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To all Members of the Council

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# Agenda

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To be said by Father Angel Ochagavia CMF

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# Agenda Item 2

## Minutes

### COUNCIL

8 September 2011

Meeting held at Council Chamber - Civic Centre, High Street, Uxbridge UB8 1UW



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Councillor Mary O'Connor (Mayor)  
Councillor Michael Markham (Deputy Mayor)

	<p><b>MEMBERS PRESENT:</b></p> <p>Councillors: Lynne Allen Janet Gardner John Major Tim Barker Sid Garg (in part) Carol Melvin Josephine Barrett Roshan Ghei Douglas Mills David Benson Dominic Gilham Richard Mills Jonathan Bianco Raymond Graham John Morgan Lindsay Bliss Paul Harmsworth June Nelson Sukhpal Brar Shirley Harper-O'Neill Susan O'Brien Wayne Bridges John Hensley David Payne Mike Bull Henry Higgins Ray Puddifoot Keith Burrows Patricia Jackson Andrew Retter Paul Buttivant Phoday Jarjussey John Riley George Cooper Sandra Jenkins David Routledge Judith Cooper Alan Kauffman Avtar Sandhu Philip Corthorne Judy Kelly Robin Sansarpuri Brian Crowe Peter Kemp Scott Seaman-Digby Peter Curling Mo Khursheed David Simmonds Catherine Dann Kuldeep Lakhmana Brian Stead Jazz Dhillon Eddie Lavery David Yarrow Neil Fyfe Richard Lewis</p>
	<p><b>OFFICERS PRESENT:</b> Hugh Dunnachie, Linda Sanders, Paul Whaymand, Bill Ogden, Raj Alagh, Lloyd White and Nikki O'Halloran</p>
	<p><b>PRAYERS</b></p> <p>Prayers were said by Father Philip Blandford.</p>
23.	<p><b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> (<i>Agenda Item 1</i>)</p> <p>Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Allam, Baker, Barnes, Duncan, East, MacDonald and White.</p> <p>Those present were advised that the Mayor had given permission for a number of Members to use IT equipment to view the agenda during the meeting.</p>
24.	<p><b>MINUTES</b> (<i>Agenda Item 2</i>)</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2011 be agreed as a correct record.</p>

25.	<p><b>MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> (<i>Agenda Item 4</i>)</p> <p>The Mayor announced that, since the start of her Mayoralty, the number of events that had been attended by the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and past Mayors on the Mayor's behalf totalled 217. It was noted that a substantial amount of money had been raised for the Mayor's charities during this period.</p> <p>Members were advised that the Mayor's Quiz Night would be taking place in the Middlesex Suite on Tuesday 13 September 2011.</p>
26.	<p><b>REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES</b> (<i>Agenda Item 5</i>)</p> <p><b>(i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS</b></p> <p>Councillor Puddifoot moved the recommendation as set out on the Order of Business. This was seconded by Councillor Bianco, then put to the vote and agreed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the Urgency decisions detailed in the report be noted.</b></p>
27.	<p><b>HILLINGDON LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK: PRE-SUBMISSION DRAFT CORE STRATEGY</b> (<i>Agenda Item 6</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Burrows moved the recommendations as set out on the Order of Business. This was seconded by Councillor D Mills. Following debate (Councillors Khursheed and Puddifoot), the motion was put to the vote and agreed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Local Development Framework Pre-Submission Draft Core Strategy</b></li> <li><b>2. Schedule of Proposed Changes</b></li> <li><b>3. Report of Consultations on the Pre-Submission Draft Core Strategy</b></li> <li><b>4. Consultation Statement for the Consultation Draft Core Strategy; and</b></li> <li><b>5. Final Sustainability Appraisal Report</b></li> </ol> <p><b>be submitted to the Secretary of State for formal examination and that the Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Planning, Environment, Education &amp; Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling, be authorised to make any further minor amendments required during the examination stage.</b></p>
28.	<p><b>HILLINGDON CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRUST PLAN 2011-14</b> (<i>Agenda Item 7</i>)</p> <p>Councillor Simmonds moved the recommendation as set out on the Order of Business. This was seconded by Councillor Riley. Following debate (Councillor Curling), the motion was put to the vote and agreed.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED: That the Hillingdon Children and Families Trust Plan 2011-2014, as set out in the Appendix of the report, be adopted.</b></p>
29.	<p><b>MEMBERS' QUESTIONS</b> (<i>Agenda Item 8</i>)</p> <p><b>8.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR FYFE TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND CHILDRENS' SERVICES – COUNCILLOR SIMMONDS</b></p>

“Would the Cabinet Member for Education and Children’s Services assure me that there will be no delay in the delivery, or the quality of provision, of the required number of new primary school places in Hayes to ensure that every child in Hayes has a school place close to where they live?”

Councillor Simmonds responded that the Council had no intention of providing children in Hillingdon with a sub-standard education. He advised that the Council sought to ensure that the new primary school places in Hayes would be of at least an equal standard to all other school places.

Councillor Simmonds acknowledged that there had recently been a lot of debate in the media about free schools. He noted that facilities and buildings existed within the Borough that were of an adequate standard and could be used for education purposes but that the Council had a clear agenda to ensure that its education provision met high standards in terms of teaching and facilities.

Councillor Simmonds advised that the decision to build on green belt land was a difficult one but that the Council would not shy away from making difficult decisions. With regard to the possibility of building on contaminated land, Councillor Simmonds stated that this was not an option that would be considered.

Councillor Fyfe, by way of a supplementary question, asked whether the freedoms provided by the Academies Act 2010 would assist in the provision of high education standards.

Councillor Simmonds responded that, currently, more than half of the schools in the Borough were Academies and that there were more schools that were considering the possibility of becoming Academies. He stated that it would be for each school to consider what benefits Academy status would bring them. He also noted that there were a number of free school providers in the process of creation.

## **8.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR RICHARD MILLS TO THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL – COUNCILLOR PUDDIFOOT**

“Whilst we appreciate the current national economic position, in Hillingdon we appear to be doing better financially than many other local authorities, so will the Leader of the Council consider recommending to Cabinet that funding be allocated to the ward budget initiative that was so popular with Members and residents in the last Administration?”

In reference to the Council’s economic position, Councillor Puddifoot responded that Cabinet, at its meeting on 28 July 2011, had received a report on the outturn to 31 March 2011. The 2010/11 savings target had initially been set at £10m but that, as a result of a £2.9m reduction in Government funding and a £2.5m adjustment for losses on banking investments, this had been revised to approximately £15.5m. Although all councils had been faced with similar challenges, Hillingdon had acted early to ensure that its budget balanced – this meant that there had been no library closures, no Council Tax increases and the number of redundancies had been kept to a minimum. As a result, Hillingdon had achieved its £15.5m in savings as well as an additional £3.6m.

Councillor Puddifoot stated that the savings target for 2011/2012 had been set at £16m and that, by the end of July 2011, the Council was £1.4m ahead of target. In light of this excellent performance, the Leader was pleased to announce that the

Ward Budget Initiative would be reinstated from 1 October 2011. Each Ward would be allocated £15k for the last six months of the financial year on largely similar terms as before. However, this time any Ward Budget left over at the end of the year could be carried forward into the subsequent year. Councillor Puddifoot advised that more information about the Ward Budgets would be available in due course. It was noted that the total cost of the Ward Budget initiative in 2011/2012 would be £330k which would be in addition to the £1m Chrysalis funding that was available.

Councillor Puddifoot stated that, despite the difficult economic times, Hillingdon would continue to deliver good services to its residents.

There was no supplementary question.

30. **MOTIONS** (*Agenda Item 9*)

**9.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR NELSON**

Councillor Nelson moved the following motion:

“This Council recognises the importance of Black History Month locally, nationally and internationally. This Council will endeavour to protect and actively uphold the history, heritage and culture of all its residents.

The Council seems to have forgotten why Black History Month (BHM) was launched in 1987 in the UK under the African Jubilee year declaration. The Declaration bound Councils to undertake to organise events that publicise, encourage and implement the tenets of the Declaration. There was also a commitment to promote positive imagery, achievements and contributions of Africans at home and abroad over a wide range of endeavours, plus naming buildings, parks or monuments or streets after notable Africans, such as the CLR James Library in Hackney, and Mandela Street in Camden.

The purpose of BHM is to empower Africans who are generally marginalised and disadvantaged on numerous fronts, to increase their self-worth and knowledge, and indeed for the wider community to also learn more about the achievements of Africans, which are not often found in mainstream education or media.

Over the last two years this Council has not marked Black History Month. Residents and groups of African origin have raised concern that over the last two years this Council has used the month of October to celebrate Hillingdon history month instead of recognising October as Black History Month where the focus should be on the history of people of African descent.

I call upon this Council to re-focus the month of October as the month to celebrate African history.”

The motion was seconded by Councillor Allen. Following debate (**Councillors Corthorne, Gilham, Higgins, Major, D Mills and Puddifoot**), the motion was put to a recorded vote.

Those voting for: Councillors Allen, Bliss, Curling, Dhillon, Gardner, Ghei, Harmsworth, Jarjussey, Khursheed, Lakhmana, Major, Nelson, Sandhu and Sansarpuri.

Those voting against: The Mayor (Councillor O'Connor), the Deputy Mayor



	<p>(Councillor Markham), Councillors Barker, Barrett, Benson, Bianco, Brar, Bridges, Bull, Burrows, Buttivant, G Cooper, J Cooper, Corthorne, Crowe, Dann, Fyfe, Gilham, Graham, Harper-O'Neill, Hensley, Higgins, Jackson, Jenkins, Kauffman, Kelly, Kemp, Lavery, Lewis, Melvin, D Mills, R Mills, Morgan, O'Brien, Payne, Puddifoot, Retter, Riley, Routledge, Seaman-Digby, Simmonds, Stead and Yarrow.</p> <p>Those abstaining: None.</p> <p>The motion was lost.</p>
	<p>The meeting, which commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 8.27 pm.</p>

These are the minutes of the above meeting. For more information on any of the resolutions please contact Lloyd White, Head of Democratic Services on 01895 556743. Circulation of these minutes is to Councillors, Officers, the Press and Members of the Public.

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## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

### 5.1 QUESTION FROM MR DAVID BISHOP OF LICHFIELD ROAD, NORTHWOOD HILLS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS

I would like to ask the Leader of the Council, Councillor Ray *Puddifoot* (*question referred to Councillor Burrows as Lead Cabinet Member*), if the residential roads around Northwood Hills station can be designated as a resident's only permitted parking area, to prevent the growing encroachment of commuters and non-residents vehicles, which is rapidly turning Northwood Hills into a free car park?

We pay our Council Tax to Hillingdon Council, the commuters and non-residents who park daily and often for weeks at a time, do not. The official car park in Green Lane, Northwood is two thirds empty, therefore a parking management scheme in Northwood Hills would encourage commuters to pay and use the car park and would thus generate additional revenue for the Council.

As Council Tax payers we residents expect our gutters to be swept and the gullies emptied, something which cannot and has not been done for years. Social services, carers and emergency vehicles, tradesmen and visitors vehicles have been unable to park in our residential roads for years because of "crowding out" by commuters and non-residents.

Despite initial resistance to a parking scheme in Northwood and Eastcote, local residents have the Labour administration of 1994-1998 to thank for the imposition of the current arrangements around their stations and if they were removed now to allow unfettered parking in surrounding residential roads you would have a riot on your hands and certainly lose a lot of votes.

Northwood Hills is the only station in the London Borough of Hillingdon that does not have a parking management scheme surrounding it. Despite numerous petitions in the past, the response from Hillingdon Council has been complete inertia and your three councillors who are supposed to represent us and work together as a team, fail to support their local community.

I would suggest that the £15,000 ward budget initiative as well as the £400,000 set aside and possible bid outcome from the GLA be used for a scheme to deter commuter and non-residential parking; to put local residents first; improve the environment and enable Northwood Hills to be a civilised place in which to live.

With the Olympic Games attracting millions of visitors to London next year and parking conditions intensified to 24/7 by Westminster Council, parking around outer London Zone 6 stations will be in greater demand, I seek an assurance that prompt action will be taken to address and rectify the problem for Northwood Hills residents.

**5.2 QUESTION FROM MR COLIN SHELLARD OF HILLIARD ROAD, NORTHWOOD TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND RECYCLING - COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Can Councillor Burrows please tell me why I have not received an acknowledgement or response from the London Borough of Hillingdon to the petition I submitted last year in April 2010, requesting a residents' only parking scheme for Hilliard Road, details of which with three options was provided by the traffic engineers department and have the parking stress and speed survey been carried out?

I am the lead petitioner and I understood that a democratic survey was going to be carried out, asking every household for their opinion on the preferred option. This does not appear to have been done and I have not received any information from our local Councillors. The situation in our road is becoming progressively worse; more flats in Pinner Road are being created which will add to the existing parking stress we are already suffering. In addition an application for a conversion from a house to flats has been refused three times on the grounds of insufficient street parking. Hilliard Road has a very high percentage of terraced housing with no front garden or driveway parking. Parking space for residents is severely restricted. If you really believe in this administration's pledge to put "residents first" I would appreciate your co-operation and support please to implement a suitable parking management scheme as soon as possible, intended to be for the benefit of the majority of residents. If not please advise me one way or the other.

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

### (i) URGENT IMPLEMENTATION OF DECISIONS

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Urgency decisions detailed below be noted.

#### Information

1. The Constitution allows a Cabinet or Cabinet Member decision to be implemented before the expiry of the 5 day call-in provided there is agreement from the Chairman of the Executive Scrutiny Committee to waive this. All such decisions are to be reported for information only to the full Council.
2. Recently the following decisions have been made using the Council's urgency procedures:
  - 11 October 2011 – a decision by the Cabinet Member for Finance, Property & Business Services on the appointment of a consultant for a transport assessment at the Hillingdon House Farm site.
  - 20 October 2011 - a decision by the Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Member for Culture, Sport & Leisure on the provision of the temporary Ice Rink at Christmas.

BACKGROUND PAPERS: Decision Notices

### (ii) AMENDMENT TO SCHEME OF DELEGATIONS

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the Scheme of Officer Delegations be amended as follows:

**To the Deputy Chief Executive, Corporate Director of Planning, Environment, Education & Community Services:**

1. To take all procedural steps necessary prior to deciding whether to give a direction to admit a child in the borough to a specified voluntary aided or foundation school in accordance with section 97 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
2. To issue a direction to admit a child in the borough to a specified voluntary aided or foundation school in accordance with section 96 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.
3. To request an Academy to admit a child in the Borough to it.

#### Information

1. Members are asked to approve the proposed amendment as detailed above as there is no current delegation to officers in the Constitution.

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## POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2011

*Reporting Officers: Head of Democratic Services and Electoral Services Manager*

### SUMMARY

1. Under the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, the Council has a statutory duty to conduct a review of its polling districts and polling places, which must be completed by 31 December 2011. The first such review was completed in 2007.
2. The aim of the review is to seek to ensure that:
  - (a) all the electors in the borough have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
  - (b) so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors, including those with disabilities.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the proposed changes for the polling arrangements within the Borough be approved.**

### INFORMATION

3. The aim of the exercise was to make voting more convenient to electors, providing places that are well located within communities, avoiding road safety hazards and using any existing boundaries (i.e. open space land, railway lines etc) but with an eye to economising where possible – particularly in view of the number of electors who now choose to vote by post.

### DEFINITION OF TERMS

4. To ensure clarity in discussing issues arising from the review the following definitions are used:
  - **polling district;** a geographical sub-division of an electoral area i.e. a UK parliamentary constituency, a European parliamentary electoral region, a ward or an electoral division.
  - **polling place;** a geographical area in which a polling station is located. However, as there is no legal definition of what a polling place is, the geographical area could be defined as tightly as a particular building or as widely as the entire polling district.
  - **polling station;** the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district.

### REVIEW PROCESS

5. The preliminary stage of the review involved giving notice that the Council was conducting a review. A public notice of the review was published on 4 July 2011. Notices were published at the Council Offices, in Hillingdon People, on the council website, and were sent to all Councillors, the three local MP's, various

residents associations, community groups and libraries. Views were invited from residents, local political parties and councillors as well as such persons as the Council thinks have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability, as well as local community groups. Documentation provided included ward maps showing polling station locations as well as polling boundaries and also the electorate served by each polling area. The notice indicated that the consultation would conclude on 30 September 2011.

6. There is no requirement to change existing arrangements if it is felt that these are suitable, but consultation must take place so that the process is seen to be open and fair and any decision to make no change must be clearly supported.
7. The Returning Officer must comment on all existing polling stations and any proposed or possible new ones. His comments were included in the consultation documents issued.
8. The final stage of the review is for Council to consider all the proposals and comments received, approve and then publish the results of the review.
9. Existing polling districts and polling stations have been reviewed and proposals for changes prepared where appropriate. There is no requirement to change any existing arrangements. However any change or decision to make no change must be supported by a reason, such as that the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.
10. The final proposals must be approved by the Council in November 2011, so that changes to existing arrangements can be made to the new Register of Electors to be published on 1 December 2011. However, the completion of this review does not preclude reviewing polling places further should circumstances change e.g. a better venue becomes available or an existing polling place is no longer available.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

11. Public consultation was an essential part of the review, the costs being met from existing budgets. The net effect of the proposals would produce a cost reduction on polling location costs of approx' £2000. For all but local elections this cost does not fall to be met by the authority.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

12. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 and the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places [Parliamentary Elections] Regulations 2006 together place a duty on all local authorities to review all polling districts and polling places every four years. This report seeks to give effect to this duty'.



## EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES

13. The aim of the exercise is to make voting more convenient to electors, providing places that are well located within communities, avoiding road safety hazards and using any existing boundaries.
14. The review is based on the number of electors on the current register of electors. The borough currently has 82 polling districts. Each polling district should serve approximately equal numbers of electors and Polling locations should be 'logical' i.e. electors should not have to travel past another polling place to get to their own and none should be shared by different wards.
15. This exercise does not allow the movement of ward boundaries. Any issues relating to this would be dealt with as a different exercise. This is merely to determine whether the electors in each ward are best served by the current polling arrangements.
16. The Wards where the consultation has produced proposals for change are summarised below. The detail of all wards are attached as an appendix. Maps showing all the proposed polling stations are available as a background document, in the Group offices and on the website.

