Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations Review 2022 – Returning Officer's Final Proposals (November 2022)



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Returning Officer's Final Proposals November 2022

# Introduction:

This report considers each polling district, polling place and polling station under the current arrangements and the Returning Officer (RO) has, where applicable, considered known issues during the preparation of this document.

All of the polling stations currently used have been visited by a Council Officer for risk assessment purposes and these comments have also been taken into consideration.

The RO is proposing to keep the existing polling arrangements where they remain suitable and to make changes only where circumstances require. The intention is not to make changes unless they are needed and justified.

# Background:

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has undertaken a review of the electoral wards of Charnwood and made the following recommendations:

- Charnwood will be represented by 52 councillors, the same number as there are under the current arrangements.
- Charnwood will have 24 wards, 4 fewer than there are under the current arrangements.
- The boundaries of 26 of the existing wards will change, except for the boundaries of Anstey and Quorn & Mountsorrel which will stay the same.

The new arrangements will come into force for the local government elections on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2023 following The Charnwood (Electoral Changes) Order 2022. As a result of the changes, the council is required to carry out an interim review of all the polling districts and polling places in the Borough. The wards must be sub-divided into smaller geographical areas called polling districts. Each polling district has a polling place where the polling station for the district is located and where electors living in the district will vote. It should also be noted that this review is only concerned with the internal polling district boundaries. The ward boundaries have been ratified by Parliament and cannot be changed.

Schedule 2 in the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 (the 2009 Act) provides that if a Parish is to be divided between different wards, it must also be divided into Parish wards so that each Parish lies wholly within a single ward. Under the 2009 Act, the LGBCE have the power to make changes to Parish electoral arrangements where these are as a direct

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consequence of their recommendations for principal authority warding arrangements. The LGBCE has made the following recommendations for Parish ward arrangements:

- Shepshed Town Council will comprise of 15 councillors, as at present, representing two wards.
- Thurmaston Parish Council will comprise of 19 councillors, as at present, representing five wards.

# **Guidelines:**

The following considerations have been taken into account when drawing up these proposals. The first two considerations are required by electoral law; the other considerations are guidelines and not strict rules.

- The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- Ideally, the polling place should be in its own polling district. A polling place is the building or area in which a polling station will be selected by the RO. Polling places should be within the polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area outside the district, such as circumstances where there are no suitable venues in the polling district.
- Ideally, there should be no more than 2,500 electors voting in person at the polling station which falls in line with the recommendations of the Electoral Commission (EC).
- Preferably, no polling place should be shared by two wards.
- Polling places should be "logical"; that is, electors should not have to pass another polling place to get to their own place.
- Schools should only be used where there is no other suitable permanent building available due to the potential disruption which can be caused to pupils.

• Portakabins (Mobile Units) should only be used where there is no other reasonable option, as these are costly to operate.

# The Tables:

This report deals with each Borough ward separately, split between the Parliamentary Constituencies of Charnwood and Loughborough, and the tables show:

- The proposed polling district.
- The proposed polling place.
- The proposed polling station building(s).
- The number of electors as of 3rd October 2022 (the most recent monthly update).
- Indication of whether or not there are access concerns and what those concerns are. It should be noted that although the polling stations show a comment of "no", this does not necessarily mean that access is ideal, but that any shortcomings can be dealt with by the provision of equipment such as ramps and by the polling station staff at the time of an election.
- Indication of whether or not there are electorate size concerns where the number of voters in person exceeds 2,500.
- Indication of whether or not there are other concerns, such as poor heating/lighting. It should be noted that although the polling stations show a comment of "no", this does not necessarily mean that there are no concerns, but that any shortcomings can be dealt with by the provision of equipment and by the polling station staff at the time of an election.
- Any comments or proposals being made by the RO.

# **Proposed Arrangements:**

# **Charnwood Parliamentary Constituency:**

| Anstey – 2-member Ward |  |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |
|------------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Polling<br>District    | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
| CA1                    | Jubilee Hall<br>Station Road, Anstey                       | Jubilee Hall<br>Station Road, Anstey                       | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| CA2                    | Woolden Hill Primary<br>School<br>Netherfield Road, Anstey | Woolden Hill Primary<br>School<br>Netherfield Road, Anstey | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

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The LGBCE has not made any changes to the ward boundaries for Anstey. As initially proposed, the single polling district for Anstey (Polling District CA) should be split into two separate polling districts as there are currently significantly more than 2,500 electors voting in person at the polling station which does not comply with EC recommendations.

**Polling District CA1:** The RO proposes that the Jubilee Hall is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District CA1 as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CA2:** The RO proposes that Woolden Hill Primary School is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District CA2. An inspection of Woolden Hill Primary School was carried out to assess its suitability as a polling station and it was concluded that Woolden Hill Primary School has adequate facilities for polling, including disabled parking and disabled access. The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. However, Woolden Hill Primary School will not have to close on polling day in order to provide polling facilities for electors. Instead, Woolden Hill Primary School intends to use the experience of operating as a polling station to support their curriculum in educating the children on democracy.

| Birstall \          | Birstall West – 2-member Ward   |   |   |                     |                                    |                    |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
| СС                  | Birstall Dist. Guide HQ<br>Johnson Road, Birstall                           | Birstall Dist. Guide HQ<br>Johnson Road, Birstall                           | 1,641   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CD                  | Mobile Unit, Highcliffe<br>C.P. School Car Park<br>Greengate Lane, Birstall | Mobile Unit, Highcliffe<br>C.P. School Car Park<br>Greengate Lane, Birstall | 1,599   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CE                  | Hallam Fields Hall<br>Hallam Fields Road, Birstall                          | Hallam Fields Hall<br>Hallam Fields Road, Birstall                          | 1,336   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

Polling District CC: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CD:** It was originally proposed that the RO should identify a permanent building to provide voting facilities for electors in Polling District CD. However, the RO has been unable to identify a suitable permanent building within, or close to, the polling district area. For the election held in May 2021, a Mobile Unit in the Car Park of Highcliffe C. P. School was used to facilitate voting for electors. Feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. Therefore, the RO proposes to designate a Mobile Unit in the Car Park of Highcliffe C. P. School as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District CD. The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of

schools as a polling station due to school closure, however siting a Mobile Unit on the school premises will avoid the need to close the school.

**Polling District CE:** For the last election held in May 2021, Hallam Fields Hall was used as a polling place and polling station to provide voting facilities for electors in the polling district area. Hallam Fields Hall was considered to be a better venue as it avoided disruption to the school that neighbours The Pavilion. Feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. Therefore, the RO proposes Hallam Fields Hall as a polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District CE.

| Birstall I          | East & Wanlip – 2-member W   | ard  |   |                     |                                    |                    |
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| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
| CF                  | The Village Hall<br>Birstall Road, Birstall  | The Village Hall<br>Birstall Road, Birstall  | 654   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CG                  | <b>St. Margaret's Co-</b><br><b>Operative Club</b><br>Bowls Pavilion, Birstall<br>Road, Birstall | St. Margaret's Co-<br>Operative Club<br>Bowls Pavilion, Birstall<br>Road, Birstall | 722   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| СН                  | <b>St. Theresa's Church Hall</b><br>53 Front Street, Birstall                                    | <b>St. Theresa's Church Hall</b><br>53 Front Street, Birstall                      | 1,175   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CI                  | Birstall Methodist Church<br>Wanlip Lane, Birstall   | Birstall Methodist Church<br>Wanlip Lane, Birstall                                 | 1,818   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DH1                 | Church and Community<br>Hall<br>Church Road, Wanlip  | Church and Community<br>Hall<br>Church Road, Wanlip                                | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

**Polling District CF:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

Polling District CG: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CH:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

