I first voted there (1970) and is known on Main Road (Middleton Road) not tucked away at the end of Causeway that can for the main part only be accessed via Howard Road. How St Leonards could cope with a closure is another matter, but if voters arrived by car there is not much room for parking let alone drop offs.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your detailed and helpful comments. The ARO confirms that there will be no change proposed to this polling station.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CBB1, CBC1 – Grimsbury Community Centre	Member of the public	It works very well. It's convenient and easy to access either in foot or by car.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed:</p>

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District Ward: Banbury Hardwick			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBF1, CBG2, CBH1 – Hanwell Fields Community Centre (also CBH2 Cropredy, Sibfords & Wroxton ward)	Member of the public	Easy to find and to access the polling station	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CBF1, CBG2, CBH1 – Hanwell Fields Community Centre (also CBH2 Cropredy, Sibfords & Wroxton ward)	Member of the public	Near to home can walk there	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

District Ward: Banbury Ruscote			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBK1 – The Sunshine Centre	District councillor	I would suggest however the consideration of a mobile polling station for Banbury rise bloor homes housing development. Essentially this covers roads like Tony Humphries Rd George parish Rd Bailey Rd Wilson Rd as the housing development proceeds they still not a community centre search I do you think there's some loss of voting due to people not wanting to travel to the sunshine centre.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your suggestion. On behalf of the ARO, Democratic & Elections Officers visited the site and identified a possible location for a mobile station. Unfortunately, the landowner has not given permission for the site to be used. There are no other suitable areas on the development to site a mobile station. It is also to note that there is suitable access to the

			existing polling station (The Sunshine Centre) and therefore as a mobile station site is not be available, the current arrangements would stay in place. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CBK1 – The Sunshine Centre	Polling Station Venue booking agent	The Sunshine Centre are happy for Cherwell District Council to continue to use our premises as a polling station.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

District Ward: Bicester East			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBN1 - Bicester East Community Centre	Member of the public	I only know this polling station, and as far as I can tell it is not fit for purpose. It is small, hardly good enough for voting in such open plan layout, I am not sure it even has a bathroom for the poor souls working elections there, last time I voted, I had to go around barriers because of works, which in a rainy day is off putting to say the least.	The ARO notes the comments made. The 2024 elections took place during construction of a new Bicester East Community Centre which was not ideal for electors. The new building is now open and a vast improvement on the former building. The Member Working Group notes the ARO response. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The new Bicester East Community Centre will be used as the polling going forward.
CBO1 – Salvation Army Worship Centre	Member of public	Easily accessible for all. Plenty of car parking available.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed:

			The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CBP1 – Bicester Methodist Hall	Member of public	Lack of parking nearby.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comment. Whilst we note the lack of carparking in and around the polling station, The Bicester Methodist Hall is the best option for voters in the polling district with no other suitable alternative. Therefore, No change proposed – continue to use Bicester Methodist Hall as the polling station.
CBP1 – Bicester Methodist Hall	Member of public	Right place, right size	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CBQ1 – John Paul II Centre	Member of the public	Absolutely no problems with this polling station. I can walk from home, there's plenty of space inside and never had any issues. Please keep it!	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

District Ward: Bicester North and Caversfield			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBR1, CBT1, CBU1, CBV1 – Emmanuel Church	Member of public	The room and roads is divided in two, the streets need to be divided better as one side is must busier then the other this creates very long queue at busy times	The ARO notes the comments made and will ask the Democratic and Elections Team to investigate the elector allocation to the two polling stations that are held within the polling place. The Member Working Group notes the submission and agrees the

			<p>ARO response will help to address the issue.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CBS1 – Southwold Community Centre	Member of public	Not a bad location and suitable for majority of people.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CBS1 – Southwold Community Centre	Member of public	Perfect location	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CBS1 – Southwold Community Centre	Member of public	An excellent location to service the Southwold community that I use without needing a car to get there. Long may it continue to be our polling station.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CCP1 – Mobile Station at the Recreation Ground, Situated at Sheen Close Entrance to Ground, Caversfield	District councillor	I know it's flagged that there is no alternative to the Caversfield Mobile station, however can I ask that we look at the facilities at the mobile station I know I have received complaints on the past from staff about the bathrooms and rubbish.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your detailed and helpful comments. The Democratic and Elections Team will work with our portacabin provider to see what can be done regarding the Portaloo and bins on site on election day.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>