Ward	Recommendation
<b>Botwell</b>	HB6 – Rosedale College, Wood End Green Road and HB3 – 9 <sup>th</sup> Hayes Scout Hut, Chestnut Close – combine at Rosedale College as the Scout Hut is a difficult location to access, producing on polling area of 3124 electors.
<b>Heathrow Villages</b>	HD6 – Mobile unit, Oxford Avenue – relocate to HD5 by amalgamating polling areas HD5 and HD6 to produce one polling area of 3895 electors.
<b>Hillingdon East</b>	UC2 - Oak Farm Library Sutton Court Road - remove polling district and relocate electors to following polling districts:  UC1 - Royal British Legion, Uxbridge Road (778 electors) (roads affected - Baxter Road, Brampton Road, Charville Lane West, Long Lane (part), Redwood Close, The Dingle, The Larches)  and UC3 - Oak Farm School Nursery Unit, Windsor Avenue (764 electors) (roads affected - Clifton Gardens, Long Lane (part), Oakdene Road, Silver Way, Snowden Avenue, Sutton Court Road)
<b>Northwood Hills</b>	RE4 - Northwood School, Potter Street - relocate to Northwood Hills Library, Potter Street due to unsuitability of Northwood School for use as a Polling Station.

Ward	Recommendation
<b>Pinkwell</b>	<p>HE1 – Thomas Henry Public House – delete polling district &amp; station &amp; relocate the electors from HE1 into HE2 (Harlington Community School, Pinkwell Lane) and HE3 (Cranford Park School, Phelps Way) as follows:</p> <p>i) move the streets to the left of Station Road currently in HE2 (Redmead Road, Bushey Road, Station Road, Clement Gardens Carlton Avenue and Bedwell Gardens) to the HE3, Cranford Park School Polling Place and</p> <p>ii) relocate the HE1 electors to the HE2 Harlington Community School Polling Place.</p> <p>The net effect will be to increase the electorate for HE2 from 2969 to 4296 and HE3 from 4212 to 4759.</p>
<b>South Ruislip</b>	<p>UE1 – Bourne Primary School, Cedar Avenue - relocate to South Ruislip Christian Fellowship Church, Deane Avenue.</p> <p>UE2 - Deansfield Primary School, Queens Walk – relocate to South Ruislip Youth Centre.</p> <p>UE4 - Deane Park Hall, Long Drive - relocate electors in Rabournead Drive and Wheatsheaf Close (385 electors) from Deane Park Hall to South Ruislip Youth Centre as it is more readily accessible by foot and a better route to drive to.</p>
<b>Townfield</b>	<p>HF4 – Salvation Army Hall, Coldharbour Lane - remove polling district and relocate electors to following polling districts:</p> <p>HF2 - Minet School, Avondale Drive (1172 electors) (roads affected - Coldharbour Lane, Copperfield Road, Crossway, East Walk, Fairdale Gardens, Hunters Grove, Minet Drive, Mount Road, Silverdale Gardens, West Walk )</p> <p>and HF3 - Townfield Community Centre, Townfield Square (525 electors) (roads affected - Townfield Community Centre: Austin Road, Botwell Lane, Bullsbridge Road, Chalfont Road, Crown Close, Little Road, Silverdale Road)</p>
<b>Uxbridge North</b>	<p>UF3 - All Saints Church, Long Lane – relocate to Guide Hall, Sweetcroft Lane as a better station inside the district, subject to the agreement of the leaseholder.</p>
<b>Uxbridge South</b>	<p>UG4 – St Laurence School, Worcester Road – return to the Cowley Meeting Hall, subject to the completion of the refurbishment.</p>

Ward	Recommendation
<b>West Drayton</b>	<p>HG2 – St Catherine’s Primary School, Money Lane - relocate to St Catherine’s Church Hall as a viable alternative location less disruptive to the community.</p> <p>HG3 - West Drayton Primary School Kingston Lane &amp; HG4 Bell Farm Christian Centre – implement boundary line changes so that the new development of Drayton Gardens (old RAF site in Porters Way) falls into the HG3 polling area to vote at West Drayton Primary School which would be better able to cope than the Bell Farm Centre which is already a large polling area (please refer to map in appendix)</p> <p>Roads that would move would be Brickfields Way, Hanson Close, Park Lodge Avenue, Percy Bush Road, Pocock Avenue, Porters Way and Starveall Close – total of 644 electors</p>
<b>Yiewsley</b>	UH1 - St Matthews Parish Centre High Street – relocate to UH2, Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue

**BACKGROUND PAPERS:** Electoral Administration Act 2006; Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006; Electoral Commission circular EC19/2010; Various written responses to public notice; maps of all polling locations

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**COUNCIL MEETING**

**3 NOVEMBER 2011**

**POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW**

**APPENDIX**

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Barnhill</b>
Electorate	8670
Postals	972

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HA1	2066	Barnhill Community Centre Ayles Road		2066
HA2	3423	Grange Park Primary Lansbury Drive		3423
HA3	3181	Sheltered Accommodation Hall Langworth Drive		3181

## Proposal

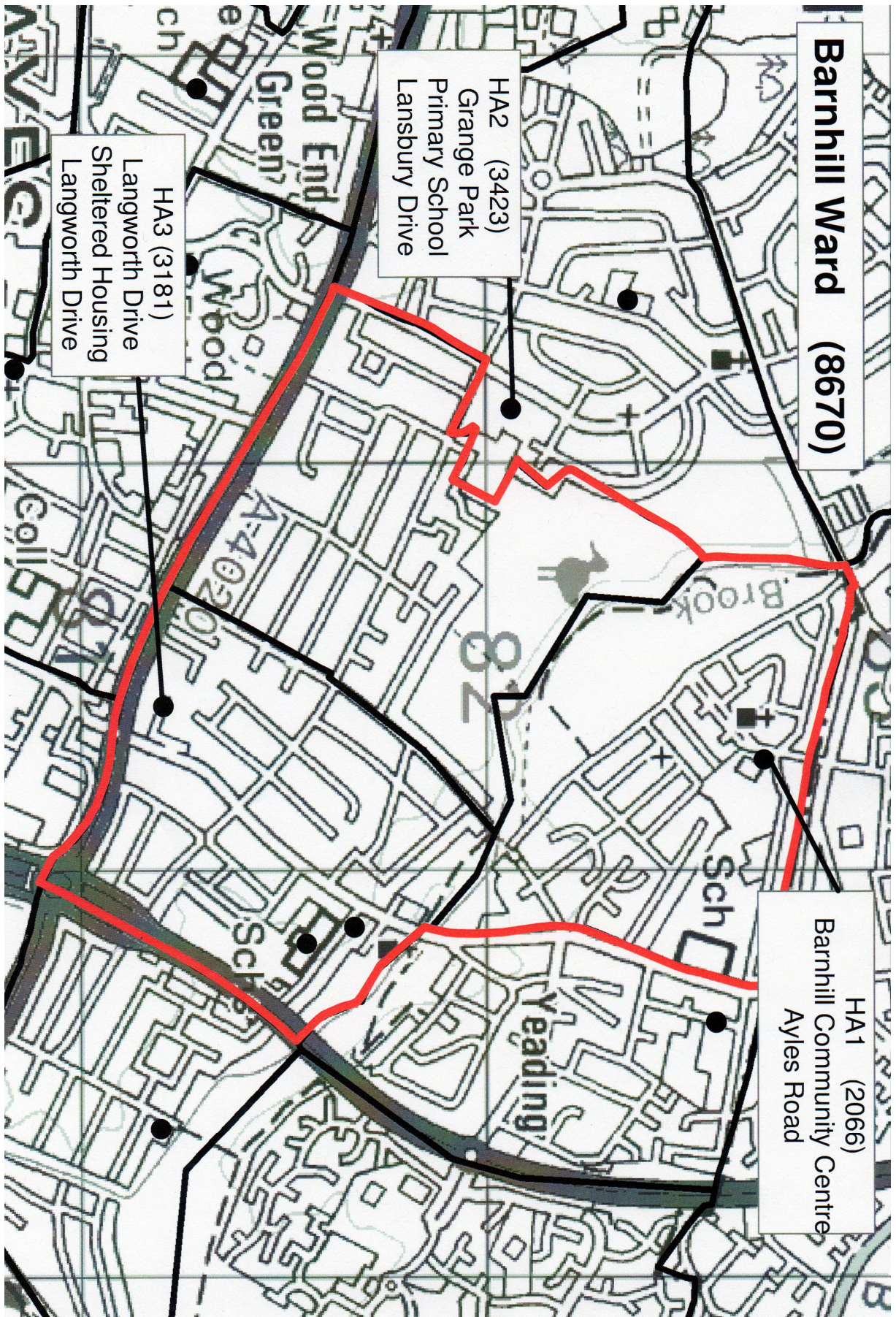
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendations

No changes



## APPENDIX

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Botwell</b>
Electorate	9364
Postals	1122

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HB1	2045	Botwell House RC School		2045
HB2	920	Albert Hall Albert Road		920
HB3	1722	9 <sup>th</sup> Hayes Scout Hut Chestnut Close	Move to Rosedale College, Wood End Green Road	0
HB4	3009	Wood End Park School Judge Heath Lane		3275
HB5	266	Wood End Park School Judge Heath Lane		0
HB6	1402	Rosedale College Wood End Green Road		3124

### Proposal

HB2 - Albert Hall is acknowledged as a small polling district but the natural boundary created by the railway line means it would prove difficult to combine with other areas.

HB6 – Rosedale College and HB3 – 9<sup>th</sup> Hayes Scout Hut –combine as the Scout Hut is a difficult location to access.

Polling districts of HB4/HB5 currently share a location – were combined together after 2010 Parliamentary Boundary review. Previously were split constituency.

### Comments

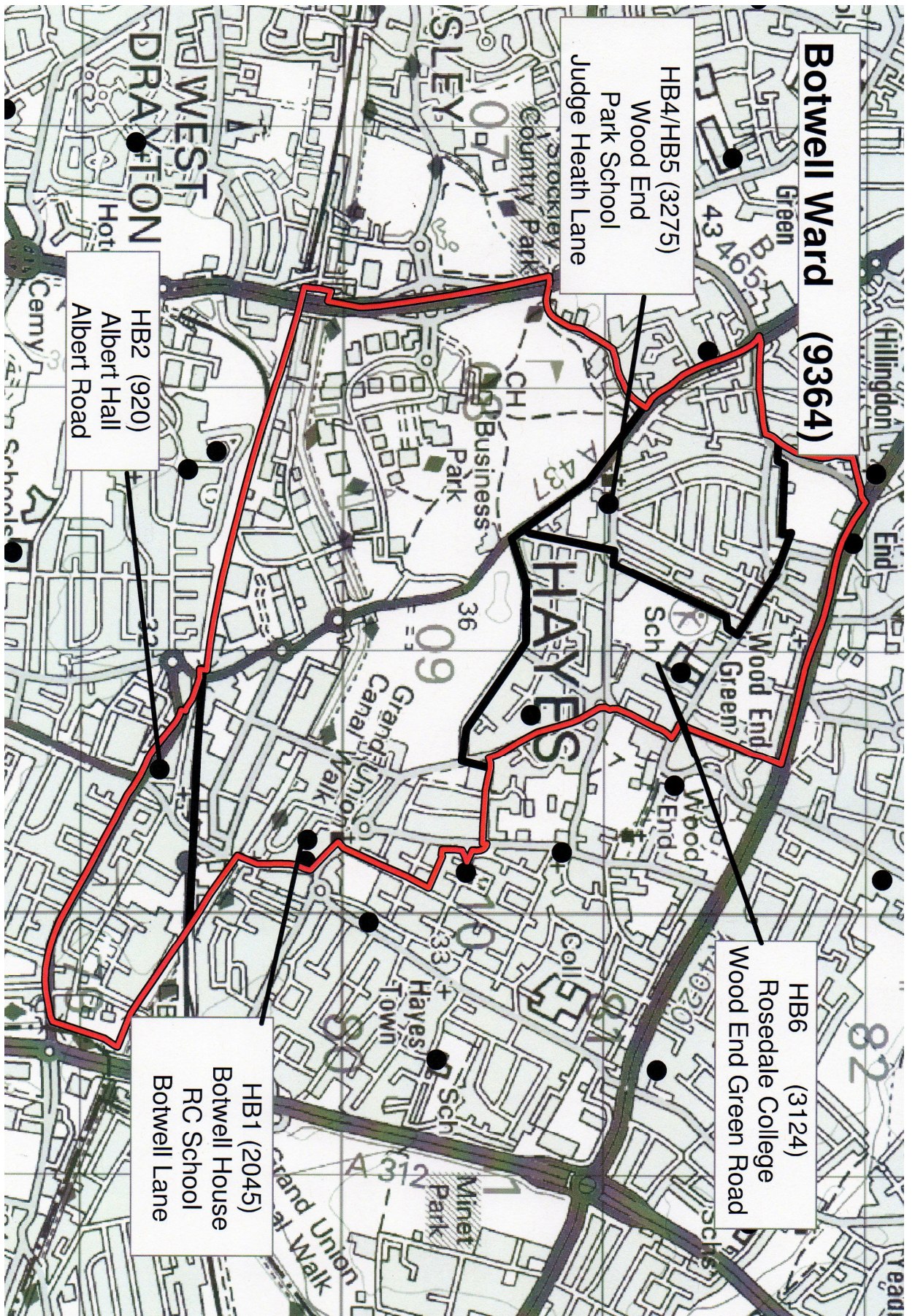
**Mrs Millar** – (Princes Park Parade resident) – regards 9<sup>th</sup> Hayes Scout Hut as inappropriate location for Polling Station and would support a change.

### Recommendations

HB3 & HB6 - Implement changes as proposed above

HB4 & HB5 - note





<b>Ward</b>	<b>Brunel</b>
Electorate	9895
Postals	1092

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UA1	2247	Alec Rose Scout Hut Moorfield Road		2247
UA2	1953	Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane		1953
UA3	3520	St Johns Church Hall Royal Lane		3520
UA4	2175	Salem Baptist Church Hall Uxbridge Road		2175

## Proposal

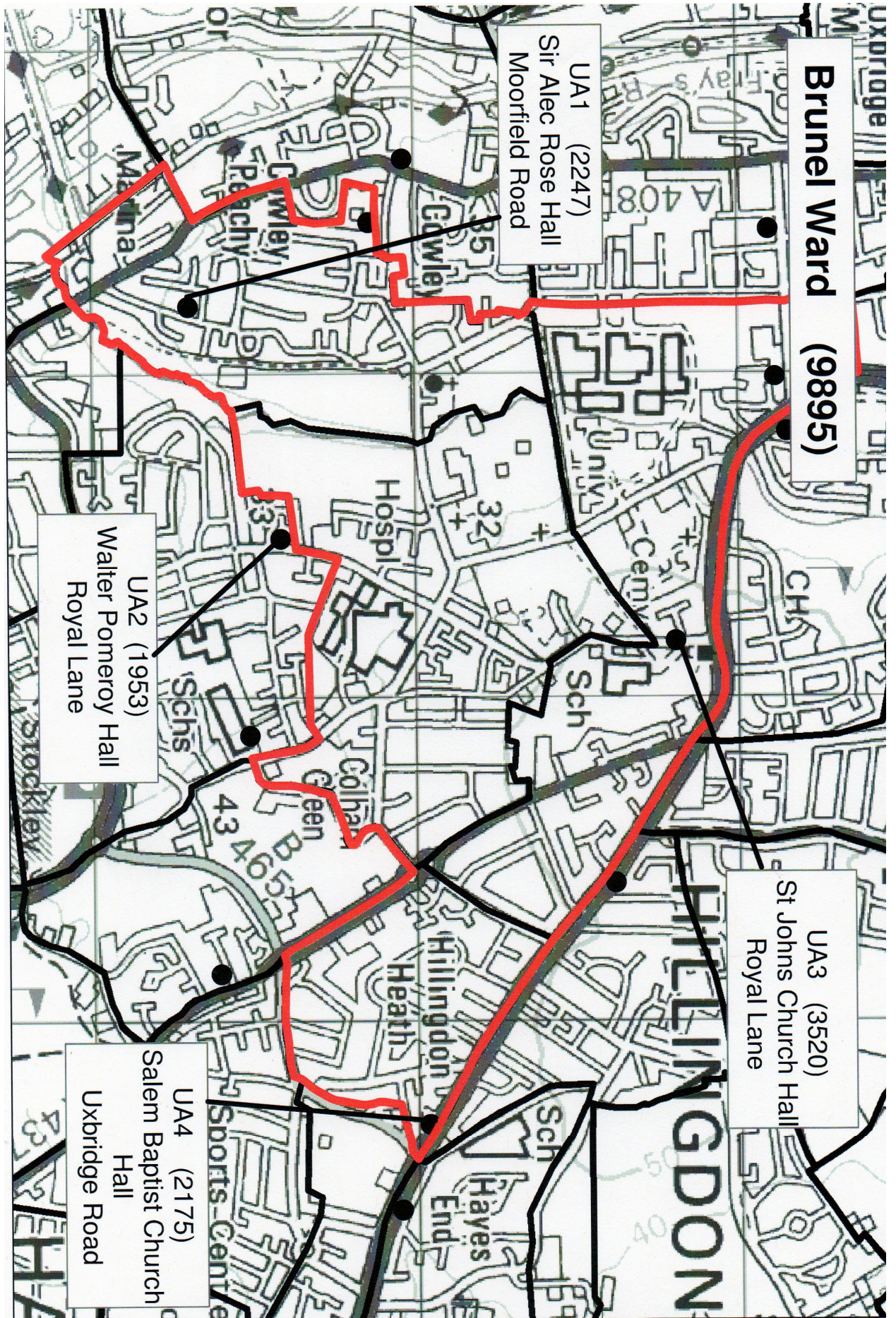
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

Councillor Stead happy with the current arrangements.

