

Polling District and Polling Places Review

Responses to the Consultation

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
Bagshot	Windlesham Parish Council	KC – Windlesham (North)	Windlesham Club & Theatre	Agrees with the proposal to move the current polling place at Windlesham Infant School to the Windlesham Club and Theatre.	The ARO notes the support of the proposal to designate Windlesham Club & Theatre as the polling place for the Windlesham (North) polling district.
	Naomi Ezzard, Windlesham Village Infant School	KC – Windlesham (North)	Windlesham Village Infant School/ Windlesham Club & Theatre	Has indicated that the School is happy to be used as a polling station, provided it is once a year at the most.	The ARO notes the comments disruption it causes to the school. The Council is required to designate a location as the polling place for the polling district and should not therefore plan for it to be moved on a frequent basis. It is therefore considered that Windlesham Club & Theatre should be the designated polling place for this polling district.
Frimley	Cllr Sarah Jane	FB –	Lakeside	Support the continued	The ARO recognises the

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
	Croke and Cllr Darryl Ratiram	Frimley (East)	Primary School	use of Lakeside as a polling place.	<p>reasons given for this support, which relate to turnout and preventing barriers from voting. This has to be balanced with the effect on the disruption to children's education.</p> <p>It is proposed to defer this decision for further consideration of all options and factors.</p>
	Mrs M Barraclough, governor and former teacher at Lakeside School	FB – Frimley (East)	Lakeside Primary School	Requests ceasing the use of Lakeside School due to the disruption to the pupils, often in the run up to S.A.Ts, plus disruption to parents and teachers' education programmes. St Peters is a suitable alternative with less disruption to the community.	<p>The ARO notes the concerns raised and reiterates the position of avoiding the use of schools where possible.</p> <p>The ARO has to balance the concerns over disruption to education and parents with ensuring the electorate can exercise its right to vote.</p> <p>It is proposed to defer this decision for further consideration of all options and factors.</p>

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
	Sam Armstrong, Academy Head, Lakeside Nursery and Primary School	FB – Frimley (East)	Lakeside Primary School	<p>Requests ceasing the use of Lakeside School due to the children losing out on learning days, going against the school's efforts to ensure attendance at school, and the impact on parents.</p> <p>Notes that using part of the school, allowing it to remain open, is preferable to complete closure but also recognises safeguarding concerns.</p> <p>Supports the use of St Peter's for the whole ward.</p>	<p>The ARO has reviewed the use of an alternative site with Lakeside School, which would enable the School to remain open on polling days, and shares concerns raised by respondents about further disruption to the school, safeguarding issues and the adequacy of disabled access. As a result, it is not considered a viable option.</p> <p>See above comments and recommendation to defer this decision.</p>
	Jenny Rogers, Executive Head Teacher, Lakeside School.	FB – Frimley (East)	Lakeside Primary School	<p>Requests ceasing the use of the School due to the disruption polling day causes to the children and their families.</p> <p>Notes the Council's</p>	See above comments and recommendation to defer this decision.

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
				<p>stated position of avoiding the use of schools and feels St Peters is a suitable alternative with ample capacity.</p> <p>Notes that the School and Council have discussed options for polling on site whilst allowing the School to remain open, but feels this would still cause disruption, would require additional safety measures, and accessibility would be an issue.</p>	
	Andy Stubley, Parent and School Governor, Lakeside	FB – Frimley (East)	Lakeside Primary School	Requests ceasing the use of the School due to the disruption to students, parents and staff. Notes that the school was closed twice in May 2019 and there is currently uncertainty on whether another election will be held.	See above comments and recommendation to defer this decision.