CCP1 – Mobile Station at the Recreation Ground, Situated at Sheen Close Entrance to Ground, Caversfield	Member of public	It is close by and very convenient for the residents of Caversfield	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
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District Ward: Bicester South and Ambrosden			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CAB1 – Ambrosden Village Hall	Town or a Parish Councillor	No issue, good location but at risk of being closed for revamp in May 2025.	The Democratic and Elections Team, on behalf of the ARO, has investigated this with the venue and have been advised that the planning works will be taking place after May 2025 so it should have no effect on the use as a polling place at May 2025 elections. The Member Working Group thanks the Parish Councillor for bringing this to the attention of the ARO and is please there will be no effect for the May 2025 elections. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CAB1 – Ambrosden Village Hall	Member of public	Good location for village residents and easy to access	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre	A Town or a Parish Councillor	Should service all of Langford, New Langford electors should not have to go to Garth House to vote when they can go to the community centre.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.

			<p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from voting at Langford Community Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill, until such time as the Graven Hill community building is available.</p> <p>No Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote Langford Village Community Centre.</p>
<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Business or an organisation</p>	<p>Works well, good access for disabilities, no issues</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. We will continue to use this polling station with some elector allocation changes to address other comments received in respect of this polling station.</p>

<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>This polling station is now increasingly stretched to provide good service at the busiest times because of a significant increase in the electorate in the Graven Hill development who are all made to travel to this polling station in order to vote. It is surprising that the review makes no mention of the Graven Hill development and that there is no acknowledgement that residents of Graven Hill should be served better by having their own polling station close to their homes and that they are currently being asked to travel too far a distance in order to vote. The development at Graven Hill now has adequate options for a polling station to be set up there during elections - I suggest at the school or at the premises of the Marketing Shop of Graven Hill Development Company. This would be a sensible option and ease the strain on Langford Village Community Centre. As a former regular member of the elections staff at the Langford Community Centre, I urge you to please consider this option in your review.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre. On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group. The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available. Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre. Our final recommendations will be: Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from voting at Langford Community Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill, until such time as the Graven Hill community building is available. No Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote Langford Village Community Centre.</p>
<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>Based at Graven Hill, Bicester and there is enough residents now to have our own polling station. Possible locations include the school hall. Each year I have gone to Langford Village Community Centre there is never an even split for the two sides everyone has to go to the right and it's a lot for the two volunteers on the desks to deal with. By having Graven Hill</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.</p>

		<p>residents at Graven Hill this will ease the pressure from volunteers, allow people to get to vote more easily and not have to drive, or navigate the main road whether by car or walking.</p>	<p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from voting at Langford Community Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill, until such time as the Graven Hill community building is available.</p> <p>No Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote Langford Village Community Centre.</p>
<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>Please restore to Mallards way where it was for over 20 years.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station.</p>

			<p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre. Electors in polling district CCC1 will move from voting at Langford Village Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill until the community building is built.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from voting at Langford Community Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill, until such time as the Graven Hill community building is available.</p> <p>No Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote Langford Village Community Centre.</p>
<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>Comments made in reply on facebook comment - Isn't it time for Graven Hill to have it's own polling station at election times?</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available.</p>

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<p>CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>It would be great to easily be able to walk to my polling station and still get to work on time. Would it be possible to consider a polling station on Graven Hill?</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be: Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from</p>

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CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre	Member of public	Please retain this excellent polling station	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. The ARO intends to retain this polling station.
CBW1, CCC1 – Langford Village Centre CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	<p>I live on Langford Village OX26 6UE, yet I have to now go to the Garth to vote? Difficult to get there, parking dreadful & inconvenient.</p> <p>Why do I not get to vote at the Langford village hall, when I live on Langford?</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1, CCC1, CBX1 and CBY1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore vote at the Graven Hill mobile station, until the community building was available.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford</p>

			<p>Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CBY1 would continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed for electors in polling district CC1 who will move from voting at Langford Community Centre to a mobile station at Graven Hill, until such time as the Graven Hill community building is available.</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>No Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBW1 will continue to vote Langford Village Community Centre.</p> <p>No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>
CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Town or a Parish Councillor	Should not have Langford electors here, but could service part of Longfields or other areas.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>Electors in polling district CCC1 currently vote at Langford Village Centre.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the arrangements for electors in polling districts CBW1 and CCC1, which included a Bicester site visit, and put forward options for the Member Working Group.</p> <p>The Member Working Group noted that a community building would be built at Graven Hill in due course but until such time, there was a suitable site for a mobile station at Graven Hill. Electors in polling district CCC1 would therefore</p>