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Cavendish</b>
Electorate	8566
Postals	1070

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UB1	2533	Eastcote Community Centre Southbourne Gardens		2533
UB2	2846	Cavendish Pavilion Field End Road		2846
UB3	3187	St Swithun Wells RC School Hunters Hill		3187

## Proposal

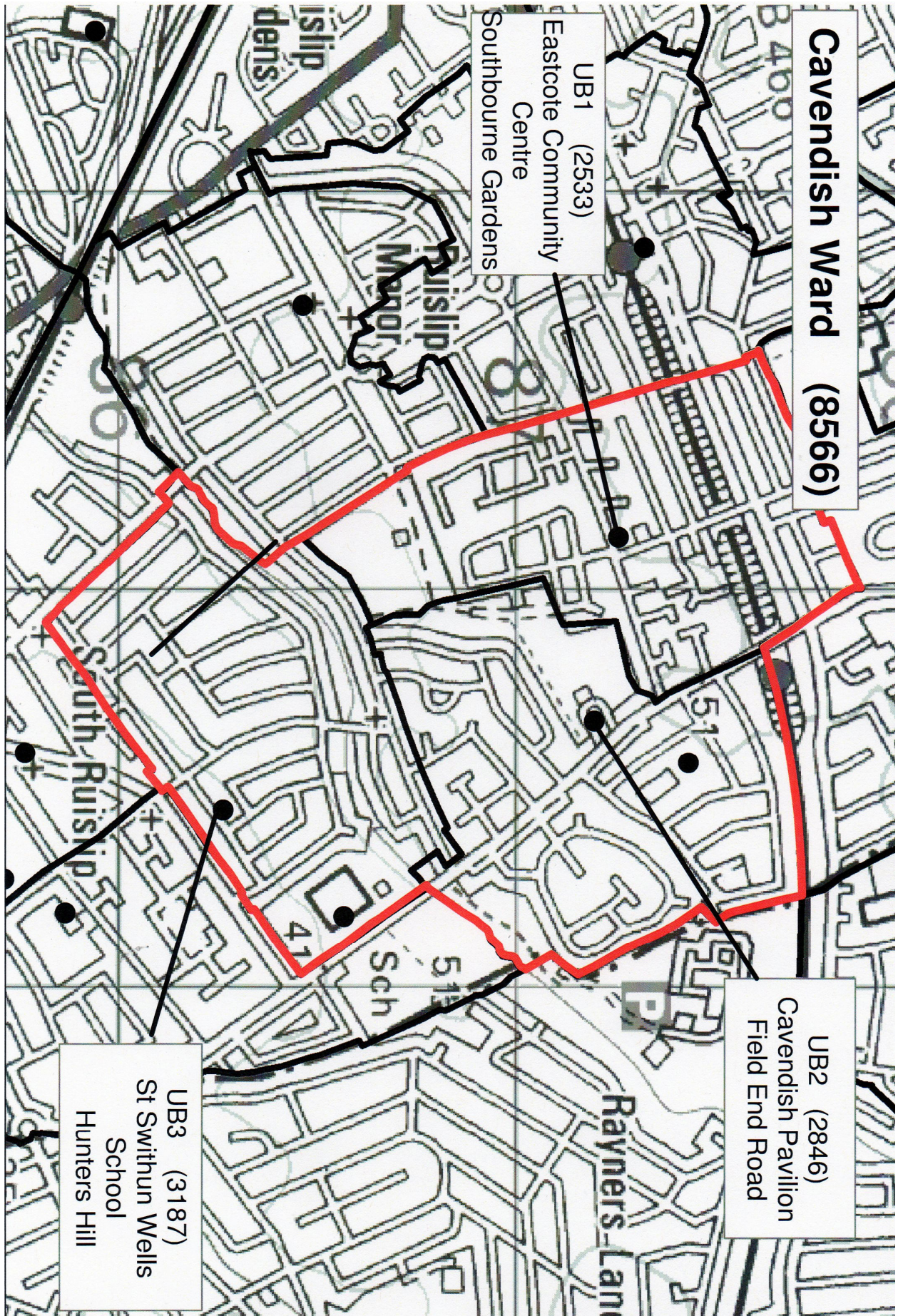
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Charville</b>
Electorate	8660
Postals	886

<b>PD</b>	<b>Polling Place Electorate</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposed Changes to Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposed Electorate</b>
HC1	3573	Charville Community Centre Bury Avenue		3573
HC2	1059	Hayes End Library Uxbridge Road		1059
HC3	4028	Hayes Park School Raynton Drive		4028

## Proposal

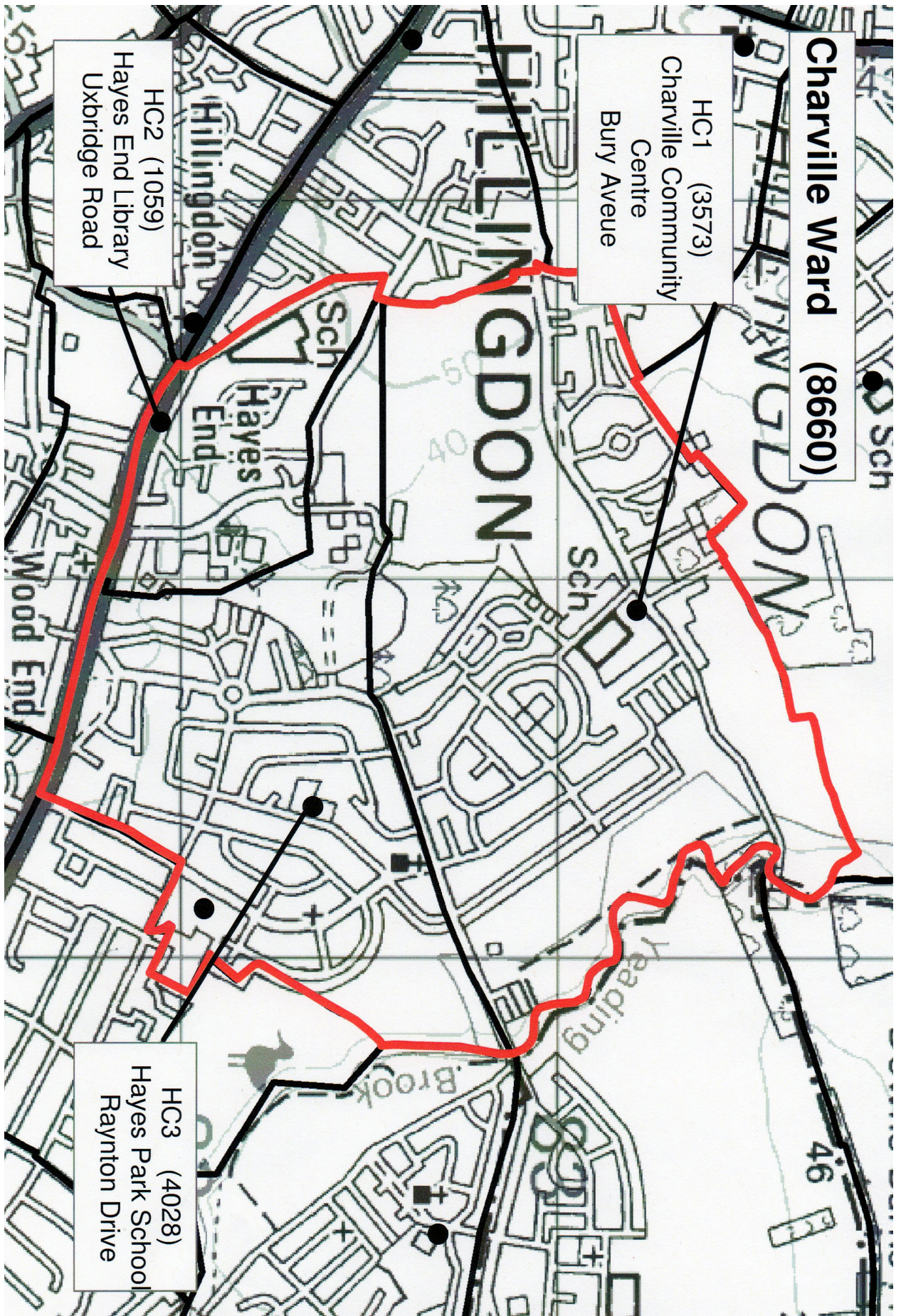
Whilst there is currently an imbalance in the electorate at the three polling places there are natural geographical issues causing this.

## Comments

No comments received.

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Eastcote &amp; East Ruislip</b>
Electorate	9223
Postals	1149

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RA1	2616	The Great Barn Bury Street		2616
RA2	2172	Coteford Infants School Fore Street		2172
RA3	1503	Eastcote Methodist Church Hall Pamela Gardens		1503
RA4	2932	St Lawrence Church Hall Bridle Road		2932

## Proposal

No changes are proposed at present although the impact of the building on the RAF site will need to be borne in mind in the future

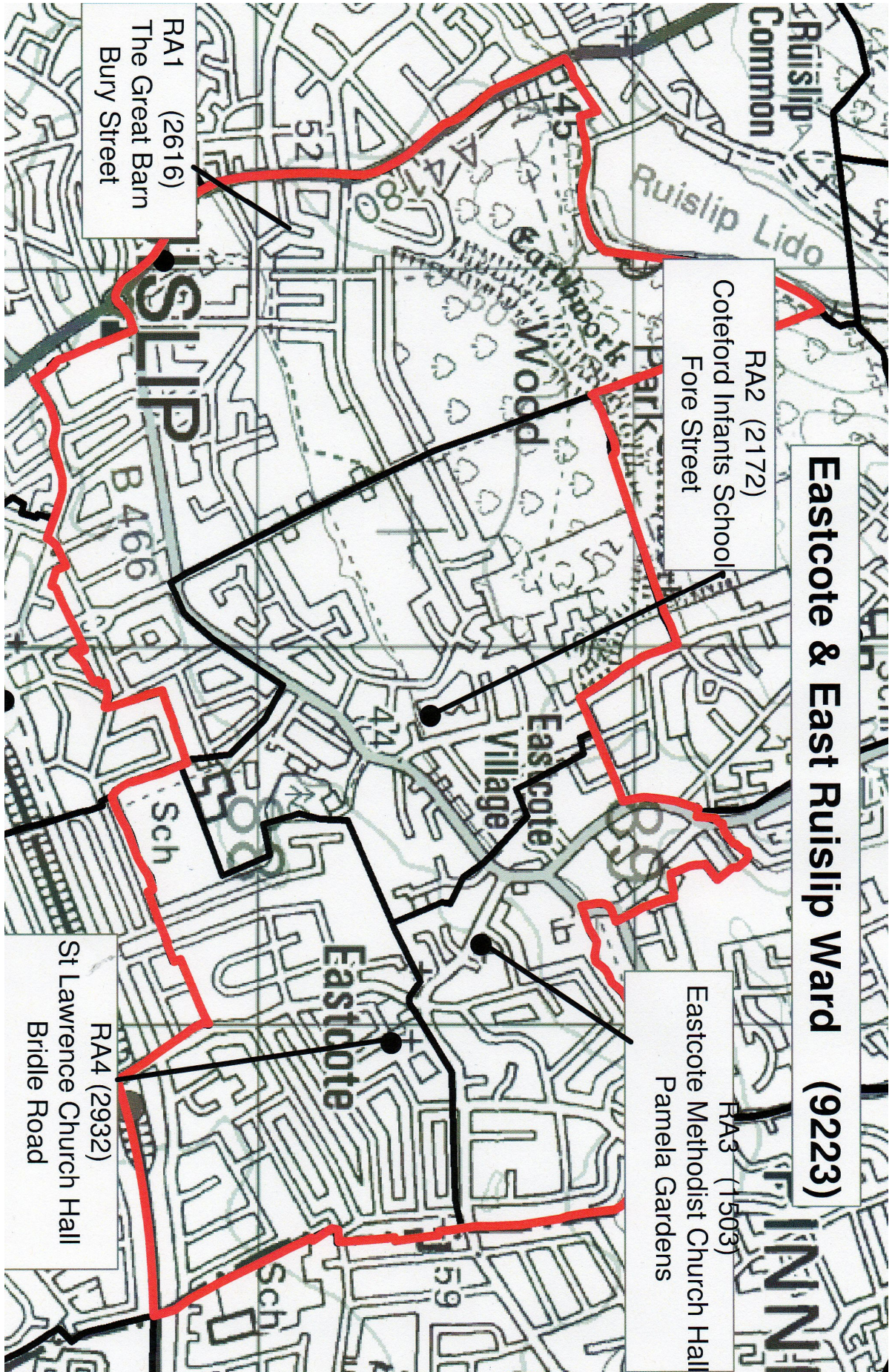
## Comments

**St Andrews United Reform Church** – wished to be considered for use as potential polling station venue. (currently RA3 Eastcote Methodist Church which is considered a better location)

## Recommendations

No changes





<b>Ward</b>	<b>Harefield</b>
Electorate	5644
Postals	690

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RB1	1877	Harefield United Football Club		1877
RB2	2321	Park Lane Village Centre Park Lane		2321
RB3	1446	Harefield Community Centre Priory Avenue		1446

## Proposal

RB1 – Comments were invited on the possibility of using the Harefield cricket club to replace football club as is a better building and more suitable location.

## Comments

**Councillor Barnes** – recognise that some adjustment would ensure an equality of electorate numbers. The geography of the Ward, however, dictates that the current divisions are the right ones.

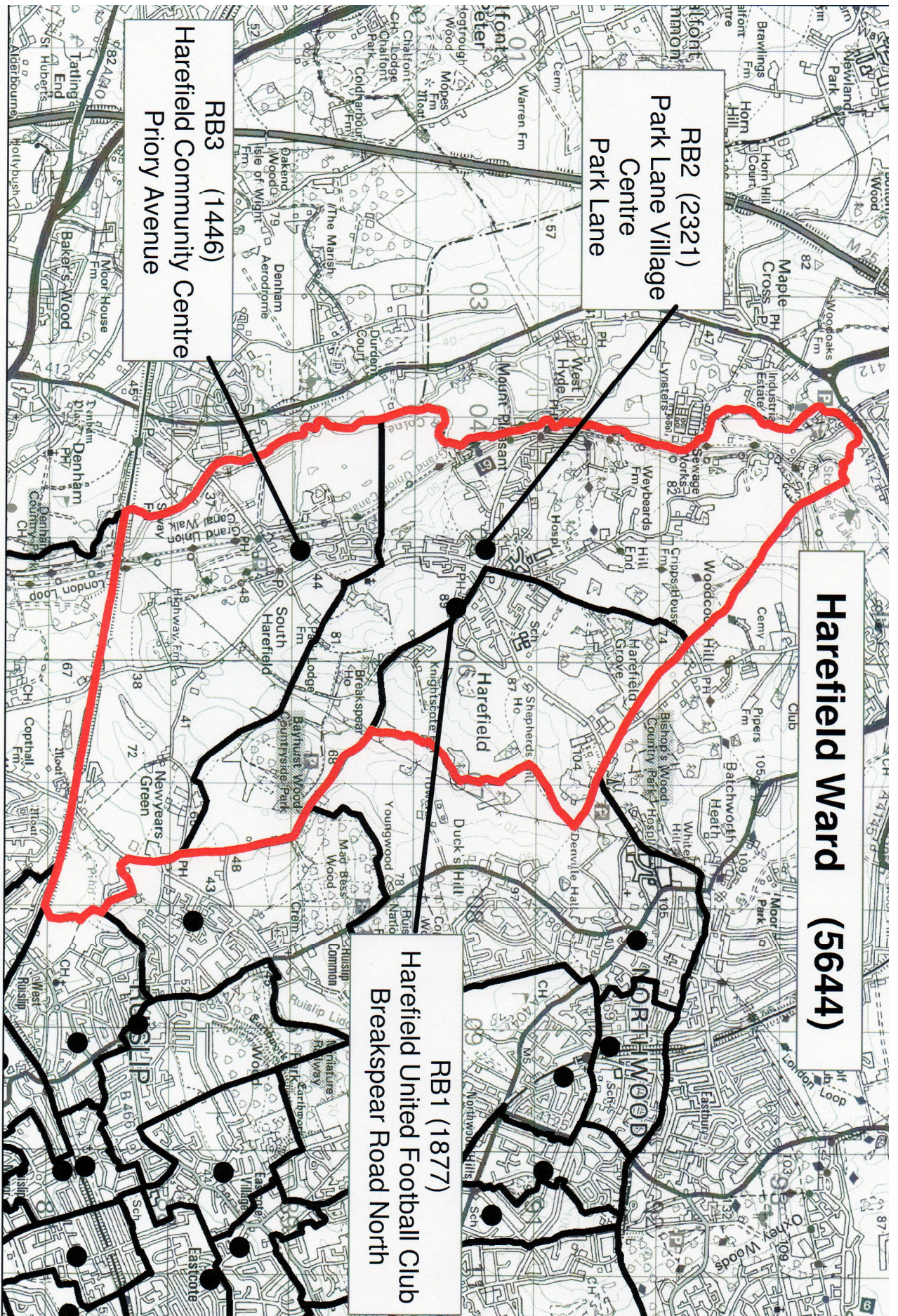
As a consequence would recommend 'no change'.

Also considers the polling stations to be fit for purpose and would recommend 'no change'.

**Harefield Tenants' and Residents' Association** – Consider that all three of the current polling stations adequately meet the needs of the electorate.

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Heathrow Villages</b>
Electorate	7762
Postals	913

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HD1	1366	Harmondsworth Church Hall, High Street		1366
HD2	1182	Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road		1448
HD3	266	Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road		
HD4	1002	Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane		1002
HD5	2752	The Barn 1 <sup>st</sup> Harlington Scout Group, High Street		3895
HD6	1143	Mobile Unit, Oxford Avenue	The Barn 1 <sup>st</sup> Harlington Scout Group, High Street	0

## Proposal

Polling districts of HD2/HD3 currently share a location – combined together after 2010 Parliamentary Boundary review. Previously were split constituency.

HD5 and HD6 – The use of the mobile unit at HD6 is far from ideal. Propose relocating electors voting at the mobile unit to The Barn, 1<sup>st</sup> Harlington Scout Group, High Street by amalgamating polling areas HD5 and HD6 to produce one polling area of 3895 electors. It is recognised that the geographical nature of the polling area might create access issues. (note – all households affected by the loss of the mobile unit were written to individually)

## Comments

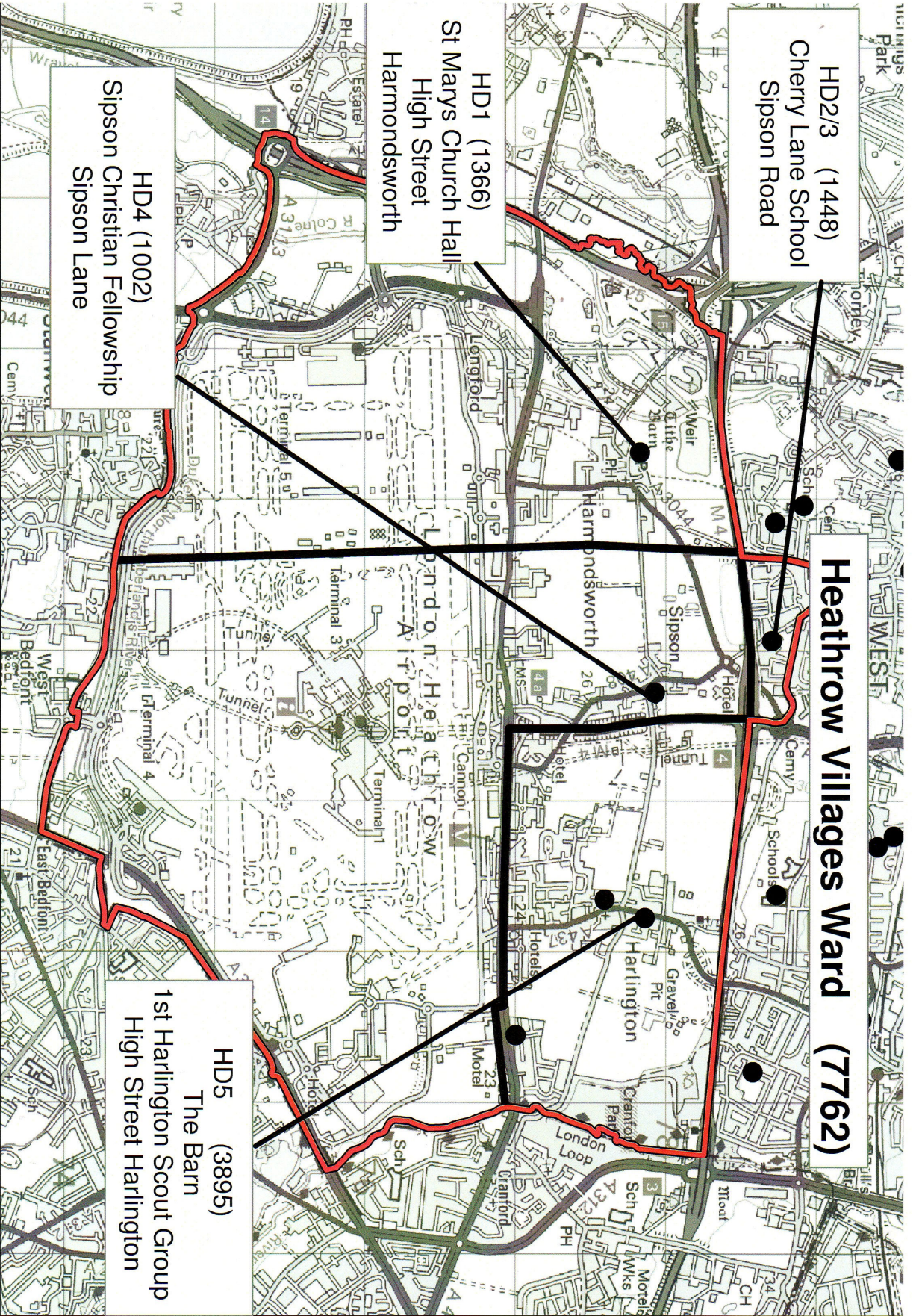
**Councillors Brar and Benson** – have discussed the proposals with the residents who are not keen on the changes proposed and therefore would like to retain the status quo.

