

COUNCIL

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REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Rodney Chambers, Leader
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Summary

This report informs Members of changes required to polling districts in the light of issues arising since the General Election in May 2010 and updates them on the allocation of polling stations by the Returning Officer.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

- 1.1 The duty to divide Medway into polling districts is a matter which cannot be determined by Cabinet under the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

2. Background

- 2.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide Medway into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district for UK Parliamentary elections. It also has to keep these arrangements under review. It is good practice to undertake the same exercise for local government elections and in doing so, every effort must be made to ensure that the polling district scheme mirrors as closely as possible that agreed for Parliamentary elections.
- 2.2 When designating polling districts:
- (a) the Council must seek to ensure that all the electors in the Constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
 - (b) each Parish must be in a separate polling district unless there are special circumstances that lead the Council to determine otherwise;
 - (c) the Council must designate a polling place for every polling district, unless the size or other circumstances of the polling district are

such that the situation of the polling stations does not materially affect the convenience of the electorate;

- (d) the Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons;
- (e) the polling place for a polling district must be within the area of the district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area either wholly or partly outside of the polling district

2.3 A Polling Station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district. This function is the responsibility of the Returning Officer.

2.4 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a number of changes to the Representation of the People Act 1983 in respect of the way in which reviews of polling districts and polling places must be undertaken. The most significant of these is that the Council must undertake a review every 4 years at a minimum.

2.5 The last review was reported to Council on 14 January 2010. At that time, approval was given to a scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places only for the General Election on 6 May. A scheme is required for the Local elections (and possible AV Referendum on 5 May 2011) and this report seeks approval to such a scheme. An informal working group of Members has been established and their proposals, along with the comments of the Returning Officer are included on the individual Ward sheets in the Appendix attached to this report.

3. The review and consultation

3.1 The informal working group represented all the political Groups on the Council and they consulted all Ward Members on the proposals. Group Leaders were also consulted on the proposed changes. In accordance with the requirement to publish a notice of the review of polling districts/places, the proposals were posted on the Council's website on 1 November 2010. In general, the proposals are to implement arrangements to resolve comments arising from and since the General election. All the changes to polling places were proposed after site visits were undertaken by staff in electoral services who took into account a range of issues, including disabled access.

3.2 Appendix 1 shows the proposals. Unless highlighted, any comments received from Councillors were in favour of the Council's proposals and there were no objections.

- 3.3 Rather than designate specific buildings as Polling Places, it is recommended that each Polling District continue to be designated as the Polling Place for the district. This avoids having to seek Council approval each and every time a building becomes unavailable, particularly in the run-up to an election. The Returning Officer has given an undertaking that he will consult with Councillors if it becomes necessary to change any polling stations after the scheme has been agreed.

4. Financial and legal implications

- 4.1 The costs of General elections are recharged to the Ministry of Justice. The Council meets the costs of local elections. In terms of costs of premises, schools and other public buildings, only costs for the additional heating, lighting and caretaking costs can be charged; other private premises are subject to a hire cost which vary considerably. The total average cost of polling stations for a full election is in the order of £12,000. The proposals do not significantly affect the numbers of polling stations, nor election staff that would be used at an election, and therefore their costs. The proposals in this report, if approved, are likely to be cost neutral.
- 4.2 In accordance with Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council must publish a notice of the holding of the review and must consult with the Returning Officer and publish his comments on the review. Any elector within any constituency located wholly or in part within Medway may make representation regarding the review. On completion of the review the Council must give reasons for its decisions in the review and must publish the information set out in the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006.

5. Risk management

- 5.1 Paragraph 2.2 of the report sets out the legislation for designating polling districts and this review has taken such legislation fully into account. Therefore, it is considered that there are no risk management implications arising from the proposals.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Council is recommended to approve the scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places as set out in Appendix 1, including designating each Polling District as the Polling Place in respect of Parliamentary elections and to designate the Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places as the Polling Districts and Polling Places for Local Government elections.
- 5.2 To note the designation of polling stations recommended by the Returning Officer as set out in Appendix 2 to the report.

