

Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019



The Polling Review is based on the current arrangements from the previous District Ward Boundary Review that came into effect in May 2016 and the revised amendments to Parish boundaries following the Community Governance Review in July 2019 which will come into effect for Stroud District and Parish Council Elections in May 2020.

We have created an [interactive map](#) and a corresponding [polling district document](#) to assist you with your submission. For clarification on the colours provided on the map, please use the layer list in the top right of the screen when on the mapping. Further information about the review can be found on our website [here](#).

The electorates figures used for this Review are based on the 1 August 2019 electoral register. It is also worth noting that the electorate is the total electors for the polling station and includes those who have a postal vote in place.

To view the final Community Governance Review report on agreed boundary changes, please click [here](#).

AMBERLEY AND WOODCHESTER						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Amberley	AW1	Amberley Inn , Culver Hill, Amberley, GL5 5AF	Satisfactory	791	To remain as the Amberley Inn	AWA
Woodchester	AW2	Woodchester Village Hall , Church Road, North Woodchester, GL5 5PQ	Satisfactory	960	To remain as Woodchester Village Hall	AWB

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AWA – Following the Community Governance Review, an amendment to the Amberley Parish boundary was approved at Council to transfer 16 properties from Rodborough (South Ward Div 2) into Amberley to increase community cohesion and identity. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Amberley.

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BISLEY						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Bisley (Bisley Ward)	B1	Bisley WI Village Hall , Manor Street, Bisley, GL6 7BH	Satisfactory	731	To remain as Bisley WI Village Hall	BA
Bisley (Eastcombe Ward)	B2	Eastcombe Village Hall , Eastcombe, GL6 7DS	Satisfactory	553	To remain as Eastcombe Village Hall	BB
Bisley (Oakridge Ward)	B3	Oakridge Village Hall , Oakridge Lynch, Stroud, GL6 7NZ	Satisfactory	531	To remain as Oakridge Village Hall	BC

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BB – Following the Community Governance Review, an amendment to the Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) Parish boundary was approved by Council to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge to Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1). Additionally it was agreed that Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) would absorb 4 properties on Middle Hill from Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1) to make the boundary between the two parishes more logical and reflective of the identities and interests of the community as well as making the community governance more effective and convenient. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Bisley (Eastcombe Ward).

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BERKELEY VALE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Alkington	BV1	The Stagecoach Inn , Newport, Berkeley, GL13 9PY	Stone Cricket Club has uneven access to the polling station therefore a ramp is to be provided for safe access.	608	Stone Cricket Club , Swanley, Berkeley, Glos, GL13 9JL	BVA
Berkeley	BV2	Berkeley Town Hall , Salter Street, GL13 9DB	There is disabled parking opposite the venue and on street parking available.	1,569	To remain as Berkeley Town Hall	BVB
Ham and Stone (Ham Ward)	BV3	Salutation Inn , Ham, Berkeley, GL13 9HQ	Satisfactory	174	To remain as the Salutation Inn	BVC
Ham and Stone (Stone Ward)	BV4	Stone Village Hall , Lower Stone Lane, Stone, GL13 9LE	Plenty of parking on site and has separate disabled access to the building for disabled electors.	474	To remain as Stone Village Hall	BVD
Hamfallow (Div 1)	BV5	Berkeley Town Hall , Salter Street, GL13 9DB	There is disabled parking opposite the venue and on street parking available.	457	To remain as Berkeley Town Hall	BVE
Hamfallow (Div 2)	BV6	Sharpness Village Hall , Oldminster Road, GL13 9NA	Satisfactory	465	To remain as Sharpness Village Hall	BVF
Hinton, Sharpness	BV7	Sharpness Village Hall , Oldminster Road, GL13 9NA	Satisfactory	1,003	To remain as Sharpness Village Hall	BVG
Slimbridge	BV8	Slimbridge Village Hall , St Johns Road, Slimbridge, GL2 7DF	Satisfactory	973	To remain as Slimbridge Village Hall	BVH

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BVA – The Stagecoach Inn has now closed therefore Stone Cricket Club has been proposed as the new polling station for the polling district of Alkington. Stone Cricket Club has already been used for the European Parliamentary Election in May 2019 and it worked well as a polling station.