Polling District CI: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DH1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District DH has been split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Birstall East & Wanlip. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used for Polling District DH1 and Polling District DH2.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CM1                 | <b>The Linford</b><br>66 Main Street,<br>Newtown Linford     | The Linford<br>66 Main Street,<br>Newtown Linford            | 717   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CM2                 | <b>The Linford</b><br>66 Main Street,<br>Newtown Linford     | <b>The Linford</b><br>66 Main Street,<br>Newtown Linford     | 68  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DI                  | Village Hall<br>50 Main Street,<br>Woodhouse Eaves           | Village Hall<br>50 Main Street,<br>Woodhouse Eaves           | 1,080   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DJ1                 | Woodhouse<br>Community Hall<br>207 Forest Road,<br>Woodhouse | Woodhouse<br>Community Hall<br>207 Forest Road,<br>Woodhouse | 223   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

**Polling District CM1:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CM2:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DI:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DJ1:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CL1                 | Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | The Auditorium,<br>Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | 1,523   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CL2                 | Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | The Auditorium,<br>Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | 3,019   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| CL3                 | Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | The Green Room,<br>Mountsorrel Memorial<br>Centre<br>105 Leicester Road,<br>Mountsorrel | 205   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

The RO proposes to alter the internal polling district boundaries within the Borough ward of Mountsorrel to ensure that there are a more equal number of electors in Polling District CL1 and Polling District CL2 in order to comply with EC recommendations.

Polling District CL1: No amendments to current polling place and polling station arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CL2:** The RO proposes that the Mountsorrel Memorial Centre is a suitable venue to replace the Mountsorrel Methodist Church to provide polling facilities for electors in Polling District CL2. The Mountsorrel Memorial Centre can accommodate more than one polling station. For the election in May 2021, Mountsorrel Memorial Centre successfully accommodated electors in both Polling District CL1 and Polling District CL2 when the Mountsorrel Methodist Church was unavailable. Feedback also indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CL3:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District CL3 will be included in the Borough ward of Mountsorrel. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CB1                 | Jubilee Room, Village<br>Hall<br>Barkby                          | Jubilee Room, Village<br>Hall<br>Barkby                          | 218   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CB2                 | Jubilee Room, Village<br>Hall<br>Barkby                          | Jubilee Room, Village<br>Hall<br>Barkby                          | 31  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CB3                 | <b>Jubilee Room, Village<br/>Hall</b><br>Barkby                  | Jubilee Room, Village<br>Hall<br>Barkby                          | 53  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CB4                 | Mobile Unit at the end of<br>Goldsborough Close,<br>Hamilton Lea | Mobile Unit at the end of<br>Goldsborough Close,<br>Hamilton Lea | 447   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DE2                 | <b>Jubilee Room, Village<br/>Hall</b><br>Barkby                  | <b>Jubilee Room, Village</b><br><b>Hall</b><br>Barkby            | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

**Polling District CB1:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CB2:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

Polling District CB3: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CB4:** As initially proposed, the RO has reviewed the current polling place arrangements for Polling District CB4. The RO proposes that the Jubilee Room in Barkby is no longer a suitable polling place to facilitate voting for electors in Hamilton Lea. The RO has been able to obtain permission from the landowner in Hamilton Lea. As a result, the RO proposes to site a Mobile Unit at the end of Goldsborough Close in Hamilton Lea as a polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District CB4.

**Polling District DE2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District DE will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district and Parish ward in the Borough Ward of South Charnwood. The RO proposes to designate the Jubilee Room in Barkby as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District DE2 as there is currently no obvious building within or close to the Thorpebury development. The RO proposes that this decision should be kept under review whilst the Thorpebury development progresses.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CQ1                 | <b>Rothley Village Hall</b><br>2 Fowke Street, Rothley                     | Rothley Village Hall<br>Rothley  | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| CQ2                 | The Lecture Room, The<br>Rothley Centre<br>12 Mountsorrel Lane,<br>Rothley | The Lecture Room, The<br>Rothley Centre<br>12 Mountsorrel Lane,<br>Rothley | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| СТ                  | Room at rear of Swithland<br>Memorial Hall<br>Main Street, Swithland       | Room at rear of Swithland<br>Memorial Hall<br>Main Street, Swithland       | 168   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DA                  | Schoolroom r/o Cropston<br>Chapel<br>Station Road, Cropston                | Schoolroom r/o Cropston<br>Chapel<br>Station Road, Cropston                | 793   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DB                  | The Harrison Room, All<br>Saints' Church<br>Anstey Lane, Thurcaston        | The Harrison Room, All<br>Saints' Church<br>Anstey Lane, Thurcaston        | 601   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DH2                 | Church and Community<br>Hall,<br>Church Road, Wanlip                       | Church and Community<br>Hall,<br>Church Road, Wanlip                       | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

As initially proposed, the single polling district for Rothley (Polling District CQ) should be split into two separate polling districts as there are currently significantly more than 2,500 electors voting in person at the polling station which does not comply with EC recommendations.

**Polling District CQ1:** The RO proposes that Rothley Village Hall is a suitable polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District CQ1. Rothley Village Hall was used to facilitate voting for the election in May 2021 when the Rothley Centre was unavailable, and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CQ2:** The RO proposes that the Rothley Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District CQ2. The Rothley Centre has previously been used as a polling station and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CT:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DA:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DB:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DH2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District DH will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Rothley Brook. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used for Polling District DH1 and Polling District DH2.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CU                  | Mobile Unit, Car Park,<br>Midland Railway Hotel<br>1081 Melton Road, Syston | Mobile Unit, Car Park,<br>Midland Railway Hotel<br>1081 Melton Road, Syston | 2,035   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| CW                  | Mobile Unit, Car Park,<br>Midland Railway Hotel<br>1081 Melton Road, Syston | Mobile Unit, Car Park,<br>Midland Railway Hotel<br>1081 Melton Road, Syston | 982   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| СХ                  | <b>Fosseway Bowling Club</b><br>Between 50-52 Fosse Way,<br>Syston          | <b>Fosseway Bowling Club</b><br>Between 50-52 Fosse<br>Way, Syston          | 2,159   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CY                  | Community Centre<br>School Street, Syston                                   | Community Centre<br>School Street, Syston                                   | 1,939   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

**Polling District CU:** For the election held in May 2021, Syston Baptist Church was not available which led to the RO having to site a Mobile Unit at the Car Park of Midland Railway Hotel to provide voting facilities for this polling district area. Feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. The RO has been unable to identify an alternative permanent building to replace Syston Baptist Church. Therefore, the RO proposes to site a Mobile Unit at the Car Park of Midland Railway Hotel as a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District CU.

**Polling District CW:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, the Scout Hall, Oxford Street, Syston, is not included in the new Borough ward of Syston. Therefore, the RO proposes to allocate the electors in Polling District CW to the Mobile Unit sited at the Car Park of Midland Railway Hotel. The RO recognises that the total number of electors voting in person at the Mobile Unit will exceed the EC's recommendations. However, the RO proposes that any concern regarding the size of the electorate will be dealt with by the provision of additional staff and equipment at the polling station.

Polling District CX: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CY:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

| Thurmaston – 3-member Ward |  |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |
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| Polling<br>District        | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
| DC                         | <b>Thurmaston Community</b><br><b>Centre</b><br>Silverdale Drive, Thurmaston                 | Thurmaston Community<br>Centre<br>Silverdale Drive, Thurmaston                               | 1,613   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DD                         | Mobile Unit, Thurmaston<br>Community Centre<br>Silverdale Drive, Thurmaston                  | Mobile Unit, Thurmaston<br>Community Centre<br>Silverdale Drive, Thurmaston                  | 1,366   | NO                  | NO                                 | YES                |
| DE1                        | Sports Hall, Elizabeth Park<br>Sports & Community<br>Centre<br>Checkland Road,<br>Thurmaston | Sports Hall, Elizabeth Park<br>Sports & Community<br>Centre<br>Checkland Road,<br>Thurmaston | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| DF                         | <b>Memorial Hall</b><br>722 Melton Road,<br>Thurmaston                                       | <b>Memorial Hall</b><br>722 Melton Road,<br>Thurmaston                                       | 867   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| DG                         | <b>Memorial Hall</b><br>722 Melton Road,<br>Thurmaston                                       | <b>Memorial Hall</b><br>722 Melton Road,<br>Thurmaston                                       | 1,135   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

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**Polling District DC:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District DD:** The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. As a result, the RO proposes to site a Mobile Unit in the Car Park of Thurmaston Community Centre as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District DD to avoid school closure of Church Hill Infant School. The RO sited a Mobile Unit in the Car Park of Thurmaston Community Centre for the election in May 2021 and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District DE1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District DE will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Thurmaston. The RO proposes that the Sports Hall in Elizabeth Park Sports & Community Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District DE1.

