

APPENDIX 1

Polling Places and Polling Station Review - Proposals and Feedback

The following tables outline the changes that are being proposed to the polling place and polling station within existing polling districts. The changes are being proposed either because the polling place that was previously used is no longer available or in order to improve the experience for electors in Northampton.

Borough Ward	Delapre & Briar Hill				Polling District	SDBD
No. councillors	3					
County Division	Delapre			Constituency	South	
Parish	None			Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	St Mary's Church Rooms					
Address	St Mary's Church					
	Abbey Road					
	Northampton			Post Code	NN4 8EZ	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing	X	New		Change	X
Feedback and summary of the proposal	<p>Feedback was received, from one of the ward councillors, that Far Cotton Community Centre was too small to host 3 polling stations. It was also asked whether a polling station could be identified closer to the properties in SDBD. It is therefore proposed to allocate St Mary's Church Rooms as the Polling Station for electors in SDBD. There will therefore be two polling stations in this polling place, but it is considered large enough for this purpose. St Mary's Church Rooms are a similar distance from electors in SBDB, but this is less than a mile and therefore considered to be a reasonable distance to travel on foot. The other ward councillors have been informed of the proposal and are supportive of it.</p>					
Polling Station used previously: Far Cotton Community Centre						

Borough Ward	East Hunsbury				Polling District	SNEHF
No. councillors	2					
County Division	West Hunsbury			Constituency	South Northants.	
Parish	Wootton & East Hunsbury			Parish Ward	Grange Ward	
Polling Station	Grangewood Club					
	50 Barn Owl Close					
	East Hunsbury					
	Northampton			Post Code	NN5 0UA	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing	X	New		Change	X
Feedback and summary of the proposal	<p>Feedback was received from one of the ward councillors that it would be more practical for electors in SNEHF to vote at the Grangewood Club and electors in SNEHG to vote at the Abbey Centre Baptist Church because the Grangewood Club is located at the heart of polling district SNEHF and the Abbey Centre Baptist Church is closer to the majority of properties in SNEHG.</p>					
Polling Station used previously: Abbey Centre Baptist Church						

Borough Ward	East Hunsbury			Polling District	SNEHG	
No. councillors	2					
County Division	West Hunsbury			Constituency	South Northants.	
Parish	Wootton & East Hunsbury			Parish Ward	Grange Ward	
Polling Station	Abbey Centre Baptist Church					
Address	Overslade Close					
	East Hunsbury					
	Northampton			Post Code	NN4 0RZ	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing	X	New		Change	X Polling Station used previously: Grangewood Club
Feedback and summary of the proposal	Feedback was received from one of the ward councillors that it would be more practical for electors in SNEHF to vote at the Grangewood Club and electors in SNEHG to vote at the Abbey Centre Baptist Church because the Grangewood Club is located at the heart of polling district SNEHF and the Abbey Centre Baptist Church is closer to the majority of properties in SNEHG.					

Borough Ward	Rectory Farm			Polling District	NRFD	
No. councillors	1					
County Division	Lumbertubs			Constituency	North	
Parish	None			Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	Blackthorn Community Centre					
Address	Longmead Court					
	Blackthorn					
	Northampton			Post Code	NN3 8QD	
Polling Station / Place	Existing		New	X	Change	X Polling Station used previously: Arlbury Road Community Room
Notes	Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer at Arlbury Road Community Room that the venue was too small to accommodate three polling stations. A new venue has therefore been identified in this area at Blackthorn Community Centre. The venue has been visited and deemed suitable for use as a polling station. Electors will be advised of the change to their polling station on their Poll Card and the Ward Councillor has been informed and is supportive of the proposal.					

Borough Ward	Semilong			Polling District	NSMA	
No. councillors	1					
County Division	Kingsthorpe			Constituency	North	
Parish	None			Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	Holy Trinity Church Hall					
	Edinburgh Road					
	Queens Park					
	Northampton			Post Code	NN2 6PH	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing		New		Change	X Polling Station used previously: Kingsthorpe Community Centre
Feedback and summary of the proposal	Feedback was received from one of the ward councillors, a presiding officer and a member of the public that Kingsthorpe Community Centre is too far to walk for residents in NSMA and NSMB. It is therefore proposed that electors in Polling District NSMA are allocated to the polling station in Holy Trinity Church Hall. There will be three polling stations in this polling place, but with less than 400 electors allocated to polling districts NSMB and NSMA it is deemed that the polling place will be large enough to accommodate the increased electorate.					

Borough Ward	Semilong				Polling District	NSMB	
No. councillors	1						
County Division	Kingsley				Constituency	North	
Parish	None				Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	Holy Trinity Church Hall						
	Edinburgh Road						
	Queens Park						
	Northampton				Post Code	NN2 6PH	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing	X	New		Change	X	Polling Station used previously: Kingsthorpe Community Centre
Feedback and summary of the proposal	Feedback was received from one of the ward councillors, a presiding officer and a member of the public that Kingsthorpe Community Centre is too far to walk for residents in NSMA and NSMB. It is therefore proposed that electors in Polling District NSMB are allocated to the polling station in Holy Trinity Church Hall. There will be three polling stations in this polling place, but with less than 400 electors allocated to polling districts NSMB and NSMA it is deemed that the polling place will be large enough to accommodate the increased electorate.						

Borough Ward	Talavera				Polling District	STVF	
No. councillors	2						
County Division	Ecton Brook				Constituency	South	
Parish					Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	Northampton Church of Christ						
Address	Shadowfax Drive						
	Overstone Lodge						
	Northampton				Post Code	NN3 8DB	
Polling Station / Place	Existing	X	New		Change	X	Polling Station used previously: Rectory Farm Community Centre
Notes	Feedback was received from the Presiding Officer at Rectory Farm Community Centre that the venue was too small to accommodate three polling stations. It is therefore proposed that electors from polling district STVF vote at Northampton Church of Christ on Shadowfax Drive. This is a similar distance to Rectory Farm Community Centre where they previously voted. The polling place at the Church of the Christ will therefore accommodate two polling stations, as it has done in the past. The ward councillors have been informed of the proposal and a positive response has been received from one of them, with no response from the other as yet.						

Borough Ward	Westone				Polling District	NWTA	
No. councillors	1						
County Division	Headlands				Constituency	North	
Parish	None				Parish Ward	N/A	
Polling Station	Northampton College						
Address	Booth Lane						
	Northampton				Post Code	NN3 3RF	
Polling Station / Polling Place	Existing		New	X	Change	X	Polling Station used previously: Bective Mobile, Russell House
Feedback and summary of the proposal	The Returning Officer has been informed that Bective Mobile is no longer available for use as a polling station. A new location has therefore been identified at Northampton College. The venue has been visited and deemed suitable for use as a polling station. Electors will be advised of the change to their polling station on their Poll Card and the ward councillor has been informed and is supportive of the proposal.						