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CAINSCROSS						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Cainscross (Cainscross Ward)	C1	St Matthews Church Hall , Church Road, Cainscross, GL5 4LH	Satisfactory	1,062	To remain as St Matthews Church Hall	CA
Cainscross (Cashes Green East Ward)	C2	Cashes Green Community Centre , Queens Drive, Cashes Green, GL5 4NB	This polling station is a double station.	942	To remain as Cashes Green Community Centre	CB
Cainscross (Cashes Green West Ward)	C3	Cashes Green Community Centre , Queens Drive, Cashes Green, GL5 4NB	This polling station is a double station.	1,526	To remain as Cashes Green Community Centre	CC
Cainscross (Ebley Ward)	C4	Ebley Chapel , Chapel Lane, Ebley, GL5 4TD	This polling station is a double station. We are aware there could potentially be an issue with the width of the door entrances to the venue for disabled voters however we are not aware of any other suitable venues that fall in this polling district, therefore would like to hear from electors who vote at this venue.	1884	To remain as Ebley Chapel	CD
Randwick (South West Ward) Previously Cainscross (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1)	C5	Randwick Scout Group HQ , Morehall, Cashes Green, GL5 4RY	This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Cainscross and Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe vote at this polling station. Although this is not ideal, this has not caused any significant issues in the past.	411	To remain as Randwick Scout Group HQ	CE

			Ramp is provided by the venue for accessibility.			
Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward) Previously Stonehouse (Ebley Ward)	C6	Ebley Chapel , Chapel Lane, Ebley, GL5 4TD	We are aware there could potentially be an issue with the width of the door entrances to the venue for disabled voters however we are not aware of any other suitable venues, therefore would like to hear from electors who vote at this venue.	108	To remain as Ebley Chapel	CF

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CE – The Community Governance Review provided an opportunity to revise an error in the warding arrangements for Randwick and Westrip Parish Council that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England made when undertaking the electoral review of district boundaries in 2015. The review corrected the Councillor allocations and also resulted in the renaming of CE polling district which is currently known as Cainscross (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1) to an amended ward name of Randwick (South West Ward). It is proposed that the name of the polling district is changed to reflect the parish ward name.

CF – The outcome of the Community Governance Review resulted in renaming CF polling district which is currently known as Stonehouse (Ebley Ward) to an amended ward name of Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward). It is proposed that the name of the polling district is changed to reflect the parish ward name. In addition to the name change, an amendment to the boundary of Stonehouse (Ebley Ward) which would split CF polling district and transfer 132 properties to Cainscross (Ebley Ward) and retain 57 properties in Stonehouse (Ebley Ward) to reflect more accurately the elector’s views on the identities and interests in the community. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Cainscross (Ebley Ward) and Stonehouse (Ryeford Ward).

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CAM EAST						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Cam East (Div 1)	CE1	Cam Cricket Pavilion , Everlands, Upper Cam, GL11 5NL	There is a ramp outside the venue to gain access to the building.	1,669	To remain as Cam Cricket Pavillion	CEA
Cam East (Div 2)	CE2	Cam Parish Council Offices , 4 Noel Lee Way, GL11 5PS	Satisfactory	2,009	To remain as Cam Parish Council Offices	CEB

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CHALFORD						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Chalford (Bussage Div 1)	CH1	Bussage Village Hall , Bussage, Stroud, GL6 8AT	Satisfactory	1,728	To remain as Bussage Village Hall	CHA
Chalford (Bussage Div 2)	CH2	The Parish Centre , Chalford Parish Council, Gerald's Way, GL6 8FJ	Parking is limited at this venue but space available in the surrounding estates.	1,315	To remain as The Parish Centre	CHB
Chalford (Hill Ward)	CH3	Chalford Hill Methodist Church , Methodist Church Rooms, Midway, GL6 8EN	Satisfactory	1,476	To remain as Chalford Hill Methodist Church	CHC
Chalford (Valley Ward)	CH4	Chalford Village Hall , London Road, Stroud, GL6 8HN	Parking is located outside the venue entrance on the A419. This polling station is a double station.	493	To remain as Chalford Village Hall	CHD
Thrupp (Bourne Ward)	CH5	Chalford Village Hall , London Road, Stroud, GL6 8HN	Parking is located outside the venue entrance on the A419. This polling station is a double station.	223	To remain as Chalford Village Hall	CHE

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CHA – Following the Community Governance Review, an amendment to the Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) Polling District boundary was approved by Council to transfer 36 properties in Stonecote Ridge and 3 properties on The Ridge to Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1). Additionally it was agreed that Bisley (Eastcombe Ward) would absorb 4 properties on Middle Hill from Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1) to make the boundary between the two parishes more logical and reflective of the identities and interests of the community and make community governance more effective and convenient. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Chalford (Bussage Ward Div 1).