**Polling District DF:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

Polling District DG: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| CJ                  | <b>Jubilee Hall</b><br>Main Street,<br>Cossington              | Jubilee Hall<br>Main Street,<br>Cossington                  | 320   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| СК                  | <b>St Hilda's Church Centre</b><br>Ling Dale,<br>East Goscote  | St Hilda's Church Centre<br>Ling Dale,<br>East Goscote      | 1,935   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CN                  | <b>Village Hall</b><br>Rearsby Road,<br>Queniborough           | Village Hall<br>Rearsby Road<br>Queniborough                | 2,118   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| СО                  | <b>Village Hall</b><br>Main Street,<br>Ratcliffe on the Wreake | Village Hall<br>Main Street,<br>Ratcliffe on the Wreake     | 126   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| СР                  | <b>Rearsby Village Hall</b><br>1851 Melton Road,<br>Rearsby    | <b>Rearsby Village Hall</b><br>1851 Melton Road,<br>Rearsby | 792   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CS                  | Village Hall<br>School Lane,<br>South Croxton                  | Village Hall<br>School Lane,<br>South Croxton               | 202   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CV                  | <b>Scout Hall</b><br>Oxford Street,<br>Syston                  | Scout Hall<br>Oxford Street,<br>Syston                      | 1,584   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

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|    | Village Hall | Village Hall |     |    |    |    |
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| CZ | Hoby Road,   | Hoby Road,   | 387 | NO | NO | NO |
|    | Thrussington | Thrussington |     |    |    |    |

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| Polling District CJ: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.   |
| <b>Polling District CK:</b> As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District CK will be included in Borough ward of Wreake Valley. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. |
| Polling District CN: As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District CN will be included in the Borough ward of Wreake Valley. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current   |

Wreake Valley. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

Polling District CO: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CP:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District CS:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District CS will be included in the Borough ward of Wreake Valley. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CV:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District CV will be included in the Borough ward of Wreake Valley. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current

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polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CZ:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

# Loughborough Parliamentary Constituency:

| Barrow              | Barrow Upon Soar – 2-member Ward                                    |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |  |  |  |
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| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |  |  |  |
| Z1                  | <b>Barrow Scout Hut</b><br>Grove Lane<br>Barrow Upon Soar           | Barrow Scout Hut<br>Grove Lane<br>Barrow Upon Soar           | 2,422   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |  |  |  |
| Z2                  | <b>Barrow Methodist Church</b><br>North Street,<br>Barrow Upon Soar | Barrow Methodist Church<br>North Street,<br>Barrow Upon Soar | 1,854   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |  |

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As initially proposed, the internal polling district boundaries will be altered to ensure that that the total number of electors voting in person at the polling station does not exceed 2,500 to comply with EC recommendations.

**Polling District Z1:** Barrow Upon Soar Community Library has expressed that it is only available as a polling station for scheduled elections. The RO proposes that Barrow Scout Hut is a suitable venue to replace Barrow Upon Soar Community Library to provide voting facilities at both scheduled and unscheduled elections for electors in Polling District Z1. The Barrow Scout Hut has been assessed for its suitability as a polling station and it was considered to have adequate facilities for polling.

**Polling District Z2:** No amendments to current polling place and polling station arrangements are proposed.

| Dishley, I          | Dishley, Hathern & Thorpe Acre – 3-member Ward                     |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |  |  |
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| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |  |  |
| AE1/AF1             | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | 0   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |
| D                   | Gorse Covert Community<br>Centre<br>Maxwell Drive,<br>Loughborough | Gorse Covert Community<br>Centre<br>Maxwell Drive,<br>Loughborough | 1,619   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |
| E                   | Gorse Covert Community<br>Centre<br>Maxwell Drive,<br>Loughborough | Gorse Covert Community<br>Centre<br>Maxwell Drive,<br>Loughborough | 994   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |
| F1                  | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | 1,498   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |
| F2                  | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church<br>Church Street, Hathern           | 2   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |
| G1A                 | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough  | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough  | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |  |  |

| G2 | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church | St Peter & St Paul's<br>Church | 3 | NO | NO | NO |
|----|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|----|----|----|
|    | Church Street, Hathern         | Church Street, Hathern         |   |    |    |    |

**Polling District AE1/AF1:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District AE1/AF1 will be included in the Borough ward of Dishley, Hathern & Thorpe Acre. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that the same polling place should be provided for all electors in the Stonebow Village Parish area. Therefore, the RO proposes that St Peter & St Paul's Church is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AE1/AF1.

**Polling District D:** The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. As a result, the RO proposes that Gorse Covert Community Centre is a suitable venue to replace Robert Bakewell Primary School as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District D. Gorse Covert Community Centre can accommodate more than one polling station and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District E:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District F1:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District F2:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District G1A:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District G1 will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Dishley, Hathern & Thorpe Acre. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used for this polling district area. The RO acknowledges that this proposal

results in having a polling place that is shared by two wards. However, the Thorpe Acre Church Centre can accommodate more than one polling station and any risks can be mitigated by the provision of additional staff and equipment.

**Polling District G2:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District G2 will be included in the Borough ward of Dishley, Hathern & Thorpe Acre. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO acknowledges that the Garendon Park Masterplan indicates that access will be via the Phase 1 area in the Hathern & Stonebow ward. Further, the RO acknowledges that the Garendon Park development will only be partially built for the May 2023 elections. Therefore, the RO proposes that St Peter & St Paul's Church is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District G2. However, the RO acknowledges that this decision must be kept under review whilst the Garendon Park development progresses.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
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| А                   | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough            | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough  | 1,889   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| В                   | Loughborough University<br>Campus<br>Epinal Way,<br>Loughborough  | <b>'The Treehouse',</b><br><b>Loughborough Students'</b><br><b>Union</b><br>Union Building, Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough | 2,462   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| С                   | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough   | 254   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| G1B                 | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough | Thorpe Acre Church<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Acre Road,<br>Loughborough   | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| Н                   | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough            | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough  | 1,201   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| M2                  | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough            | <b>'The Hut'</b><br>14 Old Ashby Road,<br>Loughborough  | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

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| 0 | Loughborough University<br>Campus<br>Epinal Way,<br>Loughborough | <b>'The Treehouse',</b><br><b>Loughborough Students'</b><br><b>Union</b><br>Union Building, Ashby Road, | 953 | NO | NO | NO |
|---|--|---|-----|----|----|----|
|   |  | Loughborough  |     |    |    |    |

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**Polling District A:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling Districts B and Polling District O:** Once the LGBCE's recommendations are in force, all of Loughborough University Campus will be included in the Borough ward of Loughborough Ashby. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. The RO will require two polling stations in the Loughborough University Campus to provide polling facilities for electors in Polling District B and Polling District O. For the past two elections, Loughborough University has not been able to offer the agreed location as a polling place. The RO is aware that the lack of consistency in finding a polling station has been problematic. Therefore, the RO proposes that Loughborough University Campus is a suitable polling place for Polling District B and Polling District building, to offer more flexibility in designating polling stations around the campus. In addition, the RO proposes that the 'The Treehouse' area in Loughborough Students' Union is a suitable polling station for electors in Polling District B and Polling District O. An inspection of The Treehouse area was carried out to assess its suitability as a polling station and it was concluded that The Treehouse has adequate facilities for polling, including parking and disabled access, and that it can accommodate more than one polling station.