**Mr Bash** (Langley Crescent resident) – is happy with the current arrangements relating to HD6 and considers them to be very convenient.

## Recommendations

HD2 & HD3 – note

HD5 & HD6 – although noting the comments of Ward Councillors above, recommend implementing changes as proposed (relocate electors voting at the mobile unit to The Barn, 1<sup>st</sup> Harlington Scout Group, High Street by amalgamating polling areas HD5 and HD6), monitor the effect on turnout at the next election and review thereafter.



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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Hillingdon East</b>
Electorate	8665
Postals	1021

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UC1	2011	Royal British Legion Uxbridge Road		2789
UC2	1462	Oak Farm Library Sutton Court Road	See below	0
UC3	3056	Oak Farm School Nursery Unit Windsor Avenue		3820
UC4	2136	Ryefield Nursery School Ryefield Avenue		2136

## Proposal

Comments were invited as to the merits of possibly removing polling area UC2 and relocating electors to polling district to:

UC1 (Baxter Road, Brampton Road, Charville Lane West, Long Lane (part (74)), Redwood Close, The Dingle and The Larches – total of 778 electors)

and to UC3 (Clifton Gardens, Long Lane (part (68)), Oakdene Road, Silver Way, Snowden Avenue and Sutton Court Road – total of 764 electors)

## Comments

**Ward Councillors** (joint response) - Whilst agreeing that cutting the number of stations from 4 to 3 is an essential part of reforms, are concerned that the proposed station to be scrapped (UC2) has a large number of disabled voters using this facility. There is a care home right next to the Library and at every election many members of staff go on a rota to take them to vote throughout the day.

Regard Oak Farm Library as having excellent facilities for disabled access compared to other Polling Stations.

Concern also expressed with regard to Uxbridge North having two Polling Stations actually located within this ward which has, in the past, caused confusion for voters. Consideration should therefore be given to deleting either UF3 or UF4 for Uxbridge North, and sharing the remaining Polling Station on

Long Lane between both wards.

(note – proposals for Uxbridge North include relocating UF3)

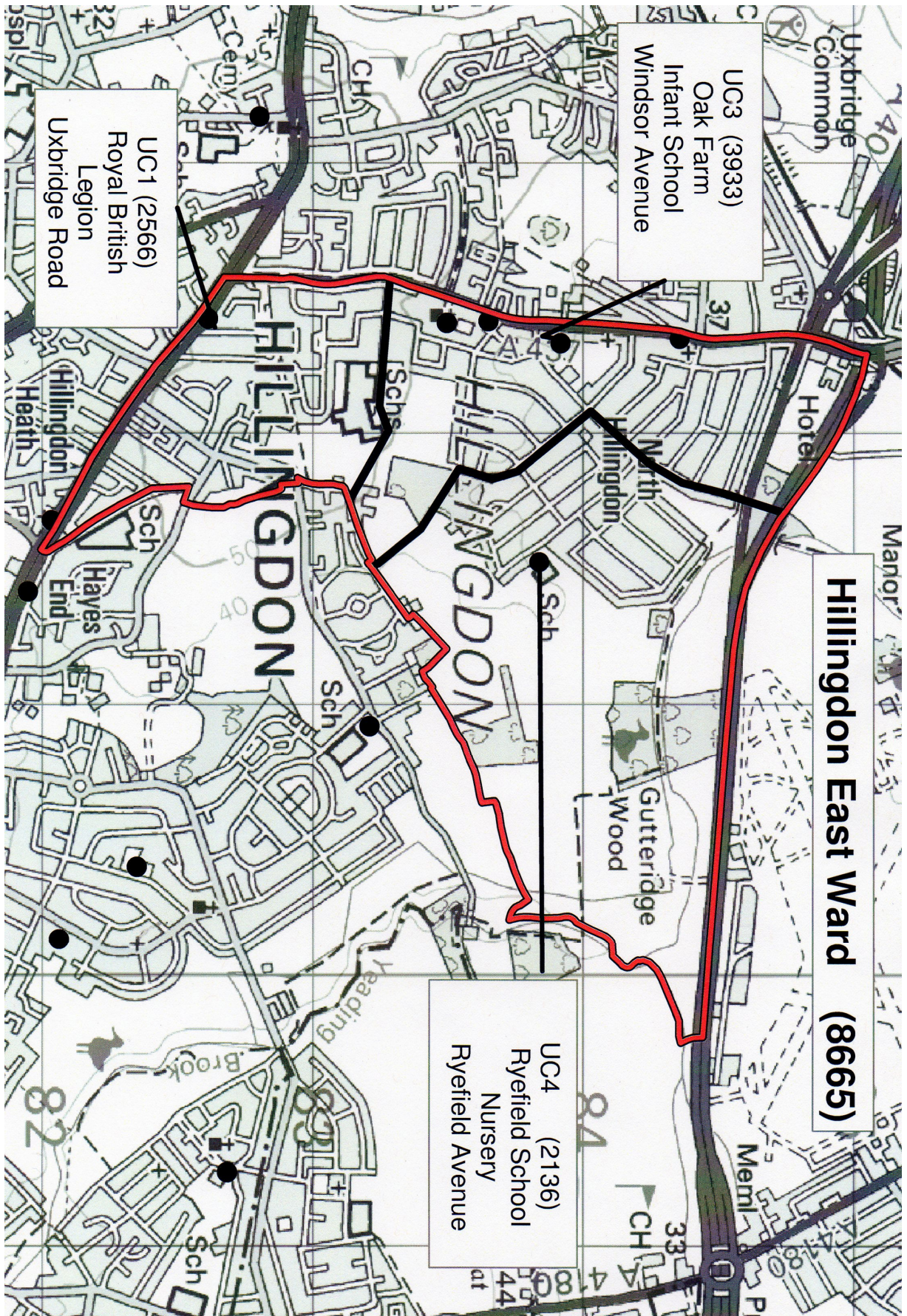
## **Recommendations**

UC2 - Oak Farm Library Sutton Court Road - remove polling district and relocate electors to following polling districts:

UC1 - Royal British Legion, Uxbridge Road (778 electors) (roads affected - Baxter Road, Brampton Road, Charville Lane West, Long Lane (part), Redwood Close, The Dingle, The Larches)

and UC3 - Oak Farm School Nursery Unit, Windsor Avenue (764 electors) (roads affected - Clifton Gardens, Long Lane (part), Oakdene Road, Silver Way, Snowden Avenue, Sutton Court Road)





<b>Ward</b>	<b>Ickenham</b>
Electorate	8050
Postals	1032

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RC1	2823	United Reform Church Hall Swakeleys Road		2823
RC2	3580	Ickenham Village Hall Swakeleys Road		3580
RC3	1647	Ickenham Guide Hut Community Close		1647

## Proposals

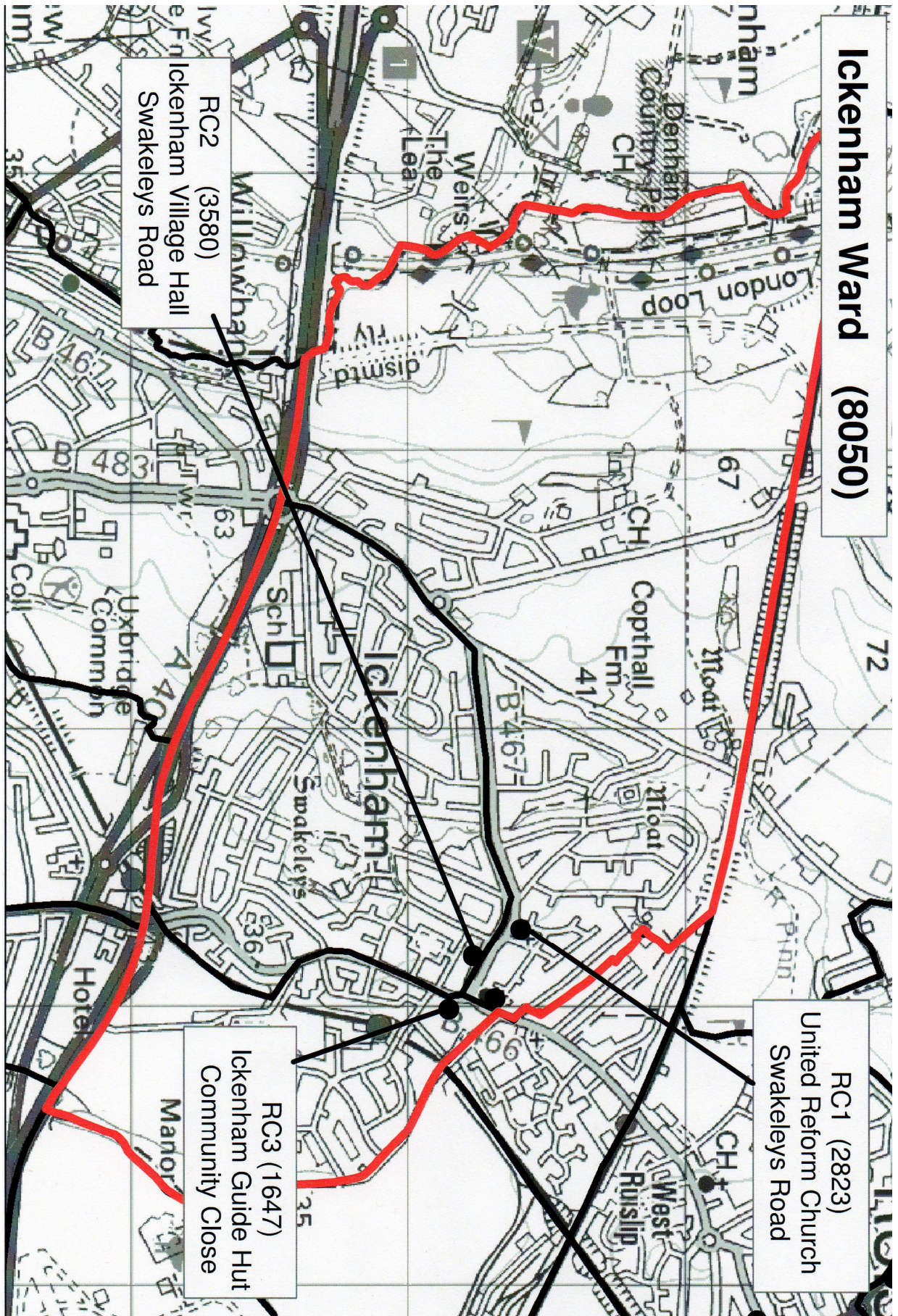
No changes are proposed to the current arrangements

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Manor</b>
Electorate	8415
Postals	933

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UD1	2573	Sacred Heart School Herlwyn Avenue		2573
UD2	2979	Ruislip Manor Library Victoria Road		2979
UD3	2863	St Pauls Church Hall Tiverton Road		2863

## Proposal

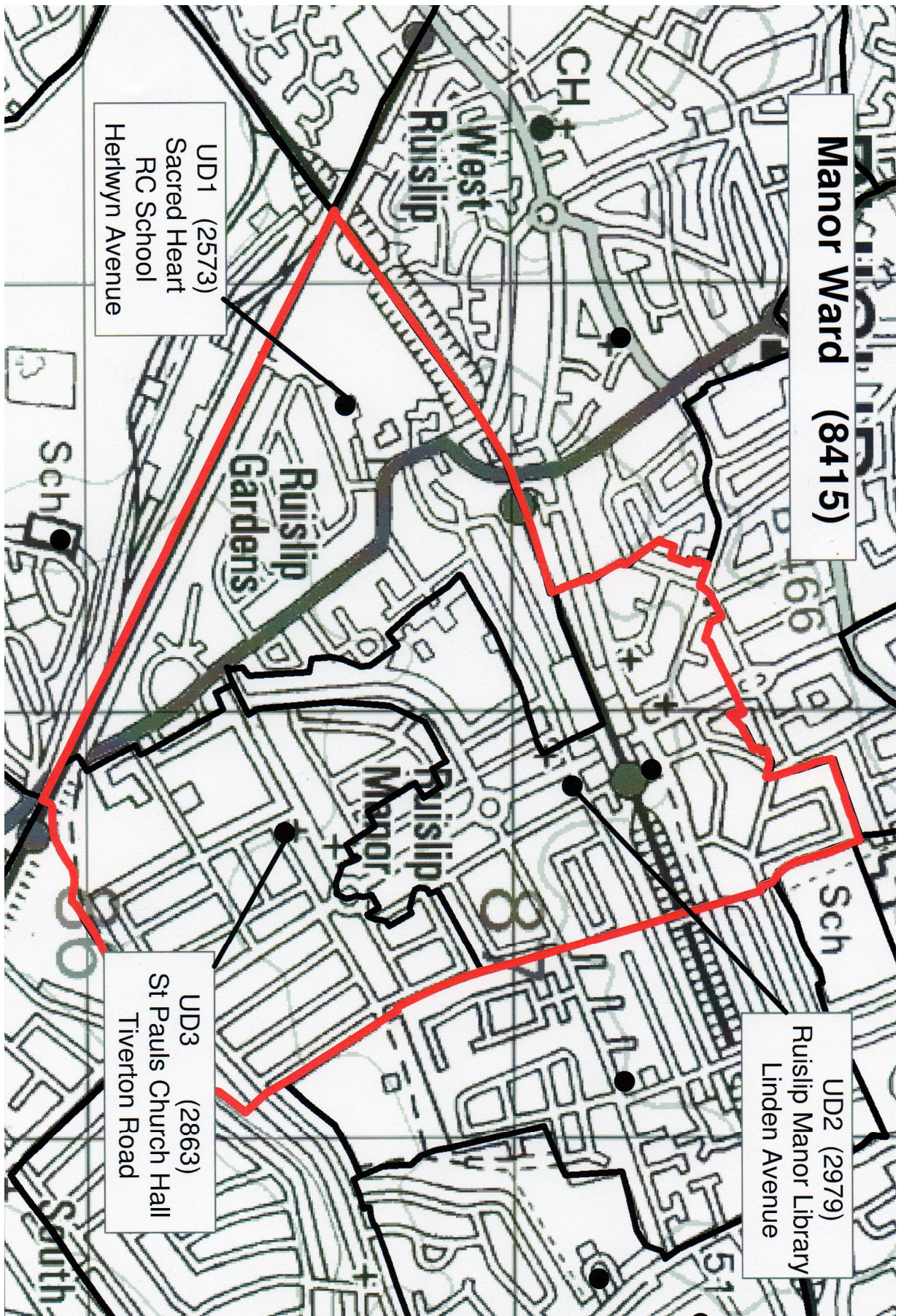
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

**Ruislip Residents' Association** – UD1 – suggested alternative to using a school would be the Ruislip Rugby Club.

## Recommendations

No change – the rugby club, located close to the existing polling station at Sacred Heart School, is not as suitable a location for use as a polling station.