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COALEY AND ULEY						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Coaley	CU1	Coaley Village Hall , Coaley, GL11 5EG	Satisfactory	633	To remain as Coaley Village Hall	CUA
Nympsfield	CU2	Nympsfield Village Hall , Back Street, Nympsfield, GL10 3UB	We are aware that a ramp is needed for this venue for disabled electors to gain access to the venue.	319	To remain as Nympsfield Village Hall	CUB
Owlpen	CU3	Uley Village Hall , The Street, Uley, GL11 5SJ	There is street parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring, therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	33	To remain as Uley Village Hall	CUC
Uley	CU4	Uley Village Hall , The Street, Uley, GL11 5SJ	There is street parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring, therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	976	To remain as Uley Village Hall	CUD

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CAM WEST						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Cam West (Div 1)	CW1	Cam Youth Centre , 19A Frederick Thomas Road, Cam, GL11 6LY	Plenty of parking outside the venue at the entrance for electors.	1,596	To remain as Cam Youth Centre	CWA
Cam West (Div 2)	CW2	Arthur S Winterbotham Memorial Hall , High Street, Cam, GL11 5LE	Parking is limited however we are unaware of any issues with parking previously from electors.	1,578	To remain as Arthur S Winterbotham Memorial Hall	CWB

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DURSLEY						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Dursley (Central Ward)	D1	Dursley Methodist Church (Gabriel Hale Room) , Castle Street, GL11 4BS	There is limited parking available at the venue however we are not aware of any issues that relate to parking historically. We are also aware there is a narrow alley for disabled voters, however this has not caused any issues in the past.	2,277	To remain as Dursley Methodist Church (Gabriel Hale Room)	DA
Dursley (Highfields Ward)	D2	Dursley C of E Primary Academy , Highfields, Dursley, GL11 4NZ	Parking facilities available in the main car park and main road outside the venue.	1,796	To remain as Dursley C of E Primary Academy	DB
Dursley (Kingshill Ward)	D3	St Dominic's Church Hall , Jubilee Road, Dursley, GL11 4GS	There is adequate parking for the venue however we are aware of an issue that there is no non-slip flooring; therefore a non-slip floor mat could be provided to polling station staff.	1,441	To remain as St Dominic's Church Hall	DC

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HARDWICKE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Brookthorpe-with-Whaddon	H1	Brookthorpe Village Hall , Stroud Road, Brookthorpe, GL4 0UJ	Satisfactory	230	To remain as Brookthorpe Village Hall	HA
Elmore	H2	Elmore Village Hall , Elmore, GL2 3NT	Satisfactory	168	To remain as Elmore Village Hall	HB
Hardwicke	H3	Hardwicke Village Hall , Green Lane, GL2 4QA	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate. The polling district boundaries are due to change. See note below.	3333	To remain as Hardwicke Village Hall	HC
Harescombe	H4	Harescombe Village Hall , Harescombe, GL4 0XD	Limited parking at the venue however as a result of the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	178	To remain as Harescombe Village Hall	HD
Haresfield	H5	Haresfield Village Hall , Haresfield, GL10 3DZ	There is adequate parking on the road outside the venue however parking is limited immediately outside the venue. We do not consider this to be an issue due to the size of the electorate. The polling district boundaries are due to change. See note below.	217	To remain Haresfield Village Hall	HE
Hunts Grove PROPOSED NEW POLLING DISTRICT			Hunts Grove Primary Academy is due to be completed in early September 2019.	903	Hunts Grove Primary Academy (address to be confirmed)	HF
Longney	H6	Longney Congregational Chapel , Longney, Gloucester	Satisfactory	247	Longney Church (St Laurence) , Longney, GL2 3SL	HG

Moreton Valence	H7	St Stephen's Church, Church Lane, GL2 7NB	There is adequate parking on the grass verge outside venue. We are also aware of there being no non-slip flooring or adequate outside lighting therefore a non-slip floor mat and torch could be provided to polling station staff.	167	To remain as St Stephen's Church	HH
Standish	H8	St Nicholas' Church, Standish, GL10 3EU	Venue has limited outside lighting therefore a torch could be provided to polling station staff.	225	To remain as St Nicholas' Church	HI

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HC, HE & HF – Following the Community Governance Review the creation of a new parish called Hunts Grove was proposed to recognise significant development in the area and support cohesion and identity in the growing community. The new boundary will incorporate the transfer of 389 properties from Hardwicke and 93 properties from Haresfield which both Parish Council's support. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Hardwicke, Haresfield and create the new boundary of Hunts Grove.