**Polling District C:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District G1B:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District G1 will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Loughborough Ashby. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used for this polling district area. The RO acknowledges that this proposal results in

having a polling place that is shared by two wards. However, the Thorpe Acre Church Centre can accommodate more than one polling station and any risks can be mitigated by the provision of additional staff and equipment.

**Polling District H:** As a result of the LGBCE's recommendations, Polling District H will be included in the Borough ward of Loughborough Ashby. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. In addition, the RO notes a further consultation response which suggested using the second room in 'The Hut', 14 Old Ashby Road, Loughborough, to provide voting facilities for electors in Polling District H. The second room in 'The Hut' has been assessed for its suitability as a polling place and it was considered to have adequate facilities for polling. 'The Hut' can accommodate more than one polling station and feedback indicates that there is no known problem at this polling station. Therefore, the RO proposes that 'The Hut' is a suitable venue to replace Booth Wood C.P. School as a polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District H.

**Polling District M2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District M will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Ashby. Polling District M2 only contains a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the new polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO will seek to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. In particular, the RO proposes that 'The Hut' is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District M2.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
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| 11                  | The Moira Adult Learning<br>Centre<br>Moira Street, Loughborough            | The Moira Adult Learning<br>Centre<br>Moira Street, Loughborough            | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| J1                  | Mobile Unit in Charnwood<br>Water Car Park<br>Tuckers Road,<br>Loughborough | Mobile Unit in Charnwood<br>Water Car Park<br>Tuckers Road,<br>Loughborough | 2,366   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| K1A1                | <b>Fearon Hall</b><br>Rectory Road,<br>Loughborough                         | Fearon Hall<br>Rectory Road,<br>Loughborough                                | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| K1A2                | <b>Fearon Hall</b><br>Rectory Road,<br>Loughborough                         | Fearon Hall<br>Rectory Road,<br>Loughborough                                | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

**Polling District I1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District I will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Loughborough East. The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. Therefore, the RO proposes

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that The Moira Adult Learning Centre is a suitable venue to replace Cobden Pre-School to provide voting facilities for electors in this polling district area. For the election held in May 2021, The Moira Adult Learning Centre was used as a polling place and polling station for electors and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District J1:** The RO initially proposed that The Cedars Hotel is a suitable venue to replace The Moira Adult Learning Centre as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District J1. However, the RO noted a consultation response suggesting that The Cedars Hotel has a contractual agreement in place meaning that it is currently being used for an alternative purpose. The RO sought clarification from The Cedars Hotel which expressed that the venue would no longer be available to provide polling facilities at elections. The RO notes a further consultation response which suggested that the polling station for this polling district area should be more central to the ward. Unfortunately, there is not a suitable permanent building central to Polling District J1. Therefore, the RO proposes that a Mobile Unit sited in Charnwood Water Car Park is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District J1. There has been a Mobile Unit sited in Charnwood Water Car Park in previous elections and feedback indicates that there were no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District K1A1 and Polling District K1A2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District K1 will be split between three separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of two new polling districts in the Borough ward of Loughborough East. The RO proposes that Fearon Hall is a suitable polling place and polling station for both polling districts. Fearon Hall can accommodate more than one polling station and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

| Loughbo             | Loughborough Nanpantan – 1-member Ward                 |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |  |  |  |
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| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |  |  |  |
| M1                  | Holywell Free Church<br>Berkeley Road,<br>Loughborough | Holywell Free Church<br>Berkeley Road,<br>Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |  |  |  |
| Ν                   | Holywell Free Church<br>Berkeley Road,<br>Loughborough | Holywell Free Church<br>Berkeley Road,<br>Loughborough | 258   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |  |  |

**Polling District M1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District M will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Loughborough Nanpantan. The RO proposes to that Holywell Free Church is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District M1 as feedback indicates that there are no problems at this polling station.

**Polling District N:** The RO proposes that Holywell Free Church is a suitable venue to replace Greenfields Sports and Social Club as a polling place and polling station to facilitate voting for electors in Polling District N.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
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| Ρ                   | Brush Bowls Club<br>Watermead Lane,<br>Loughborough                 | Brush Bowls Club<br>Watermead Lane,<br>Loughborough                 | 2,305   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| Q                   | Greenfields Sports and<br>Social Club<br>Holt Drive, Loughborough   | Greenfields Sports and<br>Social Club<br>Holt Drive, Loughborough   | 1,204   | NO                  | NO                                 | YES                |
| R2                  | Good Shepherd Church<br>Hall<br>Park Road, Loughborough             | Good Shepherd Church<br>Hall<br>Park Road, Loughborough             | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| S1                  | Good Shepherd Church<br>Hall<br>Park Road, Loughborough             | Good Shepherd Church<br>Hall<br>Park Road, Loughborough             | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| Т                   | Youth Centre, Beacon<br>Academy<br>Woodthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough | Youth Centre, Beacon<br>Academy<br>Woodthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough | 1,123   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| W2                  | Youth Centre, Beacon<br>Academy<br>Woodthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough | Youth Centre, Beacon<br>Academy<br>Woodthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. Therefore, the RO proposes to alter the internal polling district boundaries of Polling District P and Polling District Q to avoid having to use Woodbrook Vale School or having to site a Mobile Unit to provide facilities for voting.

**Polling District P:** The RO proposes that Brush Bowls Club is a suitable venue to provide polling facilities at both scheduled and unscheduled elections for electors in Polling District P. Brush Bowls Club has been assessed for its suitability as a polling station and it was considered to have adequate facilities for polling, including parking and disabled access.

**Polling District Q:** The RO proposes that Greenfields Sports & Social Club is a suitable venue to replace Woodbrook Vale School to provide voting facilities at both scheduled and unscheduled elections for electors in Polling District Q. Feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District R2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District R will be split between two separate Borough wards boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Outwoods & Shelthorpe. Polling District R2 will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the new polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO will seek to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. The RO proposes that Good Shepherd Church Hall is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District R2.

**Polling District S1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District S will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Outwoods & Shelthorpe. The RO proposes that Good Shepherd Church Hall is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District S1.

**Polling District T:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District T will be included in the Borough ward of Loughborough Outwoods & Shelthorpe. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District W2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District W will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Outwoods & Shelthorpe. Polling District W2 will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the new polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO will seek to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. The RO proposes that the Youth Centre at Beacon Academy is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District W2.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place                                    | Polling Station                                  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
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| DJ2                 | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | 38  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| R1                  | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| S2                  | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| U                   | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | The Arc Community Hub<br>Knox Road, Loughborough | 751   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

**Polling District DJ2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, the 25 properties on Alan Turing Road will be included in the Borough ward of Loughborough Woodthorpe. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries which means that these 25 properties on Alan Turing Road must remain in a separate polling district. The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. In addition, the RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received noting that an individual preferred The Arc Community Hub instead of a

Mobile Unit. Therefore, the RO proposes that The Arc Community Hub is a suitable venue to replace the Mobile Unit at the Car Park/Open Space adjacent to No. 1 Highland Drive as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District DJ2.

**Polling District R1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District R will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Woodthorpe. The RO proposes that The Arc Community Hub is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District R1.

**Polling District S2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District S will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Woodthorpe. The RO proposes that The Arc Community Hub is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District S2.

**Polling District U:** The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. In addition, the RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received noting that an individual preferred The Arc Community Hub instead of a Mobile Unit. The RO proposes that The Arc Community Hub is a suitable venue to replace the Mobile Unit at the Car Park/Open Space adjacent to No. 1 Highland Drive as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District U.

