

Ward	Barnhill
Electorate	8863
Postals	853

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HA1	2222	Barnhill Community Centre Ayles Road		2222
HA2	3460	Grange Park Primary Lansbury Drive		3460
HA3	3181	Sheltered Accommodation Hall Langworth Drive		3181

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Mrs Ashton (resident) - I use Grange Park Primary School which is easily accessible from home, either by car or by walking and, as such, is ideal.

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Ward	Botwell
Electorate	10690
Postals	1109

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HB1	2524	Botwell House RC School		2524
HB2	979	Albert Hall, Albert Road	Hayes and Harlington Community Centre	979
HB3	3694	Rosedale College, Wood End Green Road		3694
HB4	3044	Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane		3493
HB5	449	Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane	Combine with HB4	0

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

HB2, Albert Hall, Albert Road (Hayes and Harlington Community Centre used at last elections in 2014) - whilst acknowledging the natural boundary created by the railway line, the small number of electors allocated to this polling district would suggest some logic to removing this polling district and combining with HB1, Botwell House RC School as shown above.

Polling districts of HB4/HB5 currently share a location (Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane) and should be combined together.

Responses Received

- Mrs K Malkin (resident) - During the last election an amount of elderly people knocked on my door asking why 9th Hayes Scout Headquarters wasn't being used as a polling station. Many decided that going to Rosedale Collage was too far to walk and would be grateful to see it reinstated as a polling station.
- Councillor Gardner (Ward Councillor) - Are you really suggesting that someone who lives at the end of North Hyde Road on the boundary with LB Ealing, makes their way to the RC Church in Hayes Town. It's an idiotic idea, did anyone consider the disabled and elderly who live in the current area? Obviously not! Well we have and there are a great many. The railway line has always been the dividing line regarding the polling area. The RC church already has the addition of all the flats at High Point Village, are we to presume that all the new dwellings to be built in Blyth Rd and surrounds will also be required to

use the RC school, next thing is you will be using the church. Can you please reconsider this proposal, and here's an idea - 'put the residents first' - do what works for them, not what works for the 'council'.

- Petition; "We, the residents of Albert Road, Black Rod Close, Dallas Crescent, Gordon Crescent, Harold Avenue, Keith Road, Nestles Avenue, North Hyde Gardens, Old Station Road, Sandow Crescent, Sutherland Avenue *strongly oppose* the merging of polling districts HB1 and HB2 which would result in an inaccessible Polling place for all HB2 electors." - containing 138 signatures (representing 13.3% of electors in the roads listed.)
- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Botwell Ward has a total electorate of 10,783 and is currently divided into 5 Polling Districts. The proposals are to combine polling districts HB4 and HB5 into a single polling district as they share the same polling place and to combine polling district HB2 with HB1 resulting in there being only 3 polling districts in the future. As HB4 and HB5 share the same polling place and the polling place is suitably placed for both districts we support this proposal. However, we are totally opposed to combining HB2 with HB1. Whilst on paper it might appear that the two districts are close and adjacent to each other they are, in fact, quite separate. On the northern edge of HB2 is the railway line and on one side or other of the railway line a substantial belt of industry and commerce. There only two routes electors could take to get to the proposed polling place at Botwell House RC School:
 1. by crossing the railway bridge, in Station Road, and either walking through the town centre, or, if travelling by car, driving round the one way street system; or
 2. by walking/driving along the West Drayton Road and then either travelling to Printing House Road to Botwell Lane or by using Botwell Common Road to Botwell Lane.