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<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Business or an organisation</p>	<p>Residents on New Langford have complained bitterly at having to cast their votes at The Garth, having had a porta cabin on the estate for many years. This should be reinstated.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station.</p> <p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>

<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>There are significant difficulties for some residents of the New Langford community to get to the Garth and they would prefer the restoration of the former polling station that was traditionally sited at the junction of Corncrake and Mallards Way on New Langford Village. Elderly voters and those with poor mobility are at a real risk of being denied their vote because of the distance they must walk and because the route for them to get there is over the giant railway bridge which many find impossible to traverse. Added to this, there were difficulties for them to enter the park and follow the most direct route to the Garth station as the park gates had been closed well before the polling station was due to close. The review does not appear to fully acknowledge the difficulties that have been caused by the removal of the former polling station which, for some, are very real and unsatisfactory. Parking space is also quite limited at this location which exacerbates the problems.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station. Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth. Our final recommendations will be: Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station. No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>
<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>This location isn't ideal for those of us living on New Langford. A number of neighbours have commented that it's difficult to walk and drive to. I'm sure the polling numbers are down due to the relocation here from a temporary cabin on Corncrake. I understand that there is a cost to having the cabin, so maybe it would be better for people to go to Langford Village hall from Nrw Langford. That would be within walking distance for most and less miles driven by car for those who can't walk the distance. We are, after all in Langford.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station. Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>

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CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	I live on New Lanford. We used to have a mobile polling station, the Garth is too far to travel and discourages voting.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station.</p> <p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>
CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	Would prefer the polling station to be relocated back to Mallards way. It is more convenient and easier to access.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land.</p>

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<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>I usually vote at the temporary polling station on Mallards Way, The Garth is very inconvenient</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station.</p> <p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>

<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>I would prefer for the station to be added back to the Corner of Corncrake Way. Having to go around the entire estate to The Garth is less likely to encourage me to vote due to the location.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station. Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be: Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station. No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>
<p>CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth</p>	<p>Member of public</p>	<p>Please restore to mallards way where it was for over 20 years.</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station. Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>

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CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	Not accessible from New Langford for those that are less mobile. The mobile station in Corncrake was well used. Less people voted last time due to not having it.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land. No other space in the polling district has been identified as a location for the siting of a mobile station.</p> <p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p> <p>No change proposed: Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p>
CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	Comments made in reply on facebook comment - Should the neighbourhood polling station on New Langford be restored rather than making people vote at the Garth?	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>The area that the mobile station that was formerly sited on the grass verge of Mallards Way and corner of Corncrake is no longer suitable for a mobile station due to trees on the land.</p>

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CBX1, CBY1 – The Garth	Member of public	Too far from postcode area.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments.</p> <p>It is necessary to split electoral areas into polling districts. Particularly in built up urban areas, it can seem that there is a polling station that is closer than that allocated but it does not align with the electoral areas for voting purposes. On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic & Elections Team reviewed the allocation of polling stations for CBX1 and CBY1.</p> <p>Going forward, electors in polling district CBX1 will vote at Langford Village Centre rather than The Garth. Electors in polling district CBY1 will continue to vote at The Garth.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be:</p> <p>Change proposed: Electors in polling district CBX1 who currently vote at the Garth, will vote at Langford Village Centre. Langford Village Centre would be a double or triple station.</p>

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CCA1, CCB1 – Kingsmere Community Centre	Member of public	Well organised, spacious, clean and tidy polling station in the centre and of the community.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comments. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CCA1, CCB1 – Kingsmere Community Centre	Town or a Parish Councillor	Good site, no changes but polling districts could be better	The ARO notes the comments made and will ask the Democratic and Elections Team to investigate the elector allocation to the two polling stations that are held within the polling place. The Member Working Group notes the submission and agrees the