Hunts Grove Primary Academy is currently located at Waterwells which falls out of the current proposed HF polling district and under Gloucester City Council. Currently the development of the new venue for the school is due to be completed in early September 2019 will be located within the proposed parish area. We are therefore proposing that the polling station for the polling district of HF is Hunts Grove Primary Academy.

HG – Longney Congregational Church has now closed therefore Longney Church (St Laurence) has been proposed at the new polling station for the Polling District of Longney. Longney Church (St Laurence) was used as a polling station in the European Elections held in May 2019 and is an appropriate venue.

HH – The Community Governance Review has resulted in an amendment to the Standish boundary to transfer the recreation ground between the railway lines from Standish Parish to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties or electors but does correct a boundary anomaly. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Standish.

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KINGSWOOD						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Alderley	K1	Hopkins Hall , Jubilee Playing Field, Hillesley, GL12 7RF	Large car park available to electors at this venue.	57	To remain as Hopkins Hall	KA
Hillesley and Tresham (Hillesley Ward)	K2	Hopkins Hall , Jubilee Playing Field, Hillesley, GL12 7RF	Large car park available to electors at this venue.	392	To remain as Hopkins Hall	KB
Hillesley and Tresham (Tresham Ward)	K3	The Haybarn , Talbot Court Farm, GL12 7RW	<p>This is the only suitable venue that we are aware of for this polling district. We are aware there is no wheelchair access however this has not been an issue in the past, particularly due to the size of the electorate that vote at this venue.</p> <p>Additionally there is no non-slip flooring and the lighting is poor, therefore a non-slip mat and additional lighting could be provided to polling station staff.</p>	101	To remain as The Haybarn	KC
Kingswood	K4	Kingswood Village Hall , Wickwar Road, Kingswood, GL12 7RF	Large car park available to electors.	1,213	To remain as Kingswood Village Hall	KD
Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward)	K5	Kingswood Village Hall , Wickwar Road, Kingswood, GL12 7RF				N/A
PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT ABOLISHMENT						

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K5 – An amendment to the boundary as part of the Community Governance Review has meant Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) is being transferred into Kingswood polling district and parish (8 properties) except the hamlet of Wortley which will be absorbed into Wotton-under-Edge (Div 2) which consists of 13 properties. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Kingswood.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

Cotswold Acting Returning Officer Comments

At some previous elections there have been issues at Kingswood Village Hall in relation to:

- A locked barrier on the access road that leads to the main entrance
- Inadequacy of disabled access (through a kitchen and via a relatively steep slope)
- The inability to use an alternative disabled access (via the flat south access road around the hall) due to a locked gate
- Inadequacy of signage for what is an extensive site located a distance from the road

Whilst it is accepted that the village hall represents the best polling station location, the provision of a plan identifying access arrangements and suggested location of key direction signs would benefit polling station staff. Engagement with the hall owners/operators to ensure the unlocking of the barrier and gate should also occur in the run up to any election.

All other proposals agreed

MINCHINHAMPTON						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Minchinhampton (Box Ward)	M1	Box Village Hall , Box, Stroud, GL6 9HP	Satisfactory	266	To remain as Box Village Hall	MA
Minchinhampton (Brimscombe Ward)	M2	Brimscombe Methodist Church , Brimscombe Hill, Stroud, GL5 1DP	Parking is limited and in the surrounding area, however due to the size of the electorate we do not consider this to be an issue.	550	To remain as Brimscombe Methodist Church	MB
Minchinhampton (North Ward)	M3	The Hub , Next to Minchinhampton Youth Centre, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton,	This polling station is a double station.	2,050	Minchinhampton Scout Hut , 16 Dr. Browns Road, Minchinhampton	MC
Minchinhampton (South Ward)	M4	The Hub , Next to Minchinhampton Youth Centre, Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton,	This polling station is a double station.	825	Minchinhampton Scout Hut , 16 Dr. Browns Road, Minchinhampton	MD

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MA – The Community Governance Review approved the transfer of one property into Minchinhampton (Box Ward) from Nailsworth (Div 1). The property in question during the consultation advised they felt more affiliated with Minchinhampton (Box Ward) and therefore the change was agreed to reflect the identity and interests of the community. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Minchinhampton (Box Ward).

MC & MD – We are aware of two suitable polling station venues for Minchinhampton (North Ward) and Minchinhampton (South Ward) polling districts. The Hub and Minchinhampton Scout Hut have both been used in the past with the Scout Hut being the more frequently used venue, therefore we are recommending changing the polling station to Minchinhampton Scout Hut.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

Cotswold Acting Returning Officer Comments

Proposed Polling District References will cause conflict with polling districts on our register when sharing information at the time of a parliamentary election. We have polling district references of MA, MB, MC, MD and ME.