Either journey would be extremely inconvenient and troublesome. The distance, for many would be too far to walk and would either result in more cars unnecessarily being forced on narrow residential streets or the need for people to travel by bus. We should be using Polling District reviews to look at ways to making voting easier and convenient not more difficult or more costly for the individual. It is also important to remember that there are a large number of elderly people living in this Polling District. The removal of a close and convenient polling place, for this area, would very adversely affect voting turnout. Further, there appears to be no recognition of the fact that the Polling District HB1 is already due to an increase in the number of electors because of the number of residential units currently being built in Blyth, Clayton and Station Roads:

Development	Number of Units
Old Vinyl	810
Paradigm	87
Enterprise	96
Union House	46
Avis Building	98
Total	1,137

We very strongly propose that on the grounds of equal and reasonable access, to vote, for all that HB2 be left alone and that the Polling Place be at the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre or at the Elim Church close by.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Botwell Ward the proposal to combine HB2 and HB1 polling districts will result in presenting a large number of my constituents with a lengthy journey on foot to be able to vote or a car journey through a heavily congested area. This will act a severe deterrent to voting and flies in the face of the objective of Government and council of encouraging more people to participate in the democratic process. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.
- Mrs Clarke (resident) - It has come to my attention that the above polling station will no longer be available and my nearest station is at Botwell School. I for one would not be able to go and vote at this station. The parking is severely limited in this area let alone trying to fight through the congested streets. I am able bodied but would NEVER walk through Hayes Town alone. The last time I visited the town to say it was unsavoury would be an understatement. I vowed then never to return. If the polling station at HHCC has to be closed could I be allocated a polling station nearer to Harlington? I feel safer in this area and parking is more readily available.
- Mr Nicholls (resident) - I understand that voters in our polling area will no longer be able to vote at the Hayes Community Centre. Having lived in Asa Court for over 25 years I was amazed to learn that the local polling station will now be at Botwell School! There does not appear to have been any consultation with local electors on the subject. I and I expect most of my neighbours would have raised objections if we had had the courtesy of being asked. As far as I understand it Councils are there to serve the local population & not the other way round. I am sure that there are many more ways of cutting costs if that is what this is supposed to do rather than making life more difficult for voters. I would urge the council & its officers to reconsider not using the Community Centre for future elections.

- S.Arain (resident) - I have found out that recently the Council undertook a review of where our polling stations are to be located. I believe that one of the polling stations we will lose is the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre in Albert Road and that in future all living in and around our road will have to vote at Botwell RC Primary School on Botwell Lane. I do not agree with the Council's decision of not to have Hayes and Harling Community as polling station. It will be very inconvenient for the residents living around or nearer to the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre, who will then have to travel all the way to the other side of Hayes town. I believe this will deter majority of people from exercising their democratic right to vote. I request that the Council re considers, and will include Hayes & Harlington Community Centre as one of the polling station because:-
 - Hayes and Harlington Community Centre is more accessible for us, as majority can easily walk that short distance between 7am and 10pm (particularly for people returning late from work).
 - It is also very convenient for the commuters travelling by buses from various directions onto Station Road (parallel to Albert Road). All buses i.e. U4, U5, E6, 140, 90, H98, 365 and 195 stop behind the Community Centre (one minute walk from the stop to Albert Road).
 - Easily accessible also for all those commuters travelling to and from Hayes and Harlington train Station.
 - Elderly, disabled or any other car users do not have to make a long (one way) journey through a heavily congested area through Hayes town to get to Botwell RC Primary School.I and other residents in my neighbourhood will be grateful for a favourable result.
- Mrs Leung (resident) - I am the neighbourhood co-ordinator and residents' secretary for the Botwell Ward area covering the following streets; North Hyde Road, Black Rod Close, Dallas Terrace, Harold Avenue, Sutherland Avenue, Gordon Crescent, Sandown Crescent, North Hyde Gardens. I am writing on behalf of residents to request that the polling station at the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre on Albert Road not be closed. We put a petition in a couple of months ago as we residents were not consulted on the relocation of the polling station, we request that our voices are heard on this major change as this is a real concern for us. We are very worried for the elderly, disabled and young parents in our area who will not be able to get to the new location at the Botwell Catholic School as this would be too far for them to get to an may not even bother to put their vote in. Please can you reconsider that the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre to be kept open for the local residents as this is a lot closer for them and we have been voting here for many years.
- Mr Ahmed (resident) - I strongly oppose closing down Polling Station at Hayes and Harlington Community Centre as