

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2015

Q1. Your details

First name Marcus

Surname Green

Q2. Organisation (where applicable)

No Response

Q3. Address:

36 Bowbridge Lock
Stroud

Q4. Postcode

GL5 2JZ

Q5. Which district ward does your submission apply to?

Thrupp

Q6. Please write the reference number(s) of the proposed polling district your submission applies to (you will find these in the polling district review summary table e.g AW1).

Thrupp (Div 2) T3

Q7. Please use the box below to make your comments on the proposed polling districts and polling stations.

Following the publication of the review of polling places I would like to propose a change to the Thrupp School polling station.

Although the draft order considers that it is satisfactory I would argue that it isn't

1- Disabled access is weak

2- Parking is on the roadside only, the road is unusually narrow and only has passing places in a small number of areas

3- The polling station services a relatively modest number of electors

4- Given the distances people need to travel to polling stations in the neighbouring wards such as Minchinhampton and Amberley and Woodchester the people of Thrupp are unusually advantaged by the closeness of the station, which is matched in the towns but less so in rural areas.

5- The socio-economic costs of closing the school, a decision that the Governors of Thrupp School have in my mind rightly made is very high given the size of the electorate. As a school heading towards 150 children there are 100 plus family adversely affected. It must also be remembered that in years with 2 elections the school will be shut twice effectively reducing the time to educate children by 1% in a year. This is not insignificant.

6- Less than 10% of polling stations throughout the district are in schools, there is no compelling reason for using Thrupp school purely because it is a school.

Q8. If you would like to suggest details of alternative premises please do so below.

7- Thrupp is not blessed with a vast number of publically accessible buildings, but this does not mean that a more agreeable solution could not be found.

8- The population of the polling district is mainly working age, there is not a mass of older people and with universal availability of absentee voting there is no reason why an elector should be disadvantaged by a move in polling place.

9- My initial thought was that Stroud Brewery could be accessible, it is relatively flat and could accommodate the station. The District has a number of licensed premises in use as polling stations. I have however dismissed this for the reason in paragraph 10.

10- The other polling district in Thrupp ward used the Thrupp and Brimscombe Social Centre. This is a large amenity with plenty of space for a second polling station and for the reasons outlined above offers an improved arrangement when looking holistically at the effect of polling on the whole ward.

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2015 - Parish and Town Councils

Q1. Please select your Parish/Town Council

Slimbridge

Q2. Your details

First name Helen

Surname Dunn

Q3. Which district ward does your submission apply to?

Berkeley vale

Q4. Please write the reference number(s) of the proposed polling district your submission applies to (you will find these in the polling district review summary table e.g AW1).

BV8

Q5. Please use the box below to comment on the proposed polling districts and polling stations.

Slimbridge Parish Council have noted this consultation and make no further comments. The polling station in Slimbridge has remained the same.

Q6. If you would like to suggest details of alternative premises please do so below.

No Response

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2015 - Parish and Town Councils



Q1. Please select your Parish/Town Council

Whiteshill and Ruscombe

Q2. Your details

First name Helen

Surname Dunn

Q3. Which district ward does your submission apply to?

Randwick, Whiteshill and Ruscombe

Q4. Please write the reference number(s) of the proposed polling district your submission applies to (you will find these in the polling district review summary table e.g AW1).

RWR2 and RWR3

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Whiteshill and Ruscombe Parish Council have noted this consultation and wish to make no further comments.

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No Response

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2015 - Parish and Town Councils



Q1. Please select your Parish/Town Council

Woodchester

Q2. Your details

First name Ann

Surname Bijkerk

Q3. Which district ward does your submission apply to?

Amberley and Woodchester

Q4. Please write the reference number(s) of the proposed polling district your submission applies to (you will find these in the polling district review summary table e.g AW1).

AW2

Q5. Please use the box below to comment on the proposed polling districts and polling stations.

Councillors are satisfied that both the polling district and the polling station are satisfactory.

Q6. If you would like to suggest details of alternative premises please do so below.

No Response

Emery, Hannah

From: _CLLR_Robinson, Steve
Sent: 30 October 2015 09:49
To: _WEB_Polling Review
Cc: _CLLR_Sims, Emma
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2015 - Public Consultation

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Hi Hannah,

I know that Nailsworth and Horsley boundaries have not changed and I think the 4 polling stations in the ward are fine. I did receive a comment from a resident in Star Hill/Jubilee Road who said that they used to vote at the Youth Club but now have to go to the Arkell Centre. Was this change made for a particular reason?