Polling station proposals are agreed.

NAILSWORTH						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Horsley	N1	Horsley Village Hall , Horsley, Stroud, GL6 0PT	Satisfactory	690	To remain as Horsley Village Hall	NA
Nailsworth (Div 1)	N2	Mortimer Room , Old Market, GL6 0DU	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate.	2,218	To remain as Mortimer Room	NB
Nailsworth, Forest Green (Div 1)	N3	Arkell Community Centre , Nympsfield Road, Forest Green, GL6 0ET	Satisfactory	1,471	To remain as Arkell Community Centre	NC
Nailsworth, Forest Green (Div 2)	N4	Nailsworth Youth Centre , Northfield Road, GL6 0LZ	Satisfactory	942	To remain as Nailsworth Youth Centre	ND

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NB – Following the Community Governance Review an amendment to the Nailsworth parish boundary was approved at Council to transfer one property to Minchinhampton (Box Ward). The property in question during the consultation advised they felt more affiliated with Minchinhampton (Box Ward) and therefore the change was agreed to reflect the identity and interests of the community. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Nailsworth (Div 1).

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PAINSWICK & UPTON						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Cranham	PU1	Cranham Village Hall , Cranham, GL4 8HP	Satisfactory	413	To remain as Cranham Village Hall	PUA
Miserden	PU2	Miserden Village Hall , Miserden, GL6 7JA	Satisfactory	388	To remain as Miserden Village Hall	PUB
Painswick (Edge Ward)	PU3	Edge Village Hall , The Green, Edge, GL6 6PQ	There is limited parking however due to the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	167	To remain as Edge Village Hall	PUC
Painswick (Painswick Ward)	PU4	Painswick Town Hall , Victoria Square, Painswick, GL6 6QA	Parking at the front and rear of the venue for voters. We have been notified that a ramp would be beneficial for disabled electors.	1,853	To remain as Painswick Town Hall	PUD
Painswick (Sheepscombe Ward)	PU5	Sheepscombe Village Hall , Sheepscombe, GL6 7RQ	Satisfactory	375	To remain as Sheepscombe Village Hall	PUE
Painswick (Slad Ward)	PU6	Woolpack Inn , Slad, Stroud, GL6 7QA	There is limited parking at the venue, however due to the electorate size, we do not consider this to be an issue.	265	To remain as the Woolpack Inn	PUF
Pitchcombe	PU7	Pitchcombe Village Hall , Gloucester Road, Pitchcombe, GL6 6LP	Satisfactory	218	To remain as Pitchcombe Village Hall	PUG
Upton St Leonards (Div 1)	PU8	Upton St Leonards Village Hall , 10 Bondend Road, GL4 8AG	Satisfactory	1,289	To remain as Upton St Leonards Village Hall	PUH
Upton St Leonards (Div 2)	PU9	The Edge Community Centre , Coopers Edge School, GL3 4DY	Satisfactory	905	To remain as the Edge Community Centre	PUI

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PUA – The Community Governance Review approved the transfer of one property into Cranham from Upton St Leonards (Div 1) as the property in question is very close to the boundary. The polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundaries for both Cranham and Upton St Leonards (Div 1).

We are proposing an amendment the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Seeking advice from the Electoral Commission they believe using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

RANDWICK, WHITESHILL & RUSCOMBE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Randwick (South East Ward) Previously Randwick (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1)	RWR1	Randwick Scout Group HQ , Morehall, Cashes Green, GL5 4RY	This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Cainscross and Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe vote at this polling station. Although this is not ideal, this has not caused any significant issues in the past. Ramp is provided by the venue for electors to ensure appropriate accessibility.	305	To remain as Randwick Scout Group HQ	RWRA
Randwick (Randwick Ward)	RWR2	Randwick Village Hall , Playing Field, Randwick, GL6 6JA	Satisfactory	505	To remain as Randwick Village Hall	RWRB
Whiteshill	RWR3	Whiteshill and Ruscombe Village Hall , The Plain, Whiteshill, GL6 6AB	Satisfactory	984	To remain as Whiteshill and Ruscombe Village Hall	RWRC

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RWRA – The Community Governance Review provided an opportunity to revise an error in the warding arrangements for Randwick and Westrip Parish Council that the Local Government Boundary Commission for England made when undertaking the electoral review of the district boundaries in 2015. The review corrected the Councillor allocations and also resulted in the renaming of RWRA polling district which is currently known as Randwick (Lower Westrip Ward Div 1) to an amended name of Randwick (South East Ward). We are proposing that the polling district name is also changed to reflect the change in the parish ward name.