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Northwood</b>
Electorate	8110
Postals	1273

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RD1	3093	Holy Trinity Church Hall Gateway Close		3093
RD2	1958	Northwood Methodists Church Hall Oaklands Gate		1958
RD3	3059	St Matthews RC Church Hall Hallowell Road		3059

## Proposal

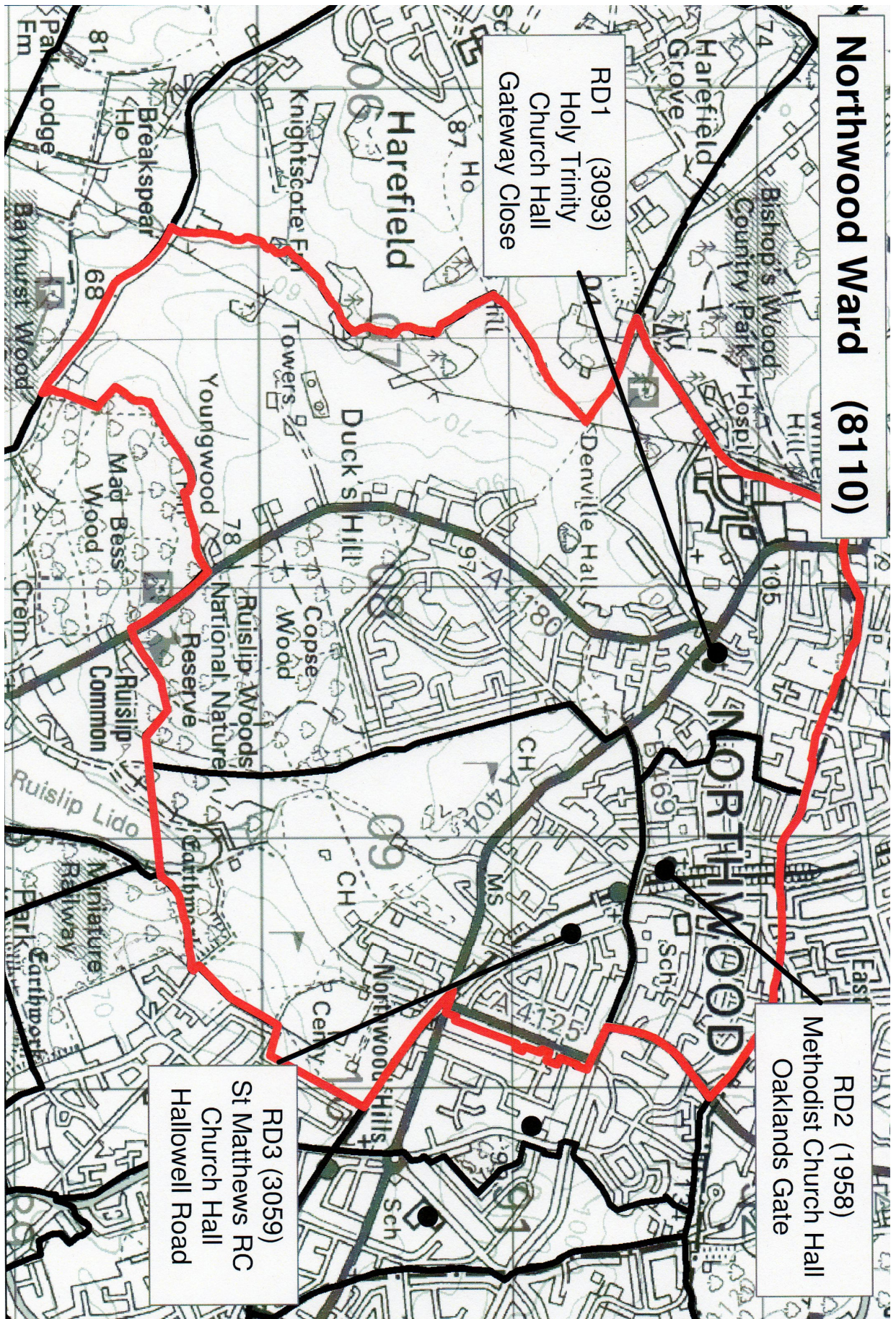
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendations

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Northwood Hills</b>
Electorate	8499
Postals	1296

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RE1	2349	Hillside School Northwood Way		2349
RE2	2759	Haydon School Wiltshire Lane		2759
RE3	1781	Harlyn Primary Nursery School Tolcarne Drive		1781
RE4	1610	Northwood School Potter Street	Northwood Hills Library, Potter Street	1610

## Proposal

RE4 - relocate to Northwood Hills Library, Potter Street due to unsuitability of Northwood School for use as a Polling Station.

Comments were also invited on the possibility of removing polling area RE4 altogether and relocating the electors to RE1 and RE3. However, in light of the geographical barrier of the railway line for the residents of the existing RE4 who would vote at Harlyn Primary School (751 electors) and concerns as to the capability of Hillside School to cope with the additional electors (859 electors) from RE4, it is not recommended that this option be pursued.

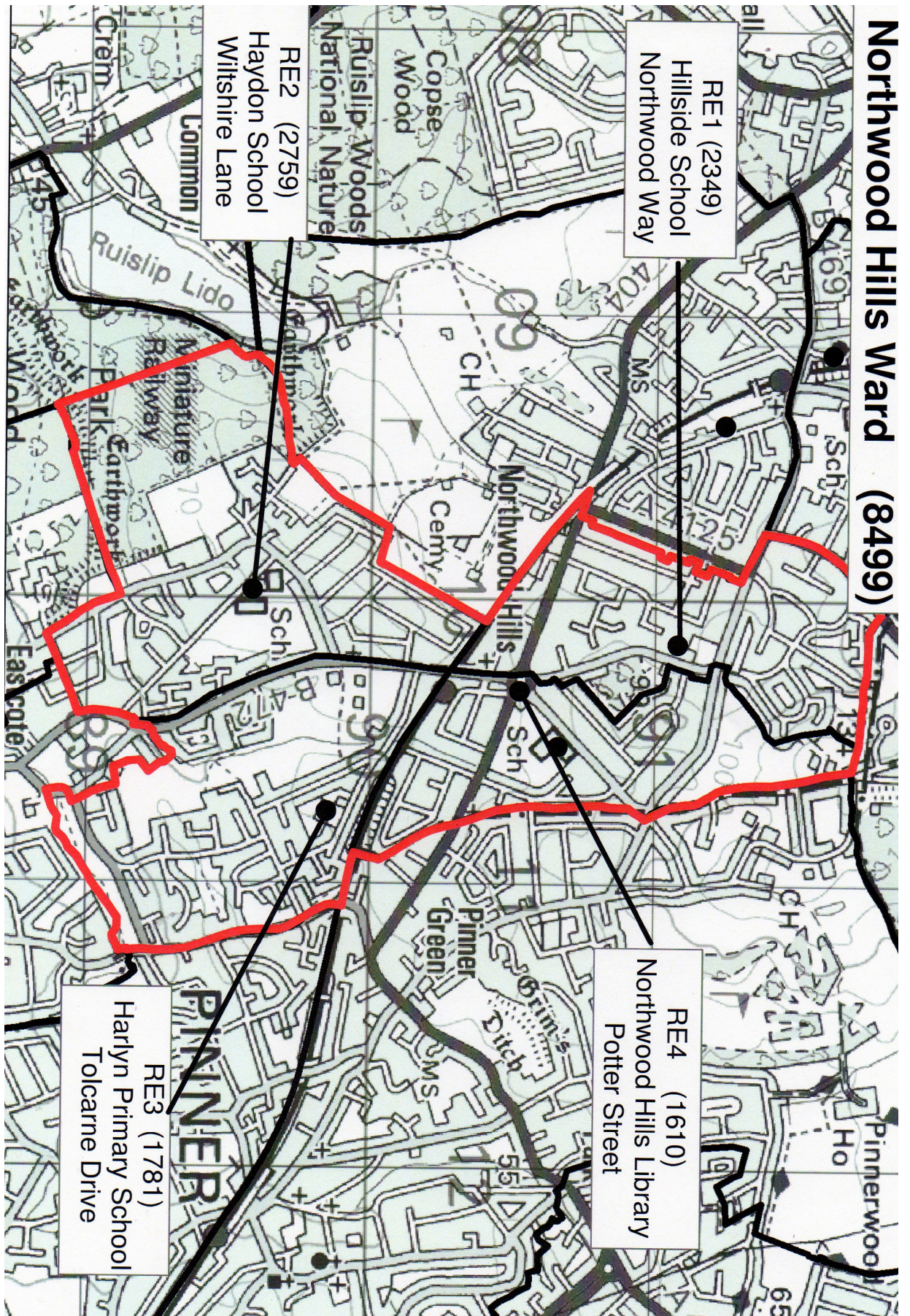
## Comments

**Councillor Retter** – Fully support the move of RE4 to the library but opposes any further changes to polling stations in the ward given the geographical difficulties with respect to the railway line dividing RE4 and RE1. When this merger was tried before it resulted in a reduced turnout given that there are a large number of elderly voters in the area.

## Recommendations

Relocate RE4 as proposed above but retain as a separate polling station.





<b>Ward</b>	<b>Pinkwell</b>
Electorate	9053
Postals	1066

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HE1	1872	Thomas Henry Public House	Harlington School /Cranford Park School	
HE2	2969	Harlington Community School Pinkwell Lane		4296
HE3	4212	Cranford Park School Phelps Way		4759

## Proposal

HE1 - Thomas Henry Public House does not represent a suitable Polling Station location. The previously used hall in Conway Drive is now derelict.

The two options considered were the use of a mobile unit within the polling district or to incorporate the electors from HE1 into HE2 and HE3.

Use of mobile units is not encouraged as they rarely make for suitable polling stations. Therefore proposed to merge as follows:

- i) move the streets to the left of Station Road currently in HE2 (Redmead Road, Bushey Road, Station Road, Clement Gardens Carlton Avenue and Bedwell Gardens) to the HE3, Cranford Park School Polling Place and
- ii) relocate the HE1 electors to the HE2 Harlington Community School.

This will increase the electorate for HE2 from 2969 to 4296 and HE3 from 4212 to 4759.

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendations

HE1 – delete and relocate electors as detailed above.



## APPENDIX

<b>Ward</b>	<b>South Ruislip</b>
Electorate	8361
Postals	1120

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UE1	2423	Bourne Primary School, Cedar Avenue	Relocate to South Ruislip Christian Fellowship Church, Deane Avenue	2423
UE2	1576	Deansfield Primary School, Queens Walk	South Ruislip Youth Centre	1961
UE3	1593	Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road		1593
UE4	2769	Deane Park Hall Long Drive	Relocate 385 electors in Rabourmead Drive and Wheatsheaf Close to South Ruislip Youth Centre	2384

### Proposal

UE1 – Concerns have been expressed over the accessibility of Bourne Primary School, particularly in view of the future increased numbers when the RAF site is developed. However, there is a natural boundary within UE1 which means that moving any further electors to UE3 would be some distance from the Polling Place. Have investigated Wren Club, Bourne Close and South Ruislip Christian Fellowship Church, Deane Avenue.

UE2 - Propose to use South Ruislip Youth Centre as a replacement for Deansfield School as a more suitable location which will be less disruptive to the community if there is a viable alternative.

UE4 - Comments were invited on the suggestion of relocating electors in Rabourmead Drive and Wheatsheaf Close (385 electors) from Deane Park Hall to South Ruislip Youth Centre as it is more readily accessible by foot and a better route to drive to.

### Comments

**Councillor Kelly** – suggest investigating the Wren Club in Bourne Close instead of Bourne Primary School (investigations show that not an ideal site in terms of location and quality of building).

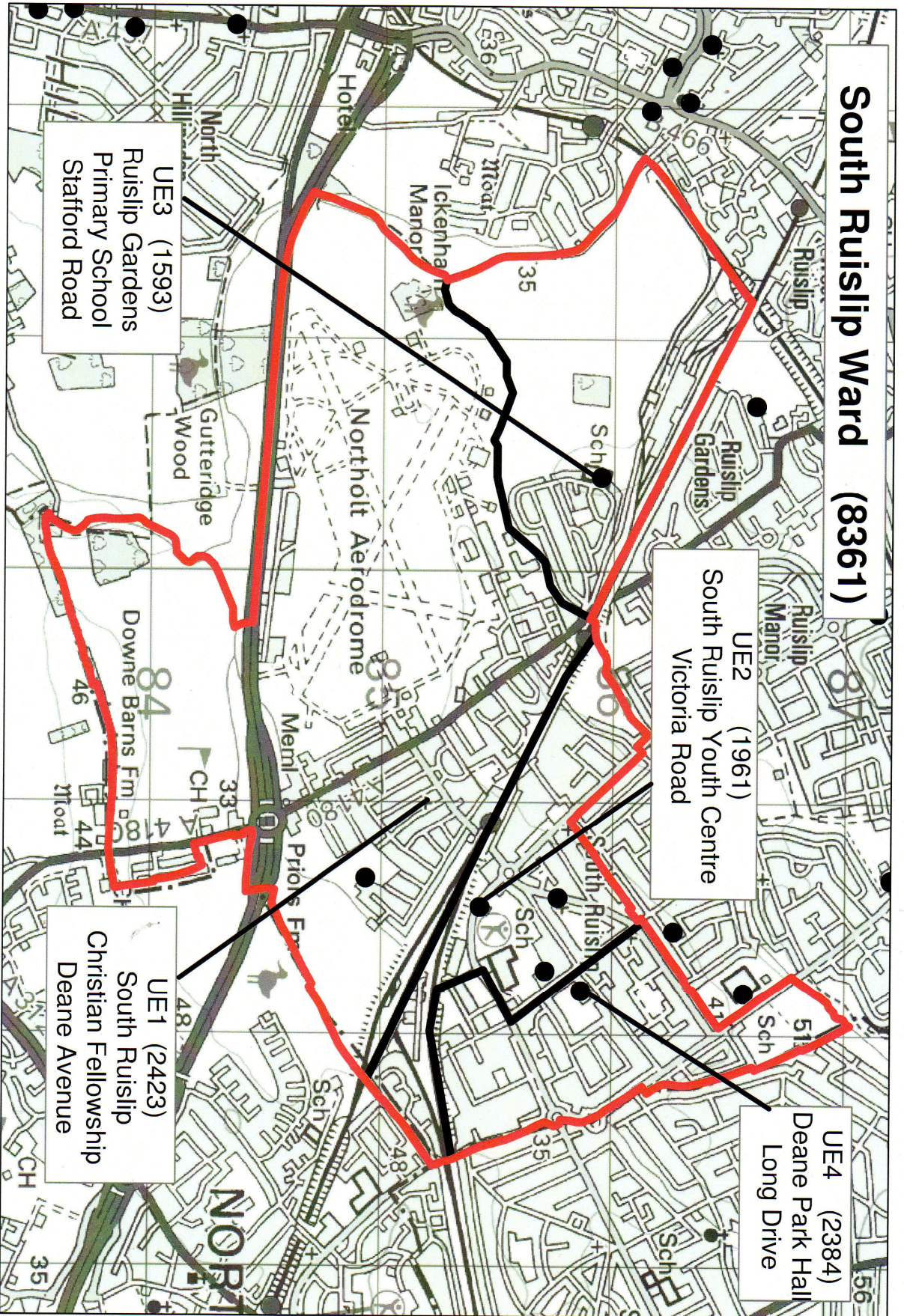
**Councillor Kauffman** – happy with the proposals above

**Councillor Harper-O'Neill** – happy with the suggestion of using the Youth Centre

**Mr Holland (resident of Queen's Walk)** – Objects to walking to vote at Deane Park Hall when he lives opposite Deansfield School. (note – Deansfield school no longer to be used under these proposals)

## **Recommendations**

- UE1 - relocate to the South Ruislip Christian Fellowship Church, Deane Avenue.
- UE2 - Relocate as proposed above.
- UE4 - Relocate electors in Rabournmead Drive and Wheatsheaf Close (385 electors) from Deane Park Hall to South Ruislip Youth Centre.



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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Townfield</b>
Electorate	8774
Postals	1074

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HF1	2661	Hayes Town Chapel, St Mary's Road		2661
HF2	2495	Minet School, Avondale Drive		3667
HF3	2086	Townfield Community Centre, Townfield Square		2611
HF4	1532	Salvation Army Hall, Coldharbour Lane	relocate to HF2 and HF3	0

## Proposal

Comments were invited on the possibility of removing Polling District HF4 and relocating electors to polling districts:

HF2 - Minet School, Avondale Drive (Coldharbour Lane, Copperdale Road, Crossway, East Walk, Fairdale Gardens, Hunters Grove, Minet Drive, Mount Road, Silverdale Gardens and West Walk – total of 1172 electors)

and to HF3 - Townfield Community Centre, Townfield Square (Austin Road, Botwell Lane, Bullsbridge Road, Chalfont Road, Crown Close, Little Road and, Silverdale Road – total of 525 electors)

## Comments

**Hayes Town Centre Residents' Association** – suggest relocating polling station at Salvation Army Hall, Coldharbour Lane to the Methodist Hall and St Anselms Church as there is no longer a bus stop outside the current location.

(neither of the two suggested locations are actually in the polling district and both would represent an equal distance to walk for voters as the current location)

**Councillor Allen** (*comments received after the closure of the consultation period*) – Apologies for late response which was due to an oversight:

With reference to the suggested closure of the Salvation Army Hall - the Austin Road Estate, Silverdale Road and Gardens, Copperdale, Little Road, Chalfont Road, Mount Road and Fairdale should Poll at Salvation Army as that would

be the nearest Polling Station to them. Also any electors in the Town Centre.

### **Reasons for suggestions**

All of the above used to vote at Brotherhood Hall in Coldharbour across the road from Salvation Army Hall before it was knocked down for flats and after this they voted at the Catholic Hall in Botwell lane which again is closer than that which is proposed.

Many of the residents complained bitterly at the distance they had to travel last time and this would also cut out car travel as it is a walk able distance for most of the residents concerned. There would be adequate parking in Coldharbour lane for the less mobile elderly etc who wish to vote in person as many older people do despite being offered a postal vote.

With reference to Minet School - residents on the Village Garden Estate (Hunters Grove to Avondale Drive and all roads in-between, including Abbots Way, Clivesdale etc could all vote at Minet School. This again would be a walk able distance for all residents and this would ensure that those with disabilities and in need of transport would have adequate parking space. This again would cut the need for car travel.

All the other Polling Stations have worked in the main and so would not propose any further changes.

In view of some issues that arose last time would request that notification of designated Polling Stations are clearly highlighted on the voting papers as many complained last time.

In addition would request that Parking Services are again reminded about not ticketing residents at Townfield Road (Community Centre) as happened last time.

The above recommendations are made after noting the view of many residents during previous elections. Would also add that due to the distance residents were made to travel, many used their cars especially late afternoon and evening.

## **Recommendation**

HF4 – delete polling district and relocate electors to polling districts as follows:

HF2 (roads affected - Coldharbour Lane, Copperfield Road, Crossway, East Walk, Fairdale Gardens, Hunters Grove, Minet Drive, Mount Road, Silverdale Gardens, West Walk - 1172 electors)

HF3 (roads affected - Townfield Community Centre: Austin Road, Botwell Lane, Bullsbridge Road, Chalfont Road, Crown Close, Little Road, Silverdale Road - 525 electors)





<b>Ward</b>	<b>Uxbridge North</b>
Electorate	9759
Postals	1416

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UF1	3251	Hermitage Primary School, Belmont Road		3251
UF2	1967	Battle of Britain Club, Hillingdon Road		1967
UF3	2283	All Saints Church, Long Lane	Girl Guide Hall, Sweetcroft Lane	2283
UF4	1579	St Bernadette's School, Long Lane		1579

## Proposal

Whilst no changes are proposed to the current arrangements, comments were invited on the possibility of removing polling area UF4 and relocating electors to polling district to UF2 (584) and to UF3 (995 electors). (not shown in the figures above)

## Comments

**Councillor Yarrow** – feels that the suggestion outlined above would be unacceptable to residents and result in a reduction in the voting turnout. The distance from St Bernadette's to the Battle of Britain Club is too far for those on foot.