There will be several polling districts allocated to The Arc Community Hub. Therefore, the RO proposes to allocate two polling stations at The Arc Community Hub to ensure that the number of electors voting in person at a polling station does not exceed 2,500 to comply with EC recommendations.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
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| 12                  | Emmanuel Church Centre<br>Forest Road, Loughborough                        | Emmanuel Church Centre<br>Forest Road, Loughborough                        | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| K1B                 | <b>Polish Community Centre</b><br>William Street Entrance,<br>Loughborough | <b>Polish Community Centre</b><br>William Street Entrance,<br>Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| V                   | Polish Community Centre<br>William Street Entrance,<br>Loughborough        | Polish Community Centre<br>William Street Entrance,<br>Loughborough        | 1,796   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| W1                  | Emmanuel Church Centre<br>Forest Road, Loughborough                        | Emmanuel Church Centre<br>Forest Road, Loughborough                        | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

The RO proposes to alter the internal polling district boundaries of Polling District V and Polling District W1 to ensure that a suitable polling place can be identified for each polling district.

**Polling District 12:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District I will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the

creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Southfields. Polling District I2 will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO proposes to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. In particular, the RO proposes that Emmanuel Church Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station for Polling District I2.

**Polling District K1B:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District K1 will be split between three separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Southfields. Polling District K1B will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the polling district area to designate as a polling place. The RO will seek to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. Therefore, the RO proposes that the Polish Community Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District K1B.

**Polling District V:** No amendments to current polling place and polling station arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District W1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District W will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Southfields. The RO proposes that Emmanuel Church Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District W1. For the election held in May 2021, the Victoria Day Centre was not available which led to the Emmanuel Church Centre being used and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| K1C                 | Mobile Unit, Car Park, Lidl<br>Supermarket<br>Station Avenue,<br>Loughborough | Mobile Unit, Car Park, Lidl<br>Supermarket<br>Station Avenue,<br>Loughborough | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| L                   | Mobile Unit, Car Park, Lidl<br>Supermarket<br>Station Avenue,<br>Loughborough | Mobile Unit, Car Park, Lidl<br>Supermarket<br>Station Avenue,<br>Loughborough | 720   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| Х                   | Loughborough Methodist<br>Church<br>106 Knightthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough    | Loughborough Methodist<br>Church<br>106 Knightthorpe Road,<br>Loughborough    | 1,719   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| Y                   | St Peter's Centre<br>Storer Road, Loughborough                                | St Peter's Centre<br>Storer Road, Loughborough                                | 1,604   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

**Polling District K1C:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District K1 will be split between three separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Loughborough Storer. Polling District K1C will only contain a small

number of electors and there is no obvious building within the polling district area to designate as a polling place. The RO will seek to allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. Therefore, the RO proposes that the Mobile Unit sited at the Car Park in Lidl Supermarket is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District K1C.

**Polling District L:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District L will be included in the Borough ward of Loughborough Storer. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. For the election held in May 2021, the RO sited a Mobile Unit at the Car Park in Lidl Supermarket to provide polling facilities for electors in Polling District L and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. The RO proposes that the Mobile Unit sited at the Car Park in Lidl Supermarket is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District L.

**Polling District X:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District Y:** As Rosebery Community Centre has now closed, the RO proposes that St Peter's Centre is a suitable venue to replace Rosebery Community Centre as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District Y. St Peter's Centre has been assessed for its suitability as a polling station and it was considered to have adequate facilities for polling, including disabled access.

| Quorn &             | Quorn & Mountsorrel Castle – 2-member Ward                 |  |   |                     |                                    |                    |  |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|
| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |  |
| AC1                 | Parish Rooms<br>Leicester Road, Mountsorrel                | Parish Rooms<br>Leicester Road, Mountsorrel                | 434   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |
| AC2                 | <b>Parish Rooms</b><br>Leicester Road, Mountsorrel         | Parish Rooms<br>Leicester Road, Mountsorrel                | 422   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |
| AD1                 | The Clubhouse, Quorn<br>Football Club<br>Farley Way, Quorn | The Clubhouse, Quorn<br>Football Club<br>Farley Way, Quorn | 2,037   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |
| AD2                 | <b>Village Hall</b><br>64 Leicester Road,<br>Quorndon      | <b>Village Hall</b><br>64 Leicester Road,<br>Quorndon      | 1,676   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |  |

The LGBCE has not made any changes to the ward boundaries for Quorn & Mountsorrel Castle.

Polling District AC1: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

Polling District AC2: No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District AD1:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

**Polling District AD2:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place  | Polling Station  | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|--|--|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AE                  | Bethesda Chapel<br>Hind Leys, Forest Street,<br>Shepshed | Bethesda Chapel<br>Hind Leys, Forest Street,<br>Shepshed | 2,146   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AF                  | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | 2,156   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AG2                 | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| AH2                 | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | Shepshed Word of Life<br>Church<br>Kirkhill, Shepshed    | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

The RO proposes to alter the internal polling district boundaries of Polling District AE and Polling District AF to ensure that a suitable polling place can be identified for each polling district.

**Polling District AE:** The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. In May 2021, Bethesda Chapel was used to provide polling facilities for

electors in Polling District AE and feedback indicates that there were no known problems at this polling station. Therefore, the RO proposes that Bethesda Chapel is a suitable venue to replace Iveshead School as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AE.

**Polling District AF:** The RO acknowledges that a consultation response was received which did not the support the use of schools as a polling station due to school closure. The RO proposes that the Shepshed Word of Life Church is a suitable venue to replace Newcroft Primary Academy as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AF. The Shepshed Word of Life Church has been assessed for its suitability as a polling station and it was considered to have adequate facilities for polling, including parking and disabled access.

**Polling District AG2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District AG will be split between two separate Borough wards. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Shepshed East which will also be included in the Parish ward of Shepshed East. Polling District AG2 will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO will allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. In particular, the RO proposes that Shepshed Word of Life Church is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AG2.

**Polling District AH2:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District AH will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has no effect on the County Division boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Shepshed East which will also be included in the Parish ward of Shepshed East. Polling District AH2 will only contain a small number of electors and there is no obvious building within the polling district area to designate as a polling place. Therefore, the RO will allocate these electors to a polling place in a nearby polling district. In particular, the RO proposes that Shepshed Word of Life Church is a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AH2.

| Shepshed West – 2-member Ward |   |   |   |                     |                                    |                    |
|-------------------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Polling<br>District           | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
| AG1                           | Shepshed Town Council<br>Offices<br>47a Charnwood Road,<br>Shepshed | Shepshed Town Council<br>Offices<br>47a Charnwood Road,<br>Shepshed | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |
| AH1                           | Glenmore Community<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Road, Shepshed               | Glenmore Community<br>Centre<br>Thorpe Road, Shepshed               | N/A   | NO                  | N/A                                | NO                 |

The RO proposes to alter the internal polling district boundaries within the ward to create a more equal number of electors in each polling district. This will ensure that the number of electors voting in person at the polling station does not exceed 2,500 in order to comply with EC recommendations.

**Polling District AG1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District AG will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough ward of Shepshed West. For Polling District AG1, this change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that Shepshed Town Council Offices is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AG1 as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District AH1:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District AH will be split between two separate Borough ward boundaries. This change has resulted in the creation of a new polling district in the Borough Ward of Shepshed West. For Polling District AH1, this change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that Glenmore Community Centre is a suitable polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AH1 as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place   | Polling Station   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AI                  | <b>St Gregory's Social Centre</b><br>(Behind Church), 24 The<br>Banks, Sileby | <b>St Gregory's Social Centre</b><br>(Behind Church), 24 The<br>Banks, Sileby | 2,728   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| AJ                  | Sileby Memorial Hall<br>Seagrave Road, Sileby                                 | Sports Pavilion, Sileby<br>Memorial Hall<br>Seagrave Road, Sileby             | 2,519   | NO                  | YES                                | NO                 |
| AK                  | Sileby Community Centre<br>High Street, Sileby                                | Sileby Community Centre<br>High Street, Sileby                                | 321   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| CR                  | Village Hall<br>Green Lane, Seagrave  | Village Hall<br>Green Lane, Seagrave  | 389   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

**Polling District Al:** No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed. The RO proposes to deal with any concern regarding the size of the electorate within this polling station by the provision of additional staff and equipment at St Gregory's Social Centre.