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Background papers

| Description of Background Papers | Contact details |
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| Representation of the People Act 1983 & Electoral Administration Act 2006 Electoral arrangements review file and working papers | Jane Ringham, ext 2864, 3 rd Floor Gun Wharf |

WARD: CHATHAM CENTRAL

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT / POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| CCC1 | ST JOHN INFANTS SCHOOL | CCC1 | ST JOHN INFANTS SCHOOL | St John's RC school became unavailable prior to the General Election and St John Infants School was used as an alternative. It is proposed to carry on using the Infants School rather than disrupt the Junior School. All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so continue to be used. |
| CCC2 | NEW ROAD SCHOOL | CCC2 | NEW ROAD SCHOOL | | |
| CCC3 | GLENCOE JUNIOR SCHOOL | CCC3 | GLENCOE JUNIOR SCHOOL | | |
| CCC4 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD | CCC4 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL ROAD | | |

WARD: CUXTON AND HALLING

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RCH1 | SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD | RCH1 | SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used. |
| RCH2 | 95 PILGRIMS ROAD | RCH2 | 95 PILGRIMS ROAD | | |
| RCH3 | HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE | RCH3 | HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE | | |
| RCH4 | HALLING JUBILEE HALL | RCH4 | HALLING JUBILEE HALL | | |

WARD: GILLINGHAM NORTH

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| GGN1 | ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL | GGN1 | ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL | To minimise the journey for people registered at Liberty Quays to get to a polling station, it is proposed that the boundaries between GGN1 and GGN3 are re-drawn so that the corner of Pier Approach and the individual properties are located in GGN1 and vote at St Luke the Evangelist Church Hall. All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2010 elections so continue to be used. |
| GGN2 | GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET | GGN2 | GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET | | |
| GGN3 | PAROCHIAL HALL | GGN3 | PAROCHIAL HALL | | |
| GGN4 | QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT | GGN4 | QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT | | |

WARD: GILLINGHAM SOUTH

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | OTHER COMMENTS | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| GGS1 | FORESTERS HALL | GGS1 | FORESTERS HALL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| GGS2 | UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL | GGS2 | UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL | | |
| GGS3 | THE OLD VICARAGE | GGS3 | THE OLD VICARAGE | | |
| GGS4 | BYRON SCHOOL | GGS4 | BYRON SCHOOL | | |

WARD: HEMPSTEAD AND WIGMORE

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| GHW1 | HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE | GHW1 | HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so continue to be used. |
| GHW2 | WIGMORE LIBRARY | GHW2 | WIGMORE LIBRARY | | |

WARD: LORDSWOOD AND CAPSTONE

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| CLC1 | LORDSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL | CLC1 | LORDSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. Despite works being undertaken to reflect the merger of Lordswoods schools the Junior School will be available for the May 2011 elections. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2010 so continue to be used |
| CLC2 | ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL | CLC2 | ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL | | |
| CLC3 | SHAWSTEAD HOUSE | CLC3 | SHAWSTEAD HOUSE | | |

WARD: LUTON AND WAYFIELD

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| CLW1 | CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE | CLW1 | CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so continue to be used |
| CLW2 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH | CLW2 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH | | |
| CLW3 | THE COMMUNITYCENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA | CLW3 | THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA | | |
| CLW4 | WAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL | CLW4 | WAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |

WARD: PENINSULA

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RP1 | THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING | RP1 | THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING | All polling districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. In light of possible need for a double station for the number of electors in RP4, Hoo Village Hall has been identified as a suitable alternative for Hoo Jubilee Hall. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments received so all other polling stations continue to be used |
| RP2 | HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL | RP2 | HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL | | |
| RP3 | BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO | RP3 | BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO | | |
| RP4 | HOO JUBILEE HALL | RP4 | HOO VILLAGE HALL | | |
| RP5 | HOO NESS YACHT CLUB | RP5 | HOO NESS YACHT CLUB | | |
| RP6 | FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM | RP6 | FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM | | |
| RP7 | STOKE VILLAGE HALL | RP7 | STOKE VILLAGE HALL | | |
| RP8 | ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL | RP8 | ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL | | |
| RP9 | GRAIN VILLAGE HALL | RP9 | GRAIN VILLAGE HALL | | |