Regards
Steve

From: _WEB_Polling Review
Sent: 29 October 2015 17:38
To: _DL_MEMBERS
Cc: Coles, Shelley
Subject: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2015 - Public Consultation

Dear Councillor,

Review of Polling districts and Polling Places 2015

In accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983 and Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 the Council must undertake a review of the polling districts and polling places within its area every four years. The next review was due to take place within five years; however, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) undertook an electoral review of Stroud and published its final recommendations for the Stroud District ward boundaries in June 2015.

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The link has been created to allow for representations to be made online by District Councillors only, the public will be able to make representations by visiting the Council's website directly. However, if you would

Emery, Hannah

From: _CLLR_Sutton, Haydn
Sent: 31 October 2015 09:58
To: _WEB_Polling Review
Subject: Stroud Farmhill and Paganhill

I notice from the boundary changes to my ward, Farmhill and Paganhill and Central Div 2 that the polling station of Paganhill Maypole Hall is now entirely surrounded by Farmhill and Paganhill ward. Also that polling station is named as being used by Central Div 2. It is my understanding that ,legally, the polling station used has to be in the ward in which people are voting and that voters should not have to travel through another ward to access that station. I have long been of the view that the Baptist Church used for voting in Farmhill and Paganhill is totally unsuitable, due to it's very steep and obscure access. Would it please, be possible to make the Maypole Hall the Polling Station for my ward where access, though slightly restricted is level and has parking.

Yours sincerely,

Cllr. Haydn Sutton

Emery, Hannah

From: Sarah Dalby [sarah.dalby@cotswold.gov.uk]
Sent: 03 December 2015 08:41
To: Emery, Hannah
Subject: RE: Polling District Review for Stroud

Hi Hannah

Thank you for details of the polling district review.

We are happy with the arrangements suggested for polling stations.

One point to note, is that Stinchcombe is not currently in The Cotswolds Constituency.

If this continues to be the case after the Parliamentary Review, we will need to put arrangements in place to ensure the electors receive the correct information.

Kind regards

Sarah

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From: hannah.emery@stroud.gov.uk [<mailto:hannah.emery@stroud.gov.uk>]
Sent: 29 October 2015 14:56
To: Sarah Dalby
Cc: shelley.coles@stroud.gov.uk
Subject: Polling District Review for Stroud

Hi Sarah

I hope you're well. We're running (albeit a little late as the Boundary Commission are making us republish our register after the 1 December) a polling district review for Stroud to amend any boundaries that needed changing as a result of the recent Electoral Review for Stroud.

Please could you forward the attached to Nigel to comment on as ARO for the relevant areas and return any comments to me and cc Shelley.coles@stroud.gov.uk in as I will now be on leave for 2 weeks.

Please could we have the comments before the 14th December please.

Many thanks!

Hannah

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Emery, Hannah

From: Paul H [pdhemming@gmail.com]
Sent: 14 December 2015 22:36
To: WEB Polling Review
Subject: Polling Station at Kingswood Village Hall
Attachments: image001.emz

There is no problem with polling at Kingswood Village Hall, but there needs to be an additional sign to inform infirm or disabled voters that they should arrive at the Entrance Door from the Car Park at the rear of the building to avoid the step up from in front of the windows of the community room, which is where the Polling station is sited.

i.e. Keep right around the building, through the car park and then head back towards the entrance.

On leaving the building the same route should be taken. There is however a grab handle on the wall by the step.



It is a slightly further distance than approaching from the front of the building and then keeping left but access is then level.

Apologies for sending this so late but I had overlooked the need to do it.

Paul Hemming
District Councillor – Kingswood.

Emery, Hannah

From: _CLLR_Jones, John
Sent: 29 October 2015 21:41
To: _WEB_Polling Review
Cc: Coles, Shelley
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2015 - Public Consultation

Hello,

I have one comment to make on your list of the proposals.

In Severn Ward, you have Whitminster marked as "New to Ward". This is not so, as Whitminster has been part of Severn since 2002, it is just Eastington that is new to that ward from May of next year.

Kind Regards

John.

Cllr John Jones

Stroud District Councillor Severn Ward.

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