**Polling District AJ:** The RO proposes that the Sports Pavilion at Sileby Memorial Park is a suitable venue to replace Sileby Boys Club as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District AJ. For the election in May 2021, the Sports Pavilion at Sileby Memorial Park was used as a polling station and feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station. The RO proposes to deal with any concern regarding the size of the electorate within this polling station by the provision of additional staff and equipment at the Sports Pavilion at Sileby Memorial Park.

**Polling District AK:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District AK will be included in the Borough ward of Sileby & Seagrave. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

**Polling District CR:** As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District CR will be included in the Borough ward of Sileby & Seagrave. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. There is no impact on the current polling place and polling station which will continue to be used as feedback indicates that there are no known problems at this polling station.

| Polling<br>District | Polling Place                                     | Polling Station                                   | Electorate<br>(excluding<br>absent voters)<br>as of 3rd<br>October 2022 | Access<br>concerns? | Size of<br>electorate<br>concerns? | Other<br>concerns? |
|---------------------|---|---|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| AA                  | Village Hall<br>Burton on the Wolds               | Village Hall<br>Burton on the Wolds               | 752   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AB1                 | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | 234   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AB2                 | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | 29  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AB3                 | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | 21  | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AL                  | Village Hall<br>Walton on the Wolds               | Village Hall<br>Walton on the Wolds               | 166   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| AM                  | Wymeswold Memorial Hall<br>Clay Street, Wymeswold | Wymeswold Memorial Hall<br>Clay Street, Wymeswold | 927   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |
| J2                  | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | Village Hall<br>Hoton                             | 1   | NO                  | NO                                 | NO                 |

|    | Village Hall | Village Hall | 0 |    |    |    |
|----|--------------|--------------|---|----|----|----|
| K2 | Hoton        | Hoton        |   | NO | NO | NO |
|    |              |              |   |    |    |    |

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| <b>Colling District AA:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.   |
| <b>Colling District AB1:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.  |
| <b>Colling District AB2:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.  |
| <b>Polling District AB3:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.  |
| <b>Polling District AL:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.   |
| <b>Colling District AM:</b> No amendments to the current arrangements are proposed.   |
| <b>Polling District J2:</b> As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District J2 will be included in the new Borough vard of The Wolds. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that the ame polling place should provide polling facilities to all electors in the Cotes Parish ward. Therefore, the RO proposes to esignate the Village Hall in Hoton as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District J2. |
| <b>Colling District K2:</b> As a result of the LGBCE's final recommendations, Polling District K2 will be included in the new Borough (and of The Wolds). This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that the   |

ward of The Wolds. This change has no effect on the Parish ward and County Division boundaries. The RO proposes that the same polling place should provide polling facilities to all electors in the Cotes Parish ward. Therefore, the RO will designate the Village Hall in Hoton as a polling place and polling station for electors in Polling District K2.

# Appendices:

# Appendix A:

A summary of the submissions received during the consultation period.

## Appendix B:

Detailed maps outlining the proposed polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

## **Appendix A:**

## Polling Disricts CD, DD, D, H, Q, R:

"I would be grateful if all schools can be removed as polling stations to avoid any schools having to close on polling day. Children have lost a lot of school time due to the pandemic and school closures should be avoided if at all possible. These are the schools I have identified from your current list and I would be grateful if you could look at alternative buildings for polling stations in these areas."

## **Polling District DJ2:**

"May I just check if it is necessary to have the Mobile Unit for DJ2 at Highland Drive? After the boundary changes this part of Forest Bradgate Ward has moved into a Loughborough Ward."

## Polling District R and U:

"Most of the proposals seem sensible. I much prefer the Arc instead of a mobile unit."

## **Polling District H:**

"After looking at your reviews regarding polling sites. See highlighted area bellow. I would like to offer a possible way to resolve this matter.

Option 1 we would make or 2nd room available in the Ashby Road estate Community Centre additional cost but its something we can sort.

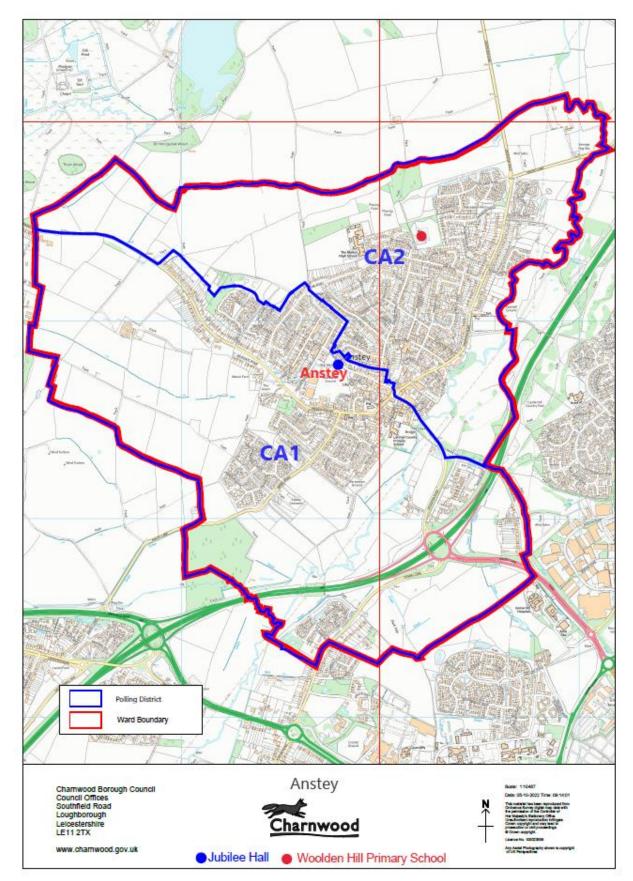
Option 2 we would make space on the carpark at the centre for the mobile unit."

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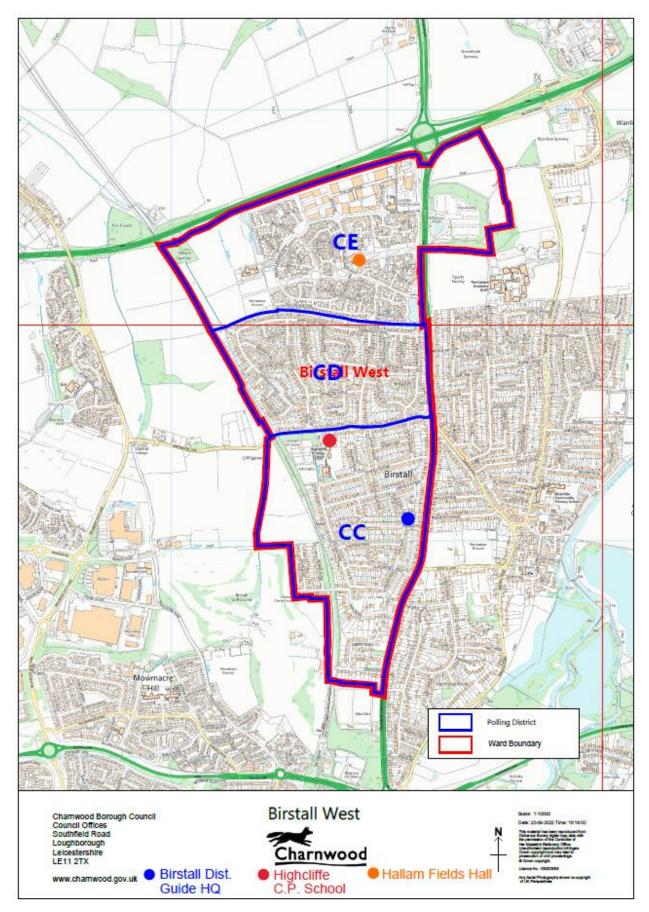
"The Cedars Hotel, Cedar CI, Lboro Hasting Ward is now being used for alternative purposes and the hotel has a 12 month contract, which could be extended so may not be available. Possibly another venue is required?"