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
				<p>Suggests that St Peters is a suitable alternative with adequate parking, disabled access and no safeguarding issues.</p> <p>Suggests that using a part of the School, with the rest remaining open, is a last resort but feels St Peters is a more suitable alternative.</p>	
	K Stuble, resident	FB – Frimley (East)	Lakeside Primary School	<p>Requests that Lakeside is no longer a designated polling place due to concern about disruption to education for children and for the staff's planning and teaching.</p> <p>Supports the use of St Peter's for the whole ward and recognises that postal votes are an option.</p>	See above comments and recommendation to defer this decision.
	Revd Canon	FB –	Lakeside	Requests ceasing the	See above comments and

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
	Stuart Thomas, Chair of Local Governing Body at Lakeside Academy	Frimley (East)	Primary School	<p>use of the School due to the disruption to education and makes the following observations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Lakeside is one of the few schools in Surrey Heath closing on election day – in May there were 2 in quick succession and this was an unacceptable loss of 2 days' education 2. St Peters has the capacity to cope with being the only polling place in the ward, is accessible by road and has adequate parking. 3. The options of alternative locations onsite at Lakeside would be an improvement on complete closure but would cause 	recommendation to defer this decision.

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
				<p>disruption to staff, have safeguarding issues and disables access was only access.</p> <p>4. Postal voting [and online voting – <i>note: this is not currently available</i>] is an alternative for those unable to get to St Peters.</p>	
Lightwater		LB – Lightwater (West)	The Briars Centre	Notes there are no proposed changes to Lightwater polling places, but asks that consideration is given to extending the aim of avoiding the use of schools to also include nurseries. A nursery school is located at the Briars Centre and they suffer the same inconveniences as a school when they have to close for polling days.	The ARO notes Windlesham Parish Council's comments

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
Watchetts	Cllr Charlotte Morley	DA – Watchetts (west)	Camberley Guide Headquarters	Advised that residents have not commented about the change from Orchard Campus to Guide Hut.	The ARO notes that no adverse comments were received after the election on 23 May and is proposing to designate the Guide Headquarters as the polling place for Watchetts (west).
Windlesham & Chobham	Chobham Parish Council	NB – Chobham	Chobham Village Hall	Supports the proposals to keep two polling stations in the ward of Chobham, one at the Village Hall Chobham and one at the Valley End Institute Chobham. Given the geographic spread of the ward of Chobham, the Parish Council deems there is a necessity of having two polling stations at these locations.	In 2013, the Council consulted on a proposal to abolish the Valley End polling district and to discontinue the use of the Valley End Institute as a polling place. The Council in February 2014, having considered the representations made for and against this proposal and, because of the conflicting views expressed by electors, resolved to maintain the status quo. As a result of this decision the ARO decided not to revisit this proposal.
		NC – Valley End	Valley End Institute		
	Windlesham	NA –	No be	Supports a polling place	The Pavilion at the Field of

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
	Parish Council	Windlesham (South)	confirmed	at either the Field of Remembrance or St John's Baptist Church, but note that the location at the Field of Remembrance would most likely be more convenient for the population currently served by the location at Chertsey Road Hall.	Remembrance is the ARO's preferred option. As use of this building cannot be confirmed at this stage it is proposed to defer this decision.
	Cllr Emma-Jane McGrath and Cllr Pat Tedder	NA – Windlesham (South)	To be confirmed	Support the use of Windlesham Club & Theatre or Valley End Institute as options for this polling district.	The Pavilion at the Field of Remembrance is the ARO's preferred option. As use of this building cannot be confirmed at this stage it is proposed to defer this decision. If this is not possible to secure the use of the Pavilion these options will be pursued.
	County Councillor Mike Goodman	NC – Valley End	Valley End Institute	Suggests a review of Valley End as a polling district and the Valley End Institute. This is due to the low	Please see above the ARO's comments on previous consultations regarding the Valley End Institute.

Ward	Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal/Comment	Acting Returning Officer's Comments and Recommendations
				<p>electorate in Valley End polling district and the new combined Windesham & Chobham ward.</p>	<p>Although Chobham and part of Windlesham are now in a combined borough ward, there is still a parish boundary between Chobham and Windlesham, meaning Valley End voters could not be included within the NA – Windlesham (South) polling district; the combined ward therefore makes no practical difference to polling district arrangements in this regard.</p> <p>As a result of this decision the ARO decided not to revisit this proposal.</p>