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RODBOROUGH

Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Rodborough (North Ward Div 1)	R1	Rodborough Endowed School , Church Place, Walkley Hill, GL5 3TX	This polling station is a double station. Parking is limited however electors are able to park on Walkley Hill which is a short walk to the venue.	1106	To remain as Rodborough Endowed School	RA
Rodborough (North Ward Div 2)	R2	Stroud Rugby Club , Dudbridge Hill, Stroud, GL5 3HS	This polling station is a double station.	356	To remain as Stroud Rugby Club	RB
Rodborough (South Ward Div 1)	R3	Gastrells Primary School , Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough, GL5 3PS	This polling station is a double station. Car park is on a hill and slope, however parking is adequate.	274	To remain as Gastrells Primary School	RC
Rodborough (South Ward Div 2)	R4	Rodborough Community Hall , Butterow West, Rodborough, GL5 3TZ	This polling station is a double station. This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Rodborough and Thrupp vote at this polling station. Whilst this is not ideal, this has not caused significant issues in the past and is well managed by experienced polling station staff.	194	To remain as Rodborough Community Hall	RD

Rodborough (West Ward Div 1)	R5	Rodborough Endowed School , Church Place, Walkley Hill, GL5 3TX	This polling station is a double station. Parking is limited however electors are able to park on Walkley Hill which is a short walk to the venue.	1,006	To remain as Rodborough Endowed School	RE
Rodborough (West Ward Div 2)	R6	Stroud Rugby Club , Dudbridge Hill, Stroud, GL5 3HS	This polling station is a double station.	323	To remain as Stroud Rugby Club	RF
Rodborough (West Ward Div 3)	R7	Gastrells Primary School , Kingscourt Lane, Rodborough, GL5 3PS	This polling station is a double station. Car park is on a hill and slope, however parking is adequate.	329	To remain as Gastrells Primary School	RG

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RC & RG –We have taken into consideration concerns raised from an elector that Gastrells Primary School is not an appropriate venue for polling and the Rodborough Tabernacle would be more suitable, however after reviewing this suggestion we have come to the conclusion that Gastrells Primary School is a more appropriate and suitable venue.

There were a number of reasons for supporting this decision, firstly as a result of there being no suitable venues within the polling district boundary for Rodborough (West Ward Div 3) the Acting Returning Officer has the authority to designate a polling station outside of it. Whilst both Gastrells Primary School and Rodborough Tabernacle are both outside of the polling district boundary, Gastrells Primary School is the closest venue which falls just the other side of the current boundary, therefore making this venue the more logical choice for polling district Rodborough (West Ward Div 3). Gastrells Primary school is also a well established polling station within the community and we don't propose a change to the current situation but would be welcome to any comments.

Additionally Rodborough (South Ward Div 1) polling district also vote at Gastrells Primary School, and we have been unable to locate another suitable venue within the polling district, therefore this would mean locating another suitable venue outside of the boundary. Whilst the Acting Returning Officer has the authority to do this, the legislation states if there is an appropriate voting place in the polling district, it must be used and Gastrells Primary School meets this criteria.

Secondly, the accessibility for electors and in particular disabled electors was another factor which contributed to the decision. The access to the Tabernacle is down a steep narrow one track lane with no pavements for electors to safety commute to the venue compared to Gastrells Primary School, which is located on a two way lane with safe access for electors and has adequate parking. One of the key aspects when reviewing and

considering polling stations is the Acting Returning Officer must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons ensuring all electors have safe and reasonable access to the polling station through which we believe Rodborough Tabernacle does not fit this criteria.

Finally, as this is the only concern that we have received for the use of Gastrells Primary School and the school has been able to successfully remain open for pupils since the venue was established as a polling station while maintaining the safety and security of the pupils. We would recommend Gastrells Primary School remains as the allocated polling station for RC, Rodborough (South Ward Div 1) and RG, Rodborough (West Ward Div 3).

RD – Following the Community Governance Review, an amendment to the Rodborough (South Ward Div 2) polling district boundary was approved at Council to transfer 16 properties from Rodborough (South Ward Div 2) into Amberley to increase community cohesion and identity. The polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Rodborough (South Ward Div 2).