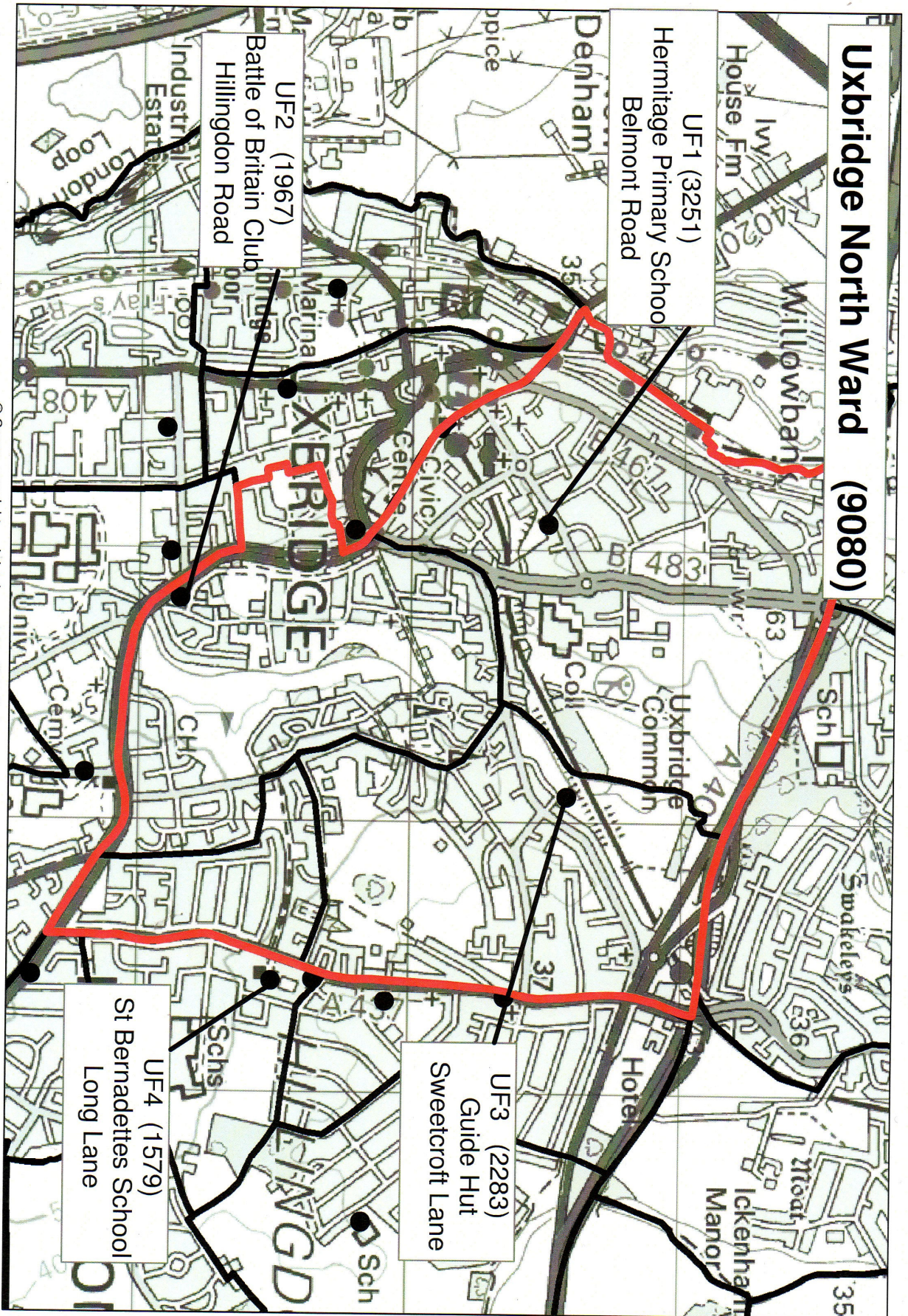
**Councillor Barrett** – echoes Councillor Yarrow's comments about the unsuitability of the Battle of Britain Club for those voters currently using St Bernadette's.

**Councillor G Cooper** – Suggest use of Girl Guide Hall in Sweetcroft Lane or the North Hillingdon Baptist Church in Hercies Road.

## Recommendation

UF3 - All Saints Church, Long Lane – relocate to Guide Hall, Sweetcroft Lane as a better station inside the district, subject to the agreement of the leaseholder.

UF4 – retain current arrangements



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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Uxbridge South</b>
Electorate	9759
Postals	923

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UG1	3748	Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway		3748
UG2	1903	Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road		1903
UG3	1911	Waterloo Church, Waterloo Road		1911
UG4	2197	St Laurence School, Worcester Road	Cowley Meeting Hall	2197

## Proposal

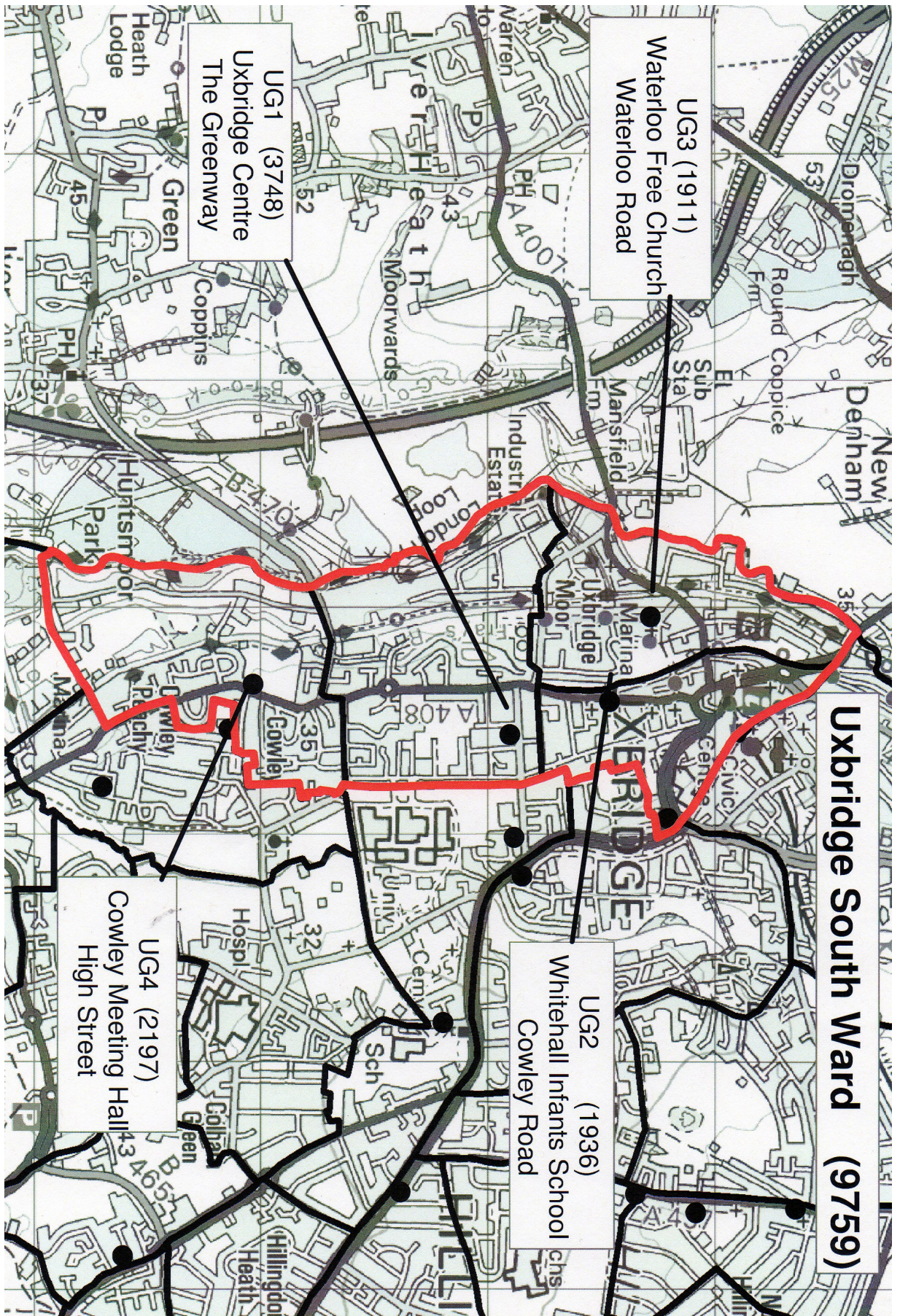
UG4 - investigate current status of previously used Cowley Meeting Hall as an alternative to St Laurence School

## Comments

**Councillor J Cooper** – Would prefer to use the Cowley Meeting Hall, once refurbished

## Recommendation

UG4 – return to the Cowley Meeting Hall, subject to the completion of the refurbishment.



<b>Ward</b>	<b>West Drayton</b>
Electorate	8964
Postals	1157

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HG1	2483	2 <sup>nd</sup> West Drayton Scout Hall Rowan Road		2483
HG2	2645	St Catherine's Primary School Money Lane	St Catherine's Church Hall	2645
HG3	1507	West Drayton Primary School Kingston Lane		2151
HG4	2927	Bell Farm Christian Centre	Partial relocation to HG3	2283

## Proposal

HG2 - use refurbished St Catherine's Church Hall instead of St Catherine's Primary School as a viable alternative location less disruptive to the community

In light of the development of Drayton Gardens (old RAF site in Porters Way) which may add some 700 electors to the area, comments were invited on the possibility of re-designating the boundary line between HG3 and HG4 so that the new development falls into the HG3 polling area to vote at West Drayton Primary School which would be better able to cope than the Bell Farm Centre which is already a large polling area.

Roads that would move would be Brickfields Way, Hanson Close, Park Lodge Avenue, Percy Bush Road, Pocock Avenue, Porters Way and Starveall Close – total of 644 electors

## Comments

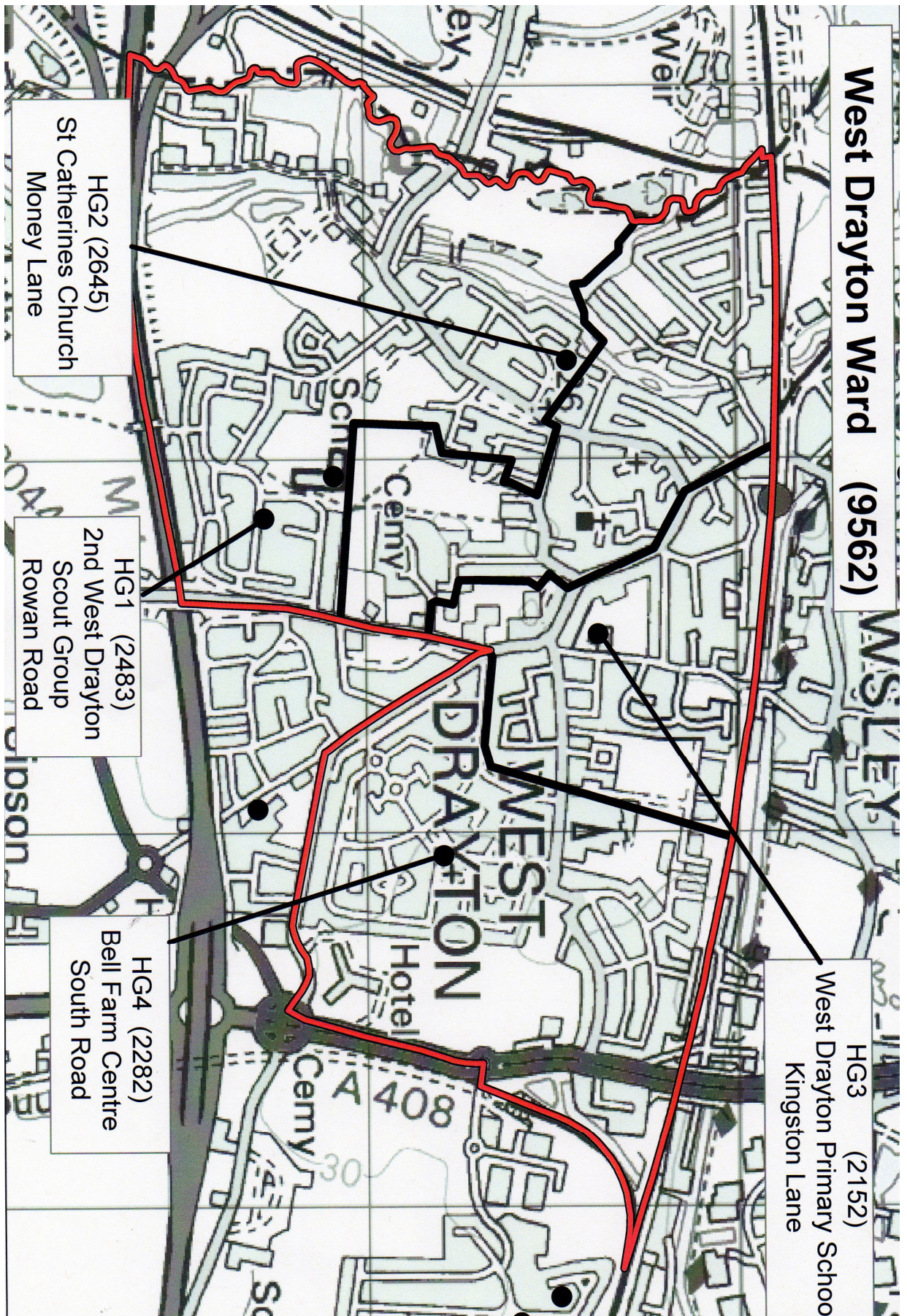
**Mr M Day, resident of Money Lane** – concerned that, although he lives close to St Catherine's School he is directed to use polling station at Laurel Lane.

(note – Laurel Lane no longer in use. Unfortunately, in rare cases, people who live on the edge of a Polling District may find themselves closer to a polling station from another district).

<b>Recommendation</b>
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HG2 – relocate to St Catherine’s Church Hall as proposed above.
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HG3 & HG4 – implement boundary line changes as outlined above.
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<b>Ward</b>	<b>West Ruislip</b>
Electorate	8087
Postals	923

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RF1	3230	Ladygate Bowls Club Ladygate Lane		3230
RF2	3600	Ruislip Methodist Church Hall Ickenham Road		3600
RF3	1257	St Giles Church Hall High Road		1257

## Proposal

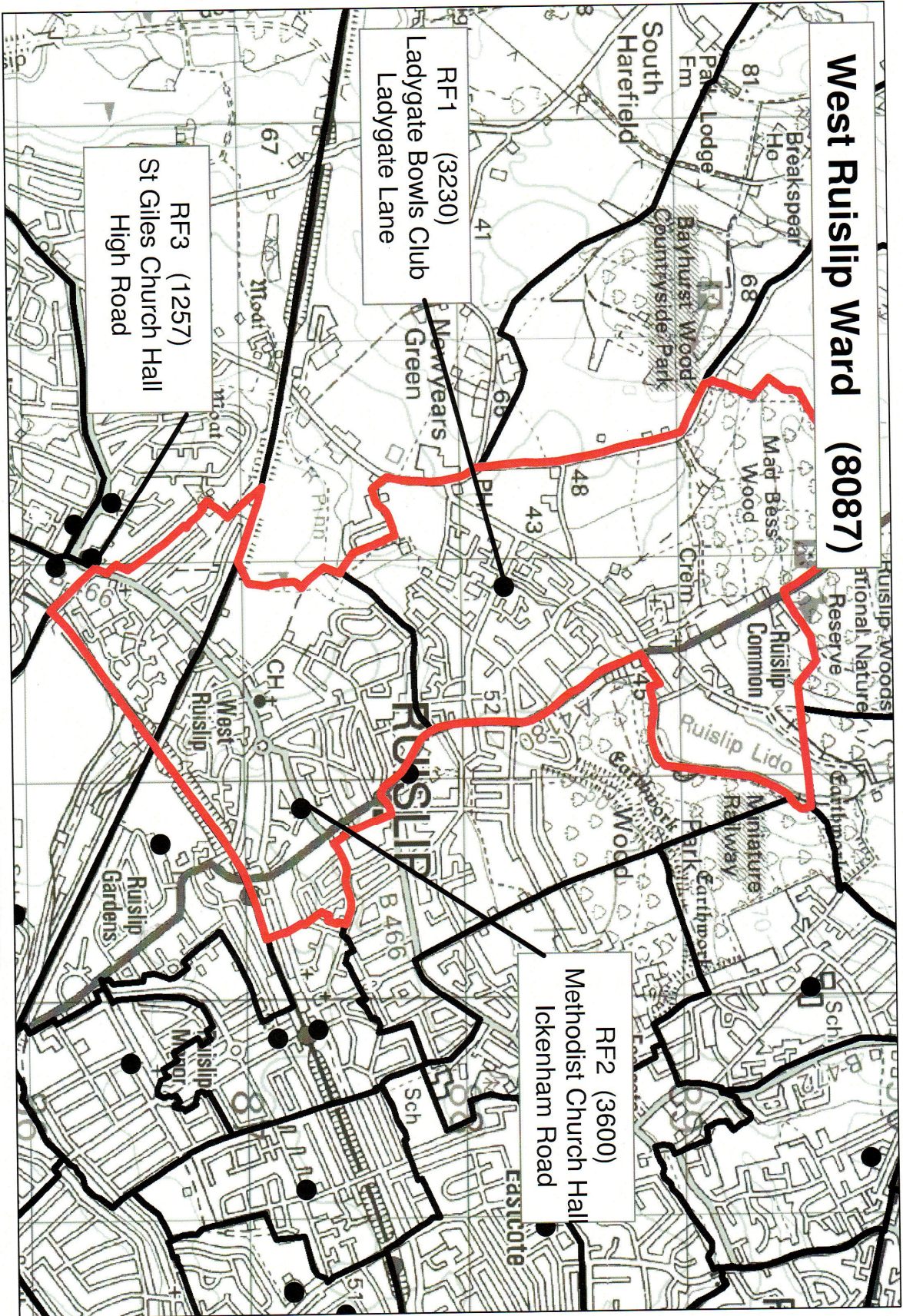
Imbalance in elector numbers is caused by geographical nature of ward. No proposed changes to current arrangements.