WARD: PRINCES PARK

| POLLING DISTRICT /POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| CPP1/CP P2 | CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING | CPP1/CPP 2 | CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING | Kingfisher School became unavailable prior to the General Election and Church of Christ the King was used as an alternative. It is located in the polling district of CPP2 so that is proposed as the polling place for continued use. All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| CPP2 | MAUNDENE SCHOOL | CPP2 | MAUNDENE SCHOOL | | |

WARD: RAINHAM CENTRAL

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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| GRC1 | ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL | GRC1 | ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. Access to Wigmore Evangelical Church Free Hall was raised as a problem and has now been investigated and a portable ramp will be provided. No other adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so continue to be used |
| GRC2 | WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL | GRC2 | WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL | | |
| GRC3 | SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL | GRC3 | SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL | | |

WARD: RAINHAM NORTH

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| | | | | | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all other polling stations continue to be used |
| GRN1 | SUFFOLK COURT | GRN1 | SUFFOLK COURT | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | |
| GRN2 | RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL | GRN2 | RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| GRN3 | RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK | GRN3 | RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK | | |
| GRN4 | STATION OASTS | GRN4 | STATION OASTS | | |

WARD: RAINHAM SOUTH

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| | | | | | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| GRS1 | ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN | GRS1 | ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. At the request of Abbey Court School, the site on Long Catlis Road is proposed as an alternative to Deanwood PET school to resolve operational difficulties and so that Abbey Court can offer training on polling days to all their staff, including those on the other site at Strood. | |
| GRS2 | MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL | GRS2 | MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| GRS3 | DEANWOOD P.E.T SCHOOL | GRS3 | ABBAY COURT SCHOOL, LONG CATLIS ROAD | | |
| GRS4 | UNITED SERVICES CLUB | GRS4 | UNITED SERVICES CLUB | | |

WARD: RIVER

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| GR1 | ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE | RR1 | ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. Comments made about accessibility at Emmaus Church and a temporary ramp will be provided in future. No other adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 or either bye-elections so all polling stations continue to be used. |
| GR2 | MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE | RR2 | MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE | | |
| RR3 | ST GEORGE'S HOTEL NEW ROAD AVENUE | RR3 | ST GEORGE'S HOTEL NEW ROAD AVENUE | | |
| RR4 | EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER ST | RR4 | EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER ST | | |

WARD: ROCHESTER EAST

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RRE1 | ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE | RRE1 | ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. Delce Junior School was unavailable prior to the General Election and St Justus Church was identified as an alternative. It is proposed to continue to use this as the polling station for RRE3. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| RRE2 | PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD | RRE2 | PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD | | |
| RRE3 | ST JUSTUS CHURCH | RRE3 | ST JUSTUS CHURCH | | |

WARD: ROCHESTER SOUTH AND HORSTED

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RRS1 | BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL | RRS1 | BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 election so all polling stations continue to be used. |
| RRS2 | WARREN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL | RRS2 | WARREN WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| RRS3 | THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE | RRS3 | THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE | | |
| RRS4 | ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH | RRS4 | ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH | | |

WARD: ROCHESTER WEST

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RRW1 | ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB | RRW1 | ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| RRW2 | BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL | RRW2 | BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL | | |
| RRW3 | SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB | RRW3 | SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB | | |
| RRW4 | ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL | RRW4 | ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL | | |
| RRW5 | ST MARGARET'S CHURCH | RRW5 | ST MARGARET'S CHURCH | | |

WARD: STROOD NORTH

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RSN1 | ABBAY COURT SCHOOL | RSN1 | ABBAY COURT SCHOOL | The part of Strood Academy used as a polling station is located in polling district RSR8 so it is proposed that the polling place for the polling district RSN4 is designated as RSR8 All other Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections. It is also noted that an alternative for Strood Academy may need to be identified in the future. |
| RSN2 | STROOD LIBRARY | RSN2 | STROOD LIBRARY | | |
| RSN3 | PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH | RSN3 | PENINSULA METHODIST CHURCH | | |
| RSN4 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD | RSN4/RSR 8 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD | | |
| RSN5 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH | RSN5 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH | | |

WARD: STROOD RURAL

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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| RSR1 | CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL | RSR1 | CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used although it is noted that an alternative may need to be identified for Strood Academy in the future. |
| RSR2 | CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL | RSR2 | CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL | | |
| RSR3 | CHATTENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL | RSR3 | CHATTENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| RSR4 | WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL | RSR4 | WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| RSR5 | FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB | RSR5 | FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB | | |
| RSR6 | HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL | RSR6 | HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| RSR7 | MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT | RSR7 | MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT | | |
| RSR8 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD | RSR8 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD | | |

WARD: STROOD SOUTH

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| RSS1 | MOBILE POLLING HUT, DARNLEY ROAD FAMILY CENTRE | RSS1 | BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | The Professional Development Centre in Albatross Avenue became unavailable prior to the General Election and it was not possible to identify a suitable permanent alternative. A mobile polling hut was eventually sited at the Family Centre at Darnley Road. The costs of this are prohibitive for continued use. Bligh Infants School has been identified as a permanent alternative for future use. Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| RSS2 | ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL | RSS2 | ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL | | |
| RSS3 | SHERWIN KNIGHT INFANT SCHOOL | RSS3 | SHERWIN KNIGHT INFANT SCHOOL | | |
| RSS4 | STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD | RSS4 | STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH, DARNLEY RD | | |

WARD: TWYDALL

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| GT1 | FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL | GT1 | FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate | Although the merger of Twydall schools is to take place, the works to the buildings are not due to start until after May 2010 so it will be available for the May 2010 elections. Support the proposals. No adverse comments about polling stations at May 2010 elections so all polling stations continue to be used |
| GT2 | TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH | GT2 | TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH | | |
| GT3 | TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL | GT3 | TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL | | |

WARD: WALDESLADE

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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| | | | | | Support the proposals. No adverse comments about other polling stations at May 2010 so continue to be used |
| CW1 | HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE | CW1 | HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE | All Polling Districts (as Polling Place) are appropriate for the electorate. | |
| CW2 | ST WILLIAMS CHURCH | CW2 | ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH | | |

WARD: WATLING

| POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | EXISTING POLLING STATION | PROPOSALS | | REASONS FOR DECISION | RETURNING OFFICERS COMMENTS |
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| | | POLLING DISTRICT/ POLLING PLACE | POLLING STATION | | |
| | | | | | Support the proposals. No adverse comments received on polling stations at May 2010 elections so other polling stations continue to be used |
| GW1 | GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH | GW1 | GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH | It has still not been possible to identify a suitable alternative polling station for electors in Polling District GW2 so it is proposed that the polling place for that polling district is GW1 and voters continue to be allocated to the Blue Room, Gillingham Methodist Church. | |
| GW2 | GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH | GW2/GW1 | BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH | | |
| GW3 | STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB | GW3 | STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB | | |

SCHEDULE OF POLLING STATIONS AS RECOMMENDED BY RETURNING OFFICER FOR ALL ELECTIONS

| POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE | RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION |
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| CCC1 | ST JOHN'S INFANT SCHOOL |
| CCC2 | NEW ROAD SCHOOL |
| CCC3 | GLENCOE JUNIOR SCHOOL |
| CCC4 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH, MAGPIE HALL RD |
| RCH1 | SCOUT HUT, BUSH ROAD |
| RCH2 | 95 PILGRIMS ROAD |
| RCH3 | HALLING COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| RCH4 | HALLING JUBILEE HALL |
| GGN1 | ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST CHURCH HALL |
| GGN2 | GOSPEL HALL, SKINNER STREET |
| GGN3 | PAROCHIAL HALL |
| GGN4 | QUEEN ELIZABETH & CASTLEMAINE SCOUT HUT |
| GGS1 | FORESTERS HALL |
| GGS2 | UNITED REFORM CHURCH HALL |
| GGS3 | THE OLD VICARAGE |
| GGS4 | BYRON SCHOOL |
| GHW1 | HEMPSTEAD SCOUT CENTRE |
| GHW2 | WIGMORE LIBRARY |
| CLC1 | LORDSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL |
| CLC2 | ST DAVID'S CHURCH HALL |
| CLC3 | SHAWSTEAD HOUSE |
| CLW1 | CHRISTCHURCH COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| CLW2 | ALL SAINTS CHURCH |
| CLW3 | THE COMMUNITY CENTRE – STONE CROSS LEA |
| CLW4 | WAYFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| RP1 | THE VILLAGE HALL, COOLING |
| RP2 | HIGH HALSTOW RECREATION HALL |
| RP3 | BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY, HOO |
| RP4 | HOO JUBILEE HALL |
| RP5 | HOO NESS YACHT CLUB |
| RP6 | FENN BELL INN FUNCTION ROOM |
| RP7 | STOKE VILLAGE HALL |
| RP8 | ALLHALLOWS VILLAGE HALL |
| RP9 | GRAIN VILLAGE HALL |
| CPP1 | CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING |
| CPP2 | MAUNDENE SCHOOL |
| GRC1 | ST MARGARET'S CE JUNIOR SCHOOL |
| GRC2 | WIGMORE EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH HALL |
| GRC3 | SMALLHOLDERS CLUB HALL |
| GRN1 | SUFFOLK COURT |
| GRN2 | RIVERSIDE PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| GRN3 | RIVERSIDE COUNTRY PARK RESOURCE CENTRE |
| GRN4 | STATION OASTS |

| POLLING DISTRICT | RECOMMENDED POLLING STATION |
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| GRS1 | ST PAUL'S CHURCH, PARKWOOD GREEN |
| GRS2 | MIERSCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| GRS3 | ABBEY COURT SCHOOL, RAINHAM SITE |
| GRS4 | UNITED SERVICES CLUB |
| RR1 | ST MARY'S ISLAND COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| RR2 | MELVILLE & BROMPTON RESOURCE CENTRE |
| RR3 | ST GEORGE'S HOTEL, NEW ROAD |
| RR4 | EMMAUS CHURCH, CLOVER STREET |
| RRE1 | ST MARGARET'S AT TROY TOWN CE |
| RRE2 | PARISH CENTRE, DELCE ROAD |
| RRE3 | ST JUSTUS CHURCH |
| RRS1 | BALFOUR INFANTS SCHOOL |
| RRS2 | WARREN WOOD RIMARY SCHOOL |
| RRS3 | THE DAVIS ESTATE COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| RRS4 | ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH |
| RRW1 | ROCHESTER CRUISING CLUB |
| RRW2 | BORSTAL VILLAGE HALL |
| RRW3 | SHERWOOD CRICKET CLUB |
| RRW4 | ST JOHN RC PARISH HALL |
| RRW5 | ST MARGARET'S CHURCH |
| RSN1 | ABBEY COURT SCHOOL |
| RSN2 | STROOD LIBRARY |
| RSN3 | STROOD METHODIST CHURCH, CLIFFE RD |
| RSN4 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD |
| RSN5 | ALL SAINT'S CHURCH HALL, CHURCH GREEN |
| RSR1 | CLIFFE MEMORIAL HALL |
| RSR2 | CLIFFE WOODS VILLAGE HALL |
| RSR3 | CHATTENDEN PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| RSR4 | WAINSCOTT PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| RSR5 | FRINDSBURY CRICKET CLUB |
| RSR6 | HILLTOP PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| RSR7 | MEMORIAL HALL, WAINSCOTT |
| RSR8 | STROOD ACADEMY, BROMPTON FARM RD |
| RSS1 | BLIGH INFANTS SCHOOL |
| RSS2 | ELAINE PRIMARY SCHOOL |
| RSS3 | SHERWIN KNIGHT INFANT SCHOOL |
| RSS4 | STROOD EVANGELICAL CHURCH |
| GT1 | FEATHERBY INFANTS SCHOOL |
| GT2 | TWYDALL EVANGELICAL CHURCH |
| GT3 | TWYDALL JUNIOR SCHOOL |
| CW1 | HOOK MEADOW COMMUNITY CENTRE |
| CW2 | ST WILLIAM'S CHURCH |
| GW1 | GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH |
| GW2 | BLUE ROOM, GILLINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH |
| GW3 | STAR MEADOW SPORTS & SOCIAL CLUB |