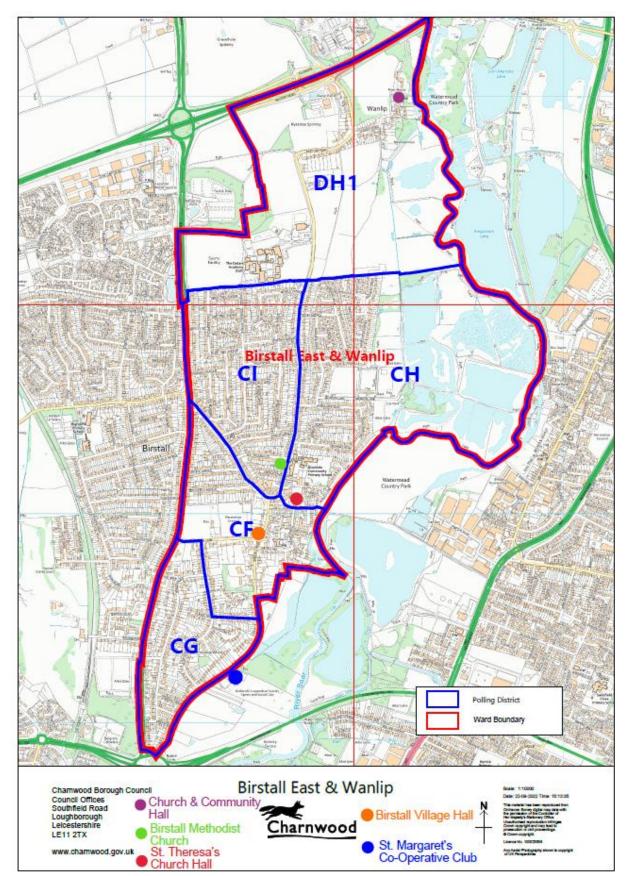
"I am very concerned at the suggestion that cedars hotel will replace moira centre as polling Station for Hastings ward. If it's raining and you have a push chair or are in a wheel chair that is a very long way to go to vote. It needs to be more central to the ward."

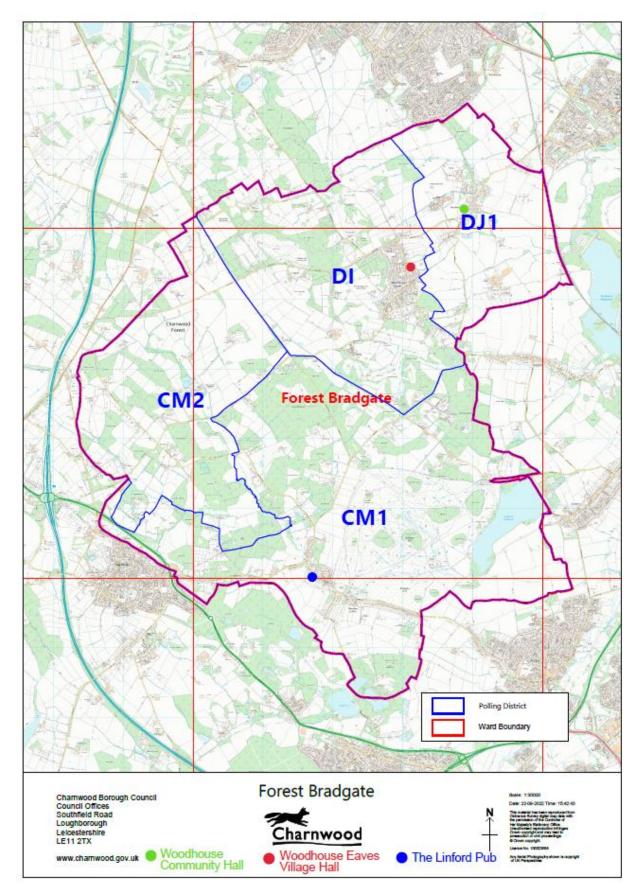
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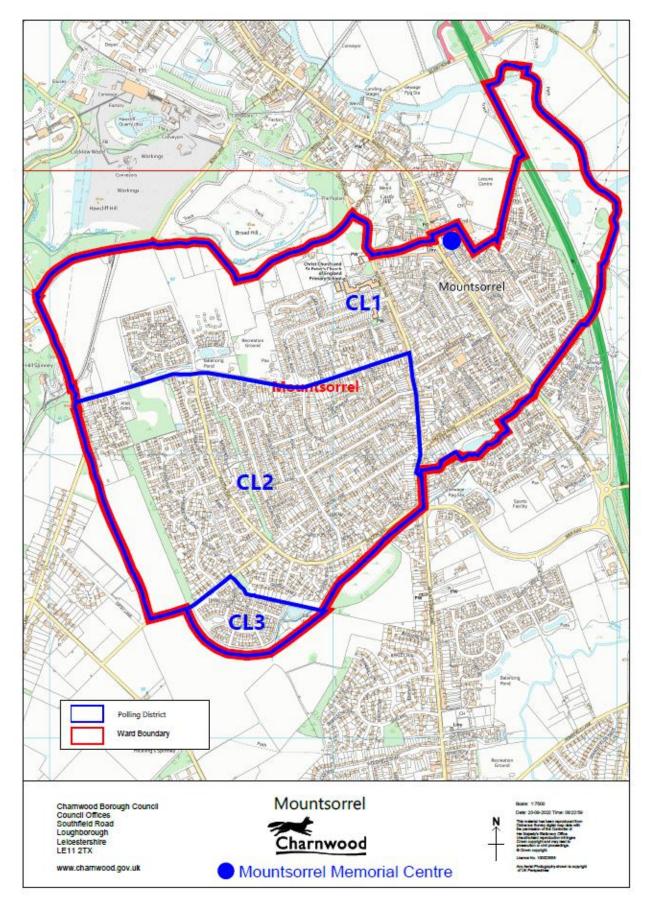


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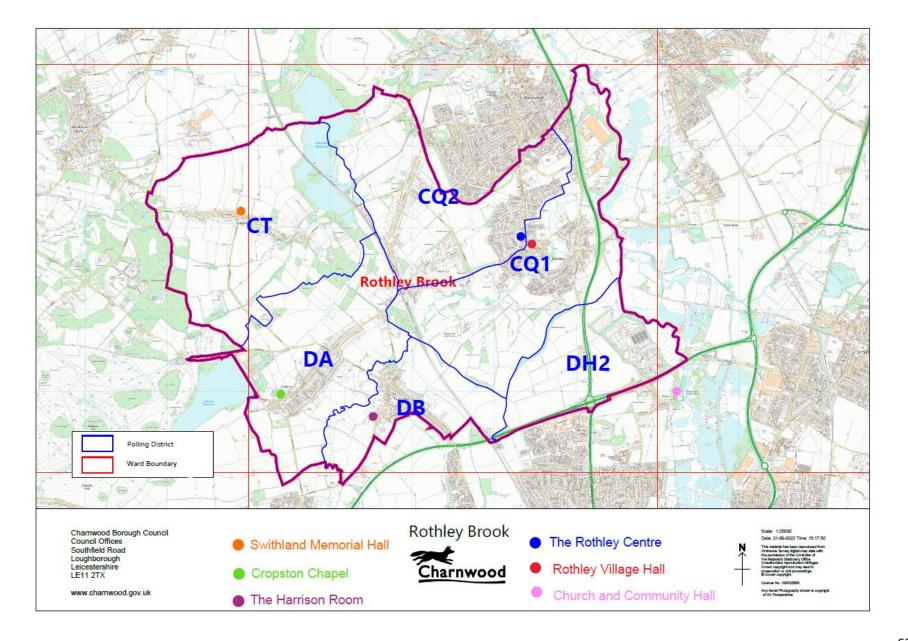