			<p>ARO response will help to address the issue.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
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District Ward: Bicester West			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CCF1 – West Bicester Community Centre	Member of public	Easy to get to within walking distance. Plenty of parking for those unable to walk. Would not want to change location at all.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your detailed and helpful comments.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CCF1 – West Bicester Community Centre	Member of public	Didn't look open, have to vote here yet live on the same street as South Hall the marked areas make no sense and discourage people to vote especially disabled or elderly	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comments. The boundaries are considered appropriate for the electoral areas (county, district and town council).</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CCF1 – West Bicester Community Centre	Member of public	Comments made in reply on facebook comment - Is polling station provision for people in West Bicester adequate?	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comment. The Democratic & Elections Team, on behalf of the ARO, has assessed the polling station provision for Bicester West Ward and assessed polling places are adequate in this polling district. The Member Working Group is assured by this information.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed:</p>

			The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CCG1 – Scout Hall, Ashdene Road	Member of public	Convenient	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CCH1 – Highfield Social Club	Member of public	Close and convenient, plenty of space	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CCH1 – Highfield Social Club	Member of public	Comments made in reply on facebook comment - Is polling station provision for people in West Bicester adequate?	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your comment. The Democratic & Elections Team, on behalf of the ARO, has assessed the polling station provision for Bicester West Ward and assessed polling places are adequate in this polling district. The Member Working Group is assured by this information. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CCH1 – Highfield Social Club	Member of public	Close, convenient, never busy. It's fine.	Working Group Note: The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

CC11 – Bicester Leisure Sports Centre	Member of public	Convenient with easy access and good parking	<p>Working Group Note: The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
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District Ward: Cropredy, Sibfords and Wroxton			
Polling District and station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CBF1 & CBH2 - Hanwell Fields Community Centre,	District Councillor	<p>With reference to CBH2 and CBF1, this station is a substantial distance away, a 25 minute walk, with no public transport access.</p> <p>I would suggest that Hardwick Community Centre, which is accessible by public transport and is only a 15 minute walk away, would be more appropriate.</p> <p>(NB. Also covers polling districts CBF1, CBG2, CBH1, Banbury Hardwick ward)</p>	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO note the suggestion.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Member Working Group and Democratic and Elections Team reviewed the suggestion.</p> <p>Whilst polling districts CBF1 & CBH2 will be in the same County division from May 2025 following the County boundary review, they are not in the same District Ward: CBF1 is in Banbury Hardwick Ward and CBH2 is in the Cropredy, Sibfords and Wroxton ward. Notwithstanding, the Member Working Group and ARO consider that electors in Polling District CBH2 vote at Hardwick Community Centre going forward. In the event of a District elections, a separate polling station with separate paperwork would be required to accommodate the different District Ward.</p> <p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic and Elections Team, investigated the possible siting of a mobile polling station on land on Walker Road but this was a suitable site. There are plans for</p>

			<p>a community centre to be built on the Roman Fields development. Once built, it is anticipated the community centre will be the polling place for CBH2 and CBF1.</p> <p>Our final recommendations will be: Pending a community building at Roman Fields being available for electors in both polling districts : No change proposed for electors in polling district CBF1, continue to vote at Hanwell Fields Community Centre. Change proposed for electors in polling district CBH2 who will change from voting at Hanwell Fields Community Centre to Hardwick Community Centre.</p>
CCR1 - Claydon Church Hall, Church Lane, Claydon	Venue Manager	No comment. No changes to last survey.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CDI1 – The Old School, Church Lane, Horley	Town or a Parish Council clerk	As Presiding Officer and Clerk to the Parish Council, the Old School rooms more than adequately cover the needs of the electorate and the election staff.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CDJ1 – Hornton Methodist Church	Town or Parish Council	All seems fine here - no complaints from any parishioners or anything.	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
CDX1 -	Member of the public	The Village Hall is accessed by steps straight from the road which is poorly lit; whilst the road is not busy (save school run) it	<p>The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment.</p>