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

SEVERN						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Arlingham	S1	The Victory Hall , High Street, Arlingham, GL2 7JN	Access to the polling station is not level however is not steep enough to be an issue. Disabled access to the venue is at the rear.	381	To remain as The Victory Hall	SA
Frampton-on-Severn	S2	Frampton on Severn Village Hall , The Street, Frampton on Severn, GL2 7ED	There is limited parking on the road outside the venue however this has not caused any issues in the past.	1,148	To remain as Frampton on Severn Village Hall	SB
Fretherne-with-Saul (Fretherne Ward)	S3	Saul Memorial Hall , High Street, Saul, GL2 7LW	Satisfactory	161	To remain as Saul Memorial Hall	SC
Fretherne-with-Saul (Saul Ward)	S4	Saul Memorial Hall , High Street, Saul, GL2 7LW	Satisfactory	404	To remain as Saul Memorial Hall	SD
Eastington	S5	Eastington Village Hall , Alkerton Road, GL10 3AA	Satisfactory	1,360	To remain as Eastington Village Hall	SE
Whitminster	S6	Whitminster Village Hall , School Lane, GL2 7NT	Satisfactory	681	To remain as Whitminster Village Hall	SF

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SF – The Community Governance Review has meant an amendment to the Eastington Boundary to transfer the area of Oldends Industrial Estate from Eastington to Stonehouse (Div 1). This does not affect any properties or electors and corrects a current boundary anomaly. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Eastington.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

STROUD CENTRAL						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Central (Div 1)	SC1	St Laurence Church Hall , Church Office, Stroud, GL5 1AP	This venue is located in the centre of Stroud and parking is available in the public car parks. These are free after 5pm however the majority of the properties which come under this polling district live in the town centre therefore are able to walk to the venue.	711	To remain as St Laurence Church Hall	SCA
Stroud Central (Div 2)	SC2	Paganhill Maypole Hall , Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AN	This polling station is a double station as it is also used by Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill polling district.	461	To remain as Paganhill Maypole Hall	SCB
Stroud Central (Div 3)	SC3	The Christian Community Centre , 73 Cainscross Road, Stroud, GL5 4HB	Parking for St Lukes Therapy Centre is on Cainscross Road and surrounding housing estates such as Gannicox Road. We are aware that this is not ideal; however this is a temporary measure until the Christian Community Centre is rebuilt. We are also aware a ramp is needed at the entrance.	590	To remain as the Christian Community Centre (Temporarily St Lukes Therapy Centre is being used)	SCC

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SCC – The Christian Community Centre is currently being renovated and therefore in the interim, St Lukes Therapy Centre, 53 Cainscross Road, Stroud, GL5 4EX will be used until the works at the Community Centre are completed. St Lukes Therapy Centre was used as a polling station in the European Elections held in May 2019 and is a suitable temporary venue which is immediately next to the Christian Community Centre.

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STROUD FARMHILL AND PAGANHILL

Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill	SFP1	Paganhill Maypole Hall , Stratford Road, Stroud, GL5 4AN	This polling station is a double station as it is also used by Stroud Central (Div 2) polling district.	1,914	To remain as Paganhill Maypole Hall	SFPA

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STROUD SLADE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Slade (Div 1)	SS1	Stroud Valley Scouting Centre , Chapel Street, Stroud, GL5 1DU	Parking for the venue is on the street that leads up to the venue however due to the size of the electorate, we do not consider this to be an issue.	599	To remain as Stroud Valley Scouting Centre	SSA
Stroud Slade (Div 2)	SS2	The Cadet Centre , Bisley Old Road, Stroud, GL5 1NL	Satisfactory	1,216	To remain as the Cadet Centre	SSB

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STONEHOUSE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stonehouse (Div 1)	ST1	The Douglas Morley Hall , Elm Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2NP	Parking is limited, although there is disabled parking at the front of the building. There is also parking on Elm Road which is a short walk from the venue.	1,428	To remain as The Douglas Morley Hall	STA
Stonehouse (Div 2)	ST2	St Joseph's Church Hall , Oldends Lane, GL10 2DG	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate.	2,640	To remain as St Joseph's Church Hall	STB
Stonehouse (Div 3)	ST3	Stonehouse Community Centre , Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse, GL10 2NS	Satisfactory	1,680	To remain as Stonehouse Community Centre	STC

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STA – The Community Governance Review has resulted in an amendment to the Stonehouse boundary to absorb the area of Oldends Industrial Estate into Stonehouse (Div 1) from Eastington and the recreation ground between the railway lines from Standish Parish. Whilst no residential properties or electors are affected by the amendment, it does address two boundary anomalies. This has resulted in an amendment to the polling district boundaries for Eastington, Standish and Stonehouse (Div 1) that now need to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundaries.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

STROUD TRINITY						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Trinity	STR1	Trinity Rooms , Field Road, Stroud, GL5 2HZ	There is limited parking outside the venue but there is additional parking on Field Road which is a short walk from the venue.	1,712	To remain as the Trinity Rooms	STRA