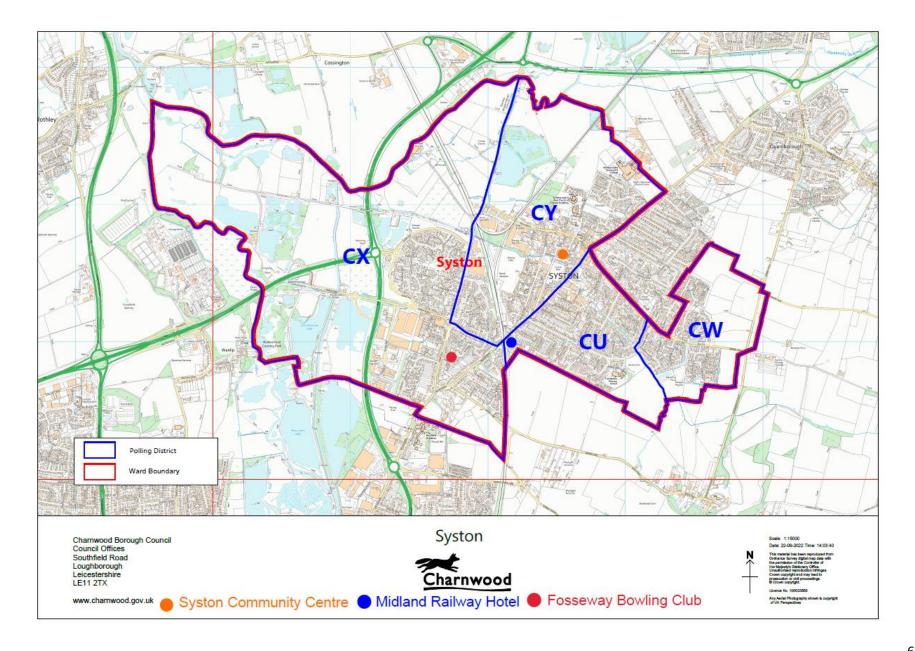


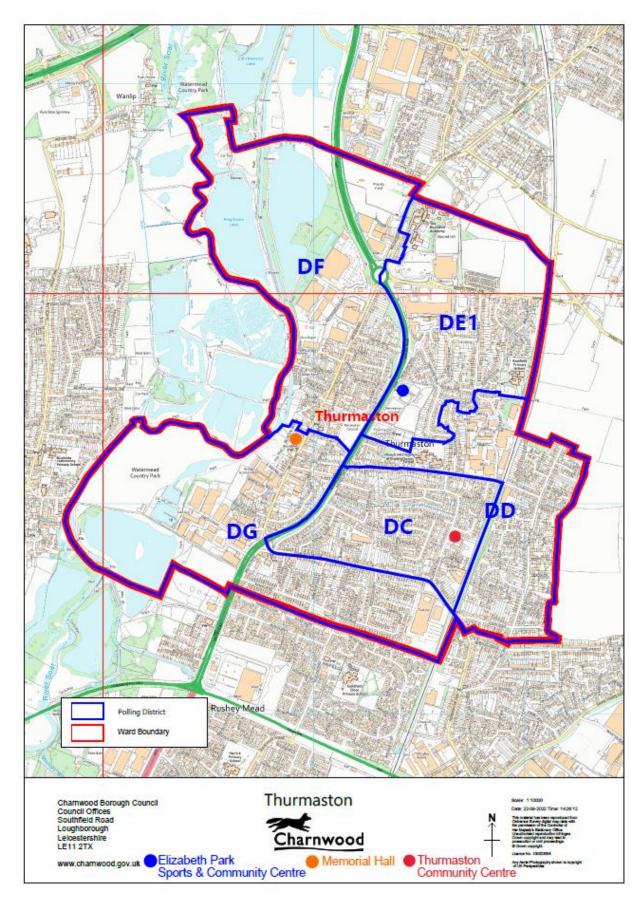




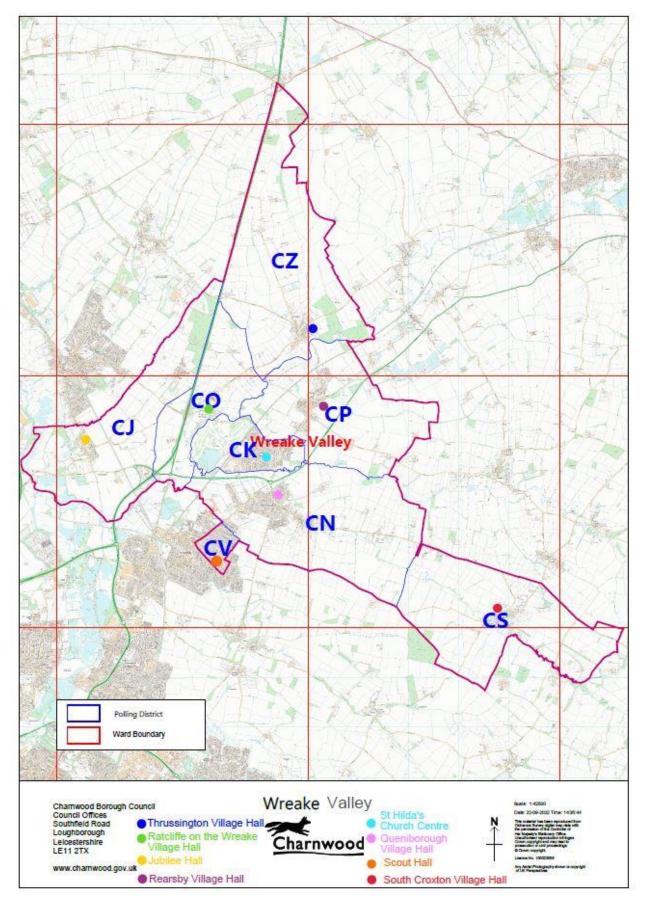
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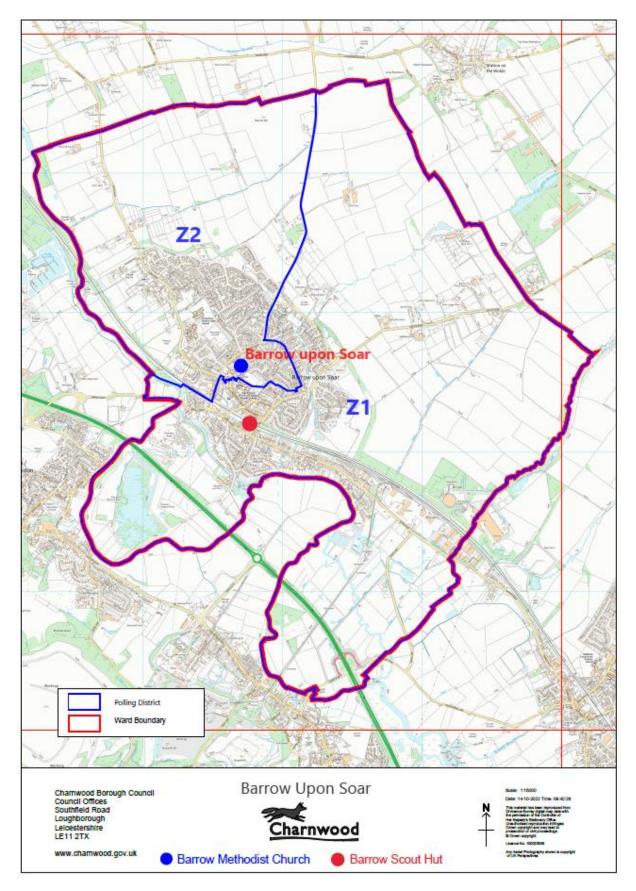






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