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendation

No changes



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<b>Ward</b>	<b>Yeading</b>
Electorate	8709
Postals	1133

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HH1	2645	Brookside School Perth Avenue		2645
HH2	3048	Yeading Community Centre Ditchfield Road		3048
HH3	3016	Brookside Pavilion Brookside Road		3016

## Proposal

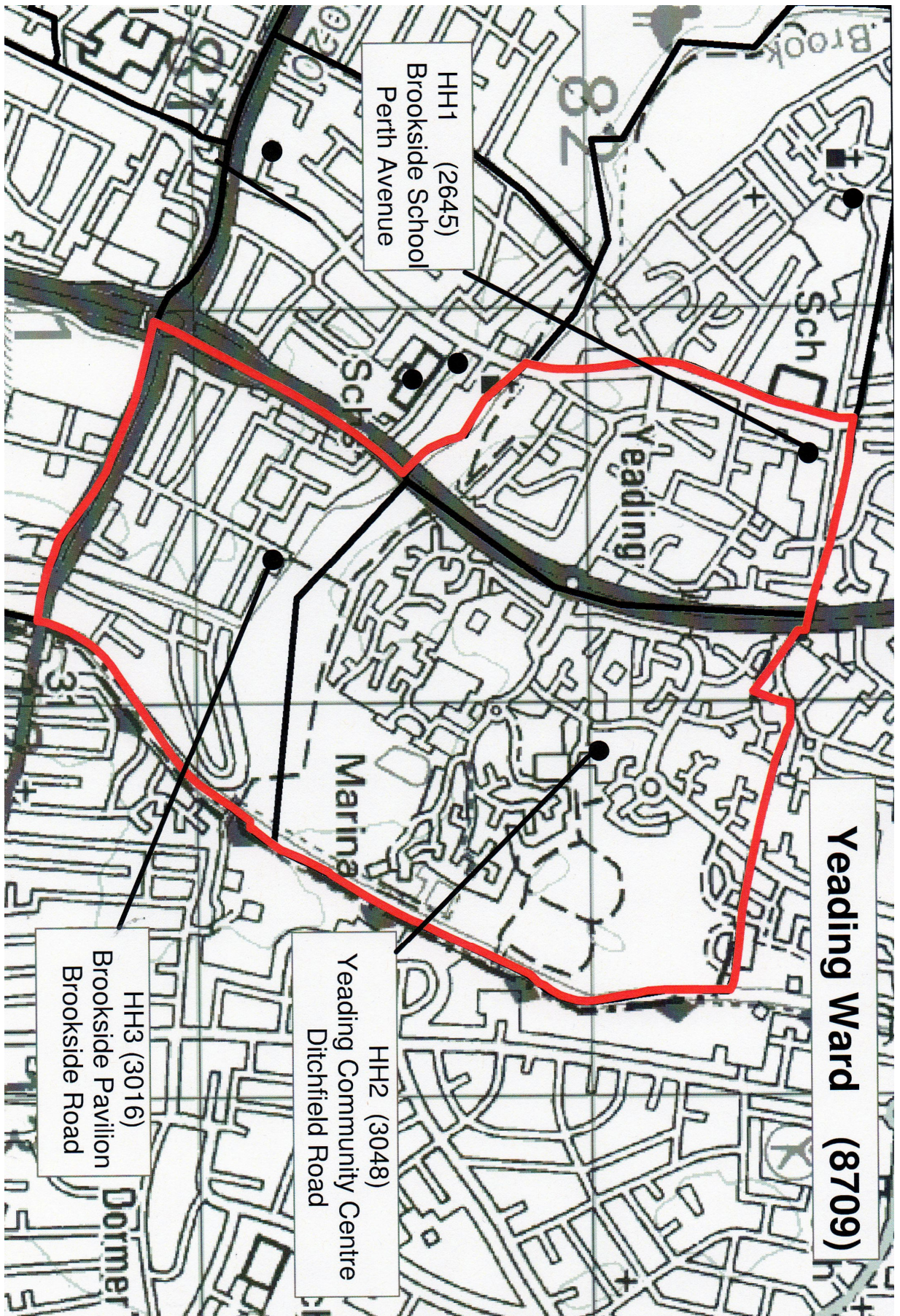
No proposed changes to current arrangements

## Comments

No comments received

## Recommendation

No changes



<b>Ward</b>	<b>Yiewsley</b>
Electorate	8420
Postals	964

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UH1	957	St Matthews Parish Centre High Street	Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall Colham Avenue	0
UH2	2704	Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall Colham Avenue		3661
UH3	3846	Colham Manor Primary School Violet Avenue		3846
UH4	913	6 <sup>th</sup> Hillingdon Scout Group Daleham Drive		913

## Proposal

A traditionally a low turnout ward with two of the smallest polling districts in the borough. However there are geographical reasons for leaving the polling districts as they are. Therefore, whilst no changes are proposed to the current arrangements, comments were invited on the possibility of removing polling area UH1 and relocating electors to polling district to UH2 which is located nearby. (not shown in the figures above)

## Comments

**Councillors Gilham and Kemp** – Whilst agree that UH1 has a low turnout, feel that the suggested change (outlined above) would be a negative step and would only deter voters even more from travelling to vote.

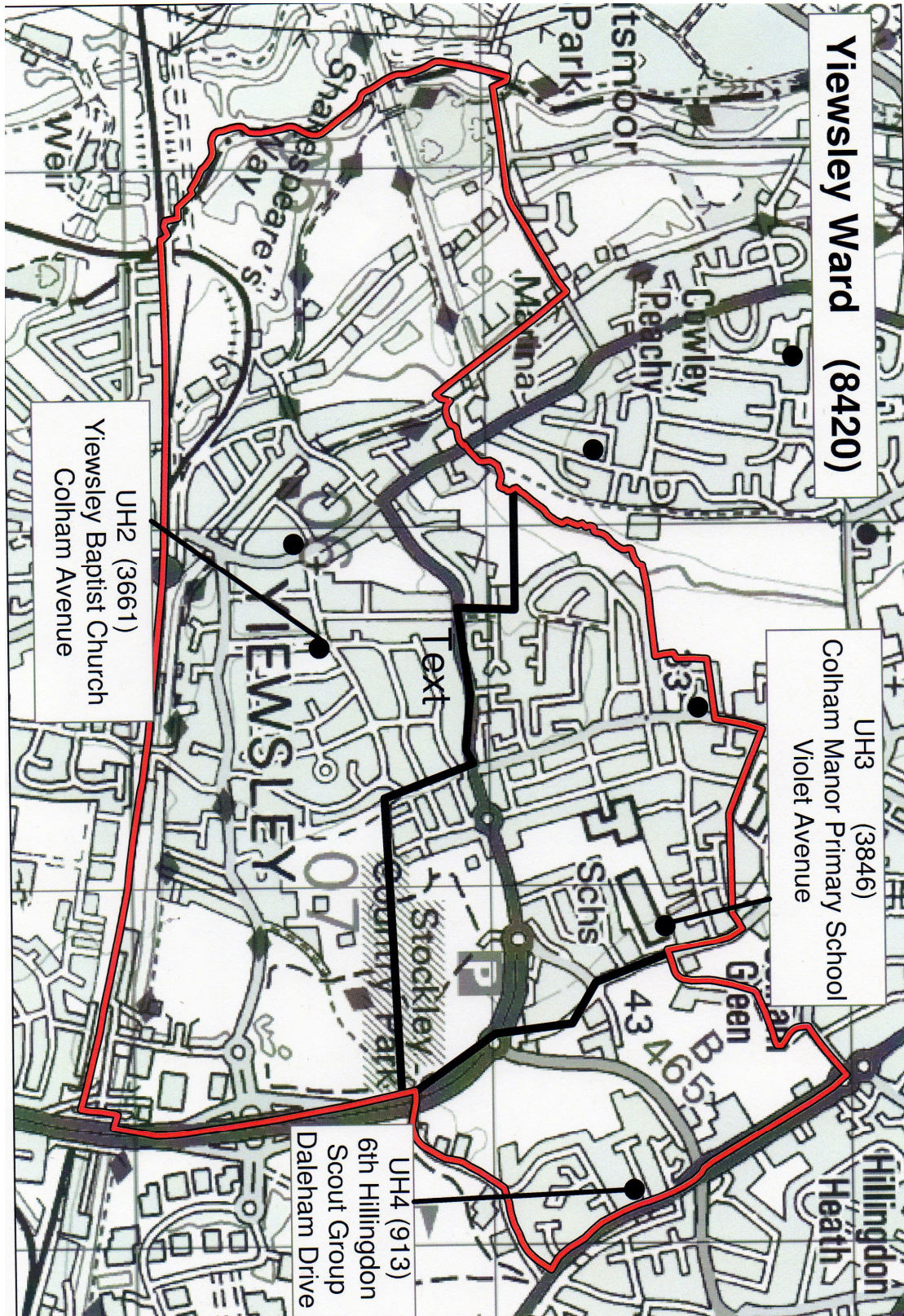
Suggest a replacement polling station in the new community centre on the Wraysbury Drive estate, on the very western edge of the ward where over 300 homes have or will be completed by the next local election. It would have the added benefit of having better disabled access at street level with no ramps and would also result in a higher turnout.

**Councillor Harmsworth** (*comments received after the closure of the consultation period*) – does not agree with the proposed merger of the two polling districts as it would give the electors on the far edge of UH1 even less of an incentive to vote with the extra distance to travel unless there is an active postal vote sign up campaign

## **Recommendation**

UH1 – after assessing the options above, recommended to merge with UH2 as very adjacent polling station.

As the development of further homes in the area nears completion the situation will be kept under review.



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## CONSIDERATION OF WHETHER AN ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION TO CONTROL HOUSES IN MULTIPLE OCCUPATION AROUND BRUNEL UNIVERSITY SHOULD BE INTRODUCED

*The following report will be considered by the Cabinet at the meeting on 27 October. Should the recommendations be approved this will form the basis of a recommendation to Council. The Cabinet decision will be reported verbally to Council on 3 November*

<b>Cabinet Member</b>	Councillor Keith Burrows
<b>Cabinet Portfolio</b>	Planning, Transportation and Recycling
<b>Officer Contact</b>	James Rodger – Planning, Environment, Education and Community Services
<b>Papers with report</b>	Appendix 1 – Plan indicating roads with high concentrations of HMO's as suggested by private sector housing and indication of which wards those roads fall within.

### HEADLINE INFORMATION

<b>Summary</b>	<p>A number of University cities have taken advantage of recent changes in planning regulations so they can withdraw existing planning permitted development rights for student houses. This brings student housing, 3-6 bed Houses in Multiple Occupation(HMO's) under planning control, therefore enabling the number of HMOs in individual streets to be controlled for the benefit of other residents amenity.</p> <p>The report explains why many Councils are considering Article 4 Directions. That Cabinet cannot make a decision on whether an Article 4 Direction should be considered; but it is considered that the issue merits a report to Full Council (who would have authority to decide whether an Article 4 Direction should be created around Brunel University.</p>
<b>Contribution to our plans and strategies</b>	This report primarily relates to the impact of HMO's on Hillingdon being a clean and attractive Borough
<b>Financial Cost</b>	To implement an Article 4 Direction would cost approximately £6,000 in publicity and public notices. On introduction there would be an on-going cost to the Council of approximately £20,000 a year to deal with the no fee planning applications and to monitor and enforce planning breaches.
<b>Relevant Policy Overview Committee</b>	Residents' and Environmental Services Policy Overview Committee

**RECOMMENDATION:** That Cabinet recommends a report be written to Full Council to determine whether Hillingdon should have an Article 4 Direction to address student HMO issues raised by local residents in Uxbridge South and Brunel Wards.

### Reasons for recommendation

Article 4 Directions to control Housing in multiple occupation (HMO's) are not yet active anywhere in the UK and it is unclear what the overall effects of creating an Article 4 Direction will be.

### Alternative options considered / risk management

A possible alternative option would be to refer the matter to an Area Planning Committee. Almost universally other Councils who have created Article 4 Directions for student housing have referred the matter to their Full Councils and it is considered that full Council is the most appropriate decision making body in this case.

### Policy Overview Committee comments

None at this stage.

## **INFORMATION**

### Supporting Information

1. The present situation is that planning permission is not required where there is movement from Class C3 (a dwelling house) to Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation with 3-6 un-related occupants living as a single household also known as HMO's) under the 'Town & Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No 2) (England) Order 2010'. In plain English if 7 or more people share a building in separate rooms in a situation where the occupants are not related you need planning permission. But if 3-6 people who are not related live together, as a single household (such as a student house), then planning permission will not be required, it is classed as 'permitted development'. In practice the vast majority of student houses around Brunel University have 3-6 un-related students occupying them.
2. In October 2010 the Government, in response to demand to control the effects of 'studentification' in many UK cities changed the legislation that applies to Councils seeking to impose Article 4 directions to withdraw permitted development rights. A new Government Circular was launched with the objective of simplifying how Article 4 Directions could be made to control student HMO's. The intention being to give Councils the option of creating an Article 4 Direction if they felt 'studentification' issues were causing problems such that the Council thought it appropriate to withdraw permitted development rights.
3. Article 4 Directions are a tool whereby for a specific geographic area the Council can override normal permitted development rights and require a planning application for a specific type of development outlined in the Article 4 Direction. The process to create an

Article 4 Direction is far from straightforward and involves extensive consultation and has compensation implications on the Council.

4. 'Studentification' is a term used to describe the adverse effects of large concentrations of students living in residential streets. There is various literature on the subject of what studentification is. Studentification is typically described in published literature as a real or perceived increase in; anti-social behaviour, in parking problems from various students in one property owning cars, dereliction and street blight such as rubbish being put out every day of the week, gardens being un-kept; and changes in overall character of an area such as 'student pubs,' off licences and takeaways proliferating. Studentification is' also referred to as affecting the social cohesion of individual streets where an 'us' and 'them', mentality can occur between students and non-students. The degree to which this occurs in individual streets is a subjective matter. Nonetheless there is empirical evidence that some streets such as Bosanquet and Barchester Close to name but two streets (see attached annexe for a map highlighting streets known to have a high concentration of HMO's) now have very large numbers of student HMO's and local residents are organising and attending public meetings to raise their concerns regarding studentification issues in Uxbridge South and Brunel Wards.
5. On the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2011 there was a public meeting in Cowley where approximately 40-50 local residents indicated their desire for action to deal with studentification issues which they felt were blighting their lives. At that meeting the implications of an Article 4 Direction were explained. It was clear at the meeting that a number of local residents felt that their wellbeing was seriously being affected by studentification.
6. The new procedure for introducing an Article 4 direction provides that where a local authority gives 12 month's advance notice of a Direction taking effect there will be no liability to pay compensation. If the Council provides less than 12 months notice it has to pay out compensation to landowners who wish to create HMO's. The landowners can claim for work already undertaken to make a HMO prior to the Article 4 Direction coming into effect. This could include architect fees, application fees, the costs of a depreciation in the value of the property, as well as the cost of abortive work such as structural works to alter the property. In terms of limiting compensation by way of a change to existing policies or creation of new, the Government has made it clear that it does not matter whether a local authority has an existing policy restricting HMO development for the purpose of compensation liability.
7. Local authorities will be liable to pay compensation in all instances where Article 4 directions are made with less than 12 month's notice. The difference in value of a property with or without HMO consent could be thousands/tens of thousands of pounds, as could the cost of compensating for abortive works. A financial risk assessment would therefore identify a risk of hundreds of thousands of pounds (or possibly even millions of pounds if an Article 4 direction covered all of Hillingdon) in compensation claims made against the Council. Other possible claims include anticipated future business profits likely under a specific contract. However, a claim cannot be made for anticipated profits of a business yet to be established. There is no real limitation to what can be claimed under the compensation regime and therefore with such possible financial implications no Council is realistically going to create an Article 4 Direction without giving 12 months notice.. A number of well known University cities are progressing Article 4 Directions to address studentification, not one of these is bypassing the 12 month notice period.
8. Separate from the planning process there are existing licensing arrangements (Under

the Housing Acts., Hillingdon operates both Mandatory and Additional HMO Licensing. Due to the predominantly two-storey housing stock, Mandatory HMO Licensing (which only covers three storey properties) has been of limited use to this Council as an enforcement tool, so in March 2010 the Council received approval from the Government to introduce an 'Additional HMO Licensing Scheme'. This scheme covers two storey HMO's in the south of the Borough.

9. Hillingdon has operated an HMO Registration since September 1997, and with the introduction of the Additional HMO Licensing scheme in March 2010, this has proven to be an excellent tool in enabling the Council to deal with HMOs, and has encouraged landlords to come forward and meet the requirements of the new Housing Act 2004.
10. Hillingdon's experience of licensing is similar to that of neighbouring boroughs. Its effectiveness is in part due to its regulatory requirements. However, its main benefit in an expanding and volatile market is to discourage and remove marginal and non-compliant owners of the worst properties from the market. Although Licensing does not give the Council the ability to prevent properties becoming HMOs, officer experience has shown that the penalties that Licensing brings (£20,000 maximum fines) forces the less professional and least compliant landlords out of the market, having an indirect impact on controlling numbers of HMOs within specific streets. In summary, the Council has been increasingly effective in dealing with the worst landlords through HMO licensing. HMO licensing will not though prevent their being student HMO's around Brunel University. A number of the streets adjacent to the University now have over 50% student HMOs.
11. With Brunel University having undergone massive expansion, with over 17,000 students on campus, despite an increase in onsite halls of residence, the numbers of students living in private rented HMOs around the University has seen a massive increase, in particular in the last 5 years.
12. Council officer's have worked closely with Brunel University to produce a leaflet for students titled 'Living off Campus' to try and educate students in their behaviour and to assist them in integrating with local residents. Four years ago the Council set up a 'Brunel University Liaison Group' to act as a forum for Councillor's and officers to discuss studentification issues with the acting Pro-Vice Chancellor and University representatives. This led to the University Housing Department doing various initiatives to address student landlord/HMO issues. It also led to a part time Community liaison post being created by the University. These points must be stressed as it is very much the case that the Council and University have worked in partnership to try to deal with studentification issues over recent years.
15. Nonetheless despite all these efforts it is the case that until the recent economic downturn landlords were outbidding potential owner-occupiers when housing in some streets close to the University were sold. With several hundred students concentrated, as in Brunel Ward itself, in a few streets, it cannot be denied that studentification effects are extensively felt in some Hillingdon streets. These streets are in the opinion of officers exclusively located in Brunel and Uxbridge South Wards.

16. The latest statistics provided by the private sector housing team are:

**Borough Wide Data**

Total Known HMOs	1800
House Condition Survey Estimate (2008)	2310
Total Licensed	424

**Ward Data**

Uxbridge South	342 Known HMOs - (271 Student) - 83 Licensed
Brunel	220 Known HMOs - (174 Student) - 60 Licensed

17. Details of complaints regarding student HMO's are:

<b>HMO Logged Complaint Data</b>	2010-11	Since 2006
Brunel	35	160
Uxbridge South	46	224

Note: This is Private Sector Housing data only and excludes complaints direct to Brunel University (who do deal with their share of resident's complaints) and the ASB Investigations Team who also deal with a large number of student HMO related complaints.

18. The starting position is if Hillingdon Council imposed an Article 4 Direction there would be a 12 month period where all landlords would know that planning regulations would be changed. There is no clear evidence that those Councils who are currently underway with 12 month consultation periods for Article 4 Directions have experienced changes in the way landlords operate (as no empirical data is yet available), but there is the real risk of a surge in HMO activity if a consultation commenced.
19. There has to be particularly strong justification for the withdrawal of permitted development rights relating to a wide area. It would neither be justifiable with respect to impact on communities or with respect to the financial impact on the Council (where applications have no fee) to cover the whole of Hillingdon with an Article 4 Direction. In some cases HMO's are an appropriate form of housing stock which best suits some sectors of the population. It should also be noted that of the 2000 approximate HMO's in Hillingdon less than 200 are north of the A40.
20. An Article 4 Direction will not allow the Council to refuse subsequent planning applications unless it has strong grounds to do so. Strategic policies at a National level and in the Mayor's London Plan support the growth of the education sector, preventing any form of student housing would run against this. Therefore in streets where there are not clusters of existing HMO's or a concentration of HMO's an Article 4 Direction should not be viewed as a tool that would result in planning applications being refused. Where an Article 4 direction can be effective is if accompanied by an adopted policy document that sets out a percentage figure (other Planning Authorities in University Cities are using 15% or 20% of properties in a street) whereby the Council considers that 'studentification' would arise if further HMO's are granted. If Hillingdon Council creates an Article 4 Direction it will need to follow this up with a new policy document that indicates this percentage figure. That percentage figure when combined with an Article 4 direction will give the Council the power to prevent any further HMO's in the streets worst affected by HMO's.

21. It is likely that landlords if an article 4 Direction is introduced would quickly realise that certain streets will not be worth purchasing properties on. Over time the effect would be to spread HMO's to other streets not currently adversely affected by HMO's. This needs to be considered when deciding whether to create an Article 4 Direction. There are many streets within Brunel and Uxbridge South Wards that have not yet been subject to studentification, so in the short term it is not anticipated that an Article 4 direction would result in other wards being affected, furthermore the students want to live close to the University.
22. The costs of creating an Article 4 Direction would be approximately £6000 (this is based on writing to all properties in Uxbridge South and Brunel Wards, firstly to consult on a proposed scheme and secondly to advise on the decision as well as press notices). As no fee can be requested for determining applications that result from an Article 4 Direction there would be running costs associated with an Article 4 Direction of approximately £20,000 per annum Officers estimate there is unlikely to be more than 50 new HMO's a year. Based on 50 HMO applications, with a number expected to be Committee items, this would equate to 25% of a full time planning officer case-load. The costing's for a planning officer include 'on-costs', the additional cost of enforcement cases (as an Article 4 Direction creates a new planning control to address breaches of), appeals cost and managerial and administrative input. This would all add up to approximately £20,000 per annum. There is no current budget set aside for this expenditure.. A full Council report would clarify as precisely as possible the expenditure implications of an Article 4 Direction.
23. The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 states that approval to make an Article 4 Direction is not a Cabinet function and therefore must be carried out by full Council or another appropriate Council Committee. This report is therefore primarily to explain to Cabinet why officers consider the matter warrants a report to full Council.

## **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications from the recommendations in this report. Should full Council decide that an Article 4 direction should be created then there would be financial implications on the Council.

## **EFFECT ON RESIDENTS, SERVICE USERS & COMMUNITIES**

### **What will be the effect of the recommendation?**

It will enable Full Council to determine whether an Article 4 Direction should be created.

### **Consultation Carried Out or Required**

If an Article 4 Direction is implemented then there would need to be extensive consultation. This report has been subject to consultation with the Private Sector Housing Team and the benefits or otherwise of an Article 4 Direction were discussed at a Public meeting on 9 May 2011 set up by the Cowley Residents Association attended by the report writer and is the subject of an increasing amount of correspondence to Council officers.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

### **Corporate Finance**

Corporate Finance has reviewed this report and is satisfied that there are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. However it should be noted that if full Council decide that an Article 4 direction should be created then there would be financial implications for the Council.

### **Legal**

On 1 October 2010 the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.2) (England) Order 2010 came into force. The Order amends the 1995 (General Permitted Development) Order and makes a change of use from a use falling within Class C3 (dwelling houses) to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation) 'permitted development' – i.e. planning permission is no longer needed to do this.

Under Article 4 of the General Development Order (as amended) local planning authorities can make directions withdrawing permitted development rights from development listed in Schedule 2 of the same order. For all article 4 directions the legal requirement set out in paragraph (1) of article 4 of the GDO is that the local planning authority is satisfied that it is expedient that development that would normally benefit from permitted development rights should not be carried out unless permission is granted for it on an application. This report explains why, at present, it is not expedient to withdraw permitted development rights for change of use from C3 to C4.

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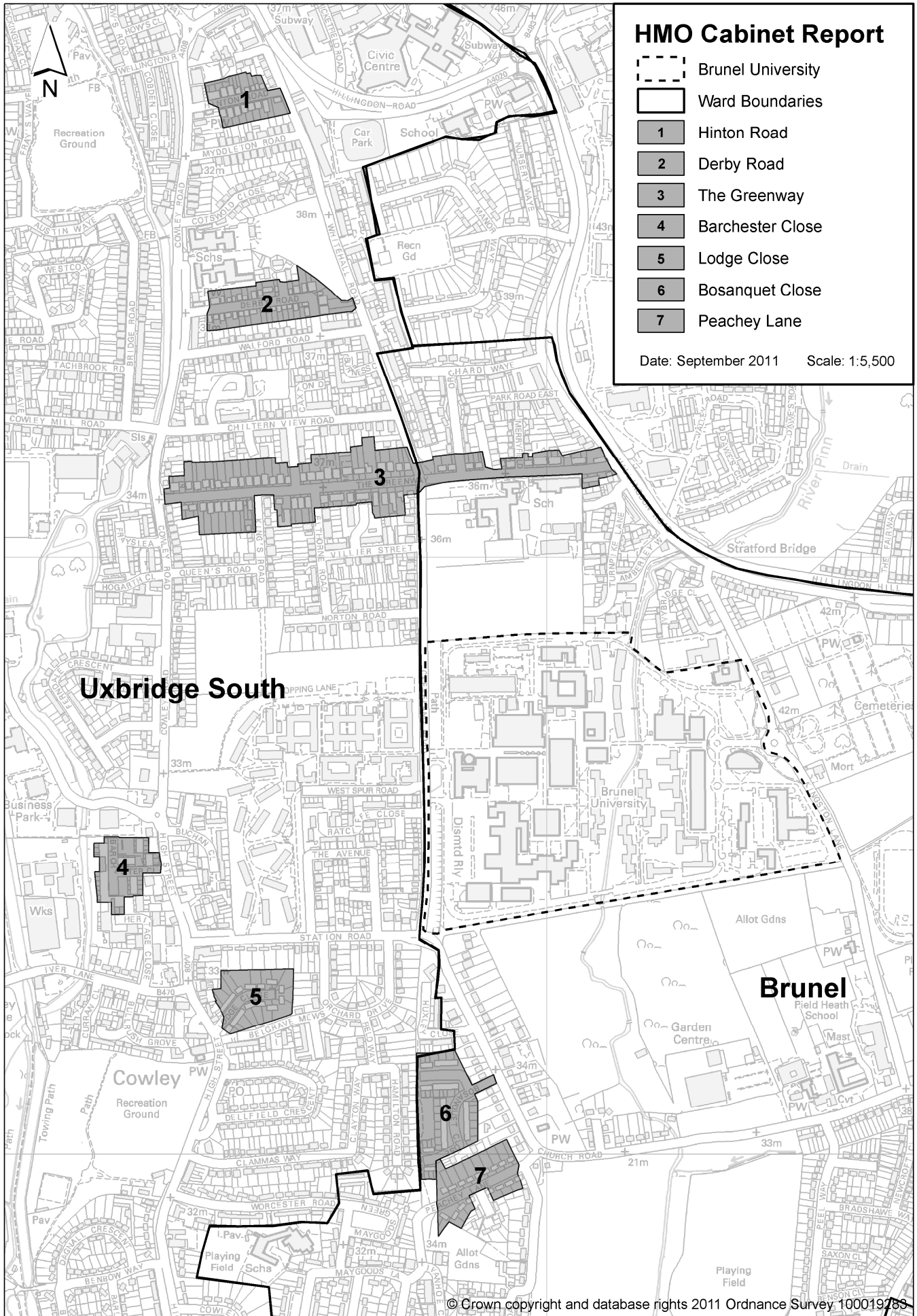
### **Corporate Landlord**

The Corporate Landlord is in support of the recommendations of this report.

[BACKGROUND PAPERS:](#) Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (Amendment) (No.2) (England) Order 2010

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## GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PENSION FUND

*Reporting Officer: Paul Whaymand – Deputy Director, Finance*

### SUMMARY

This report recommends that the operating framework of the Investment Sub-Committee (ISC) of the Pension Fund be changed to allow it to be better able to respond to the challenges it faces in respect of delivering improved stewardship of market and manager risks. Following a review of the operation of the Investment Sub Committee and an increasing need for calling urgent Pension Committee meetings, a change to the terms of reference of the ISC, to include increased delegated authority, is being recommended.

**RECOMMENDATION: That the terms of reference of the Investment Strategy Sub-Committee be amended to include the authority for it to reallocate assets and/or generate market exposure using established financial instruments up to 10% of Scheme assets, subject to the conditions outlined in the body of the report.**

### Reasons for recommendation

Hillingdon has created an appropriate structure through the ISC for better managing Fund assets, However, it has the potential to add further value over time if it is given some delegated authority, rather than having to refer every decision back to a quarterly Pensions Committee.

### Alternative options considered / risk management

The alternative option, to leave the operating framework unchanged, could have the potential to increase the risk of loss of pension fund value through the inability to take urgent investment decisions when required.

### INFORMATION

There is a general acceptance that a local government pension scheme cannot usefully evolve under a structure based around quarterly committee meetings. Within the world of investment, highly structured meetings are often an impediment to the effective evolution of the Fund's asset mix although they are ideal for executing effective governance. Accordingly, ISC structures are being created within most councils.

Usually and correctly, the aim is to delegate to the ISC investment matters of a market/manager nature while morphing the main Pensions Committee into a much more focused governance Board including exercising oversight on the ISC.

### Summary of Initial Operations

The Hillingdon ISC has been operating for approximately one year. The current framework requires formal 'sign-off' from Pensions Committee before action can be taken. The ISC is thus an entity charged with idea generation, design and review. Despite the focus of the group, it has no flexibility to act.

The meetings held have been conducted around a pre-set agenda supported by detailed inputs from advisors but the discussion is allowed to evolve naturally, invariably to productive effect. The deployment of scheme assets across the global financial markets is always reviewed and the ISC has been instrumental in initiating appropriate changes. These have included:

- instigation of a glacial currency hedging programme – removing, perhaps most significantly, the direct impact of any rapid deterioration in the euro;
- the switch of assets away from an underperforming manager ahead of the recent market turmoil; and
- managing the redesign of the global bond portfolio.

In each of the above, one of the major motives has been to reduce balance sheet risk without compromising prospects for generating long term return, which is essential if contribution rates are to be kept stable. In addition, the ISC has sought to adopt a truly long-term perspective and has commissioned appropriate research from Hymans Robertson for assessment at future meetings.

### **Lessons Learned**

1. The current structure works due to the commitment and insights of the participants, the flexible nature of the meetings and the preparedness of the individuals involved to act.
2. The market generates challenges and opportunities of a nature and frequency that may often require a degree of action that the current operating framework does not permit. This is sub-optimal. Increased delegation of powers under a strict governance structure is appropriate to enhance but, more importantly, to defend Scheme value.

### **Evolving the Framework**

The opportunity cost involved in returning ISC recommendations to Pensions Committee for approval prior to implementation can be considerable. By way of illustration, the ISC resolved at its most recent meeting to recommend a switch of assets away from hedge funds and for a period, investing the monies in bond markets. This was based on an assessment of the limited scope for near term returns from a fund of hedge funds and the favourable characteristics of bonds in any sharp market sell-off, which was judged likely. In the event, equity markets have fallen and bond values have risen. If the ISC had been free to commence implementation of the initiative the Fund would have enjoyed gains of around 5% on the bond exposures involved. This illustrates the potential benefit of granting the ISC an element of discretionary freedom within certain parameters.

### **Proposed Structure**

Ideally all investment activity should be conducted within a set of guidelines calibrated according to risk relative to liabilities. Although the ISC aspires to create such a framework, it isn't yet available. Accordingly, any discretionary freedom granted to the ISC should be bounded according to percentage exposure. This report recommends that the ISC be permitted to reallocate assets and/or generate market exposure using established financial instruments up to 10% of Scheme assets.

*Conditions:*

1. All action should be supported by a detailed description of the activity, its impact and potential risks as well as the potential pre-conditions for reversal; this should be communicated to the Chief Finance Officer prior to implementation.
2. The activity be justified by members of the ISC and reviewed at the next Pensions Committee meeting.
3. Regular reporting on the subsequent performance of the action taken should be presented to Pensions Committee.
4. No action which the Pensions Committee could not immediately reverse may be implemented in this manner.

In general terms, issues surrounding specific managers and markets, outside of extreme situations, should not be the ongoing focus of Pensions Committee. Exercising the appropriate level of governance is becoming important for pension funds and requires a different set of skills and focus from investment management.

Aside from general oversight the Pensions Committee should demand and receive detailed reporting from the ISC. It should ensure that the inputs and operations of the ISC comply with the clear objectives set for it.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The financial implications are contained within the body of the report.

**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The establishment of the Investment Strategy Sub-Committee was approved by full Council which also agreed its terms of reference. Therefore, further approval from full Council is required in order to change the terms of reference by giving the Sub-Committee delegated power to reallocate assets and/or generate market exposure using established financial instruments up to 10% of Pension Scheme Assets, subject to the four specific conditions identified in the body of the report.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

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## QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

### **10.1 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GILHAM TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR IMPROVEMENT, PARTNERSHIPS AND COMMUNITY SAFETY – COUNCILLOR MILLS**

Following on from the very successful partnership between Hillingdon Council ,Job Centre Plus and Tesco in placing well over 50 unemployed local residents with jobs in the new Yiewsley store, can the Cabinet Member please advise what other partnership initiatives are in operation?

### **10.2 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR CURLING TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Some years ago the speed limits on the Townfield estate were altered resulting in Central Avenue and part of Church Road having a speed limit of 20 MPH whilst all the other roads (even the smallest roads) on the estate have a limit of 30 MPH.

Hemmen Lane was later added to the 20 MPH zone after a petition from the Children of Dr Triplett's School, however we still have a situation where a major road like Central Avenue has a 20 MPH limit and the minor roads off of it are at 30 MPH.

During the summer, I had to make a house call to a family in Hesa Road who had witnessed their much loved dog knocked over and killed by a speeding motorist.

Can the Cabinet Member ensure that the speed limits on the Townfield estate are unified at 20m.p.h?

### **10.3 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR HARMSWORTH TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Despite constant calls for action to be taken against those who are feeding pigeons, on a daily basis, the problem still remains.

Since it is generally recognised that these are vermin and spread disease, could I ask whether the Cabinet Member has been made aware of the problem and, if so, what action is proposed to combat the problem?

### **10.4 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR ALLEN TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Members will recall that I raised the issue of the number of 'Games Rooms' springing up in Hillingdon particularly in the South of the Borough. Once built many of these buildings are turned into homes for let. Could the Cabinet Member please inform Members as to how many letters requesting access have been sent out,

follow up visits made by officers and enforcement notices served and adhered to since May 2008 in relation to these rooms?

**10.5 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR GARDNER TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR SOCIAL SERVICES, HEALTH & HOUSING – COUNCILLOR CORTHORNE**

Can the Cabinet Member for Social Services, Health and Housing assure me that everything that can be done is being done to help the residents of North Road and Uxbridge Road Hayes, who are being evicted from their homes by the London & District Housing Ltd.?

**10.6 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR BLISS TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

Can I ask the Cabinet Member for Planning Transportation & Recycling, is it fair that residents on three estates in the Borough have to pay an extra charge to have their refuse collected?

**10.7 QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR KHURSHEED TO THE CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION & RECYCLING – COUNCILLOR BURROWS**

In view of the national crisis during the last winter caused by the shortage of road grit, can the Cabinet Member for Planning, Transportation and Recycling please assure me that the Council has adequate supplies to cope with weather of similar severity during the coming winter, especially with regard to

- a) how the expected level of supplies has been calculated?
- b) whether consideration has been given to the inclusion of side roads in the gritting schedule?
- c) which, if any, pavements are included, bearing in mind the large numbers of people in our Borough who have limited mobility?



## MOTIONS

### 11.1 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS MILLS

This Council welcomes the Governments commitment to reduce the total cost of politics by means of the removal of fifty MPs at Westminster.

Council instructs the Chief Executive to respond to the Boundary Commission's proposals to reduce the number of constituencies in London from 73 to 68 and make sure that each constituency has a similar number of registered electors, as follows:-

welcoming,

- a) the return of Ickenham to the Uxbridge & South Ruislip Constituency
- b) the linking of the wards of Hillingdon East and Charville along the Uxbridge Road
- c) the joining together of Yiewsley and West Drayton wards

but also expressing concern at,

- a) the removal of Yeading from the Hayes town centre wards, especially in view of the strong links in the area as shown by the Hayes and Yeading football club.
- b) the Commission's intention not to link the five adjacent Harrow wards, (Pinner, Pinner South, Rayners Lane, Roxbourne and Roxeth) with the Hillingdon wards in the proposed Ruislip, Northwood & Pinner constituency.
- c) the proposals for Feltham & Hayes as these two areas have no common links.
- d) the counter proposals from the Liberal Democrats that would leave Heathrow Villages as the only Hillingdon ward with other Hounslow wards.

Further, Council instructs officers in conjunction with the Leader of the Council to submit appropriate counter proposals which address the above points and in particular to create new constituencies which can be named,  
Hayes & Southall  
Feltham & West Drayton  
whilst complying with the Commission's remit.

### 11.2 MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ALLEN

That this Council, on behalf of the residents of Hayes and Harlington, put more effort into finding a more suitable temporary refuse holding centre in Hayes until such time, finances permitting, that a permanent site is found.

Townfield Ward, like many wards in the south of the borough, suffers from fly tipping problems and more so since the Rigby Lane Refuse Centre closed.

A number of roads are continuously blighted by those who dump their rubbish, on a daily basis, usually large household items such as beds and mattresses which means that the view outside the homes of residents living in those roads is that of a rubbish tip.

The good residents of Hayes and Harlington have, on the whole, been helpful to their neighbours who have no car or means of transport to dispose of household rubbish. Whilst it was a short journey the cost was small and often the cost was borne by the carrier - the good neighbour or friend.

The price of petrol now being higher and the journey longer the good neighbour and friend has to consider whether they can bear the cost. The only option for many, due to cost and distance of the nearest refuse centre, is to either pile it up in their back gardens or sheds etc or have a bonfire. The less neighbourly dispose of it on the streets - any street but their own.

In order to bring a halt to the constant fly tipping, we as Townfield Councillors have made regular requests for the usage of the mobile CCTV, only for this to be refused.

We have, where CCTV is already in place, requested the area be monitored but told that unless we have the time the rubbish was dumped, this is not possible. As most are aware, fly tippers dump their load very late at night or in the early hours of the morning - never in broad daylight.

We spend hours every week inspecting roads and requesting removal of fly tipping and dumped household waste.

Apart from the infrequent usage permitted at Tavistock Road, which is inaccessible to many of the residents in the South, all have waited patiently for the replacement to Rigby Lane.