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STRA - The Community Governance Review approved the transfer of 47 properties in Gunhouse Lane into Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div1) from Stroud Trinity to reflect the identities and interests of the community better following survey responses from the residents. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Stroud Trinity.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

STROUD UPLANDS						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Uplands	SU1	Grange View Sheltered Housing , Folly Lane, Uplands, GL5 1GR	Satisfactory	1,673	To remain as Grange View Sheltered Housing	SUA

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STROUD VALLEY						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Stroud Valley (Div 1)	SV1	All Saints Church , All Saints Road, Stroud, GL5 1TU	Satisfactory	1013	To remain as All Saints Church	SVA
Stroud Valley (Div 2)	SV2	The Wesley Rooms , St Albans Church, Parliament Street, GL5 1QH	We are aware additional signage is required to show where the disabled access is for voters.	699	To remain as The Wesley Rooms	SVB

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THRUPP						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Rodborough (Butterow Ward)	T1	Rodborough Community Hall , Butterow West, Rodborough, GL5 3TZ	This polling station is a double station. This polling station is split between 2 district wards meaning electors from both Rodborough and Thrupp vote at this polling station. Whilst this is not ideal, this has not caused significant issues in the past and is well managed by experienced polling station staff.	666	To remain as Rodborough Community Hall	TA
Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 1)	T2	Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre , London Road, Stroud, GL5 2QF	This polling station is a double station.	755	To remain as Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre	TB
Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 2)	T3	Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre , London Road, Stroud, GL5 2QF	This polling station is a double station.	559	To remain as Brimscombe and Thrupp Social Centre	TC

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TB – The Community Governance Review approved the transfer of 47 properties in Gunhouse Lane into Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 1) from Stroud Trinity to reflect the identities and interests of the community better following survey responses from the residents. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for Brimscombe & Thrupp (Div 1).

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

THE STANLEYS						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
Frocester	TS1	The Frocester George , Peter Street, GL10 3TQ	We are aware there is an issue with signage at The Frocester George. We therefore will ensure additional signage is provided for directing electors to the correct room at the venue.	137	To remain as The Frocester George	TSA
Kings Stanley (Div 1)	TS2	Kings Stanley Village Hall , Marling Close, Kings Stanley, GL10 3JB	Satisfactory	1,770	To remain as Kings Stanley Village Hall	TSB
Kings Stanley, Selsley (Div 2)	TS3	Selsley Scout Hall , Selsley, Stroud	Satisfactory	367	To remain as Selsley Scout Hall	TSC
Leonard Stanley	TS4	Leonard Stanley Village Hall , Marsh Road, Leonard Stanley, GL10 3NH	Satisfactory	1,397	To remain as Leonard Stanley Village Hall	TSD

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WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE						
Polling District	Polling District Reference	Current Polling Station	Comments	Electorate	Proposed Polling Station	Proposed Polling District Reference
North Nibley	WUE1	North Nibley Village Hall , North Nibley, GL11 6DP	There is limited parking and 1 disabled bay; however we are not aware of any issues with parking in the past.	713	To remain as North Nibley Village Hall	WUEA
Stinchcombe	WUE2	Stinchcombe Village Hall (The Committee Room) , The Street, Stinchcombe, GL11 6AW	Satisfactory	368	To remain as Stinchcombe Village Hall (The Committee Room)	WUEB
Wotton-under-Edge (Wotton-under-Edge Div 1)	WUE3	The Chipping Clubroom , The Chipping, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7AD	This polling station is a double station due to the size of the electorate. There is parking in the main public car park which is free of charge to the public.	2,505	To remain as The Chipping Clubroom	WUEC
Wotton-under-Edge (Wotton-under-Edge Div 2)	WUE4	The British School , Wortley Road, Wotton-under-Edge, GL12 7JU	There is no parking available on site only on the road immediately outside the school; however this is a short walk to venue.	2,023	To remain as The British School	WUED

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WUED – An amendment to the boundary as part of the Community Governance Review has resulted in the hamlet of Wortley which was previously part of Wotton-under-Edge (South Ward) will now be absorbed into Wotton-under-Edge (Div 2) which consists of 13 properties. From this amendment the polling district boundary now needs to be amended to reflect the change in the parish boundary for WUED.

We are proposing an amendment to the polling district references to reflect current guidance and legislation. Guidance provided by the Electoral Commission state that using numbers as part of the polling district identifier could cause confusion to elector numbers.

Cotswold Acting Returning Officer Comments

All agreed.