<p>Shenington Village Hall, Shenington, Banbury</p>		<p>is not particularly safe at this point and those with mobility issues have difficulties accessing.</p> <p>The churches in both Shenington and Alkerton are accessed by steps, although in the case of Alkerton can be just one step, and struggles with parking but would be better & could be used.</p> <p>The School, which does nothing for the community, could be used as well has a car park and easy access for most mobility issues and an opportunity for most of the village to actually access the building.</p>	<p>On behalf of the ARO, the Democratic and Elections Team have investigated possible alternatives within the polling district, including a site visit to Shenington, however no suitable alternative has been found.</p> <p>The comment suggests the Churches in Shenington or Alkerton as alternatives, although it is noted that accessibility is not ideal. The Churches were visited and considered, however with lack of facilities and accessibility issues, neither Church is a suitable option as a for polling station staff or voters.</p> <p>The school is further away from the heart of the polling district and is likely to cause disruption to the school.</p> <p>The Village Hall is in the heart of Shenington village and a centre for all village activities.</p> <p>The ARO has been advised that there are future plans to install a stair lift at the Village Hall. We will continue to monitor this progress.</p> <p>On balance, the ARO and Member Working Group consider that the Village Hall should continue to be used as the polling station.</p> <p>The Parish Clerk advises that Shenington Green can assist Parishioners with additional help in communicating advice and guidance to those that may require assistance and support whilst voting at the Village Hall. Democratic and Elections Officers will liaise with the group ahead of elections.</p> <p>Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed:</p> <p>The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.</p>
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CE11 – Tadmarton Village Hall	Member of public	Lovely to be able to walk to my local village hall to vote.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
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District Ward: Deddington			
Polling station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CCU1, CCV1 – Windmill Community Centre	Member of public	This is a very good location, with easy access and plenty of parking space	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

District Ward: Kidlington East			
Polling station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CKF1 – Kidlington Methodist Church Hall	Member of public	Excellent location, easy parking, never been over busy.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

District Ward: Kidlington West			
Polling station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CKA1 – Begbroke Village Hall	Member of public	Very convenient	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

CKC1 – Kidlington Baptist Church	Member of public	Easy parking but a huge hall for not much activity and also seriously limits the work of the Foodbank who usually use the large hall on Thursdays. Could a different room in the same building be used?	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. The room that is used has the preferred access for use as a polling place as entry and exit can be used without having to use different hallways. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
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District Ward: Launton and Otmoor			
Polling station	Submitted by	Comments	(Acting) Returning Officer Response
CDK1 – Launton Parish Hall	Member of public	Easy to access. Has everything you need. Should never be considered for closure as it would massively reduce flexibility.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CHB1, CHJ1 - St Mary the Virgin Church, High Street Charlton-on-Otmoor	Member of public	Location ok for me but cold for the volunteers. Village hall would be a more suitable location	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. The current polling place was used due to the Community Hall not being available for use due to a different use that was all year round. The Democratic & Elections Team, on behalf of the ARO have contacted the Community Hall and they have advised that the Community Hall is now available. Our final recommendation will be: Change proposed: The ARO proposes a change of polling place to Charlton on Otmoor Community Hall, Fencott Road, Charlton on Otmoor, OX5 2UT

CHE1 - Horton-Cum-Studley Millennium Hall	Town or Parish Council	Convenient with car parking, toilets and disabled access.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.
CHE1 - Horton-Cum-Studley Millennium Hall	Member of public	Extremely convenient. Walking distance. Transport needed for all other locations. Always helpful staff.	The Member Working Group and ARO thank you for your helpful comment. Our final recommendation will be: No change proposed: The ARO confirms that there will be no change to this polling station.

General Comments

- From Political Party in respect of all stations within the Bicester and Woodstock Parliamentary constituency: We have no comments on the polling places in our constituency.
- From member of public: What do people think about polling stations being put into pubs. Any excuse for a cheeky drink and have a drink with your neighbours. Bet the pubs wouldn't mind the increased footfall and a chance to sell and extra pint, what do you landlords think, could you accommodate.
- From Calum Miller MP for Bicester and Woodstock: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this review. I have not received representation from constituents that contradict the conclusions in your document so do not demur from your recommendations.

Member Working Group Comment, not submitted as a consultation response

Banbury Cross & Neithrop, Dupuis Centre at St Johns Church, South Bar, Banbury. It was requested that further exploration of polling stations for polling districts CAN1 and CAO1, particularly consideration to site a mobile station at the Queensway shops. Whilst the Acting Returning Officer considers the Dupuis Centre at St Johns Church a suitable polling station, as a double station, in light of the Member Working Group's comments. the Democratic and Elections Team and our logistics team, on behalf of the ARO, undertook a site visit and determined the site was not suitable for siting a mobile station from both a logistical perspective and it would cause considerable disturbance and disruption to the shops and properties in the vicinity. No other suitable alternative sites are available in the area. The Member Working Group concurred that the site was not suitable for a mobile station and agreed that the Dupuis Centre was the most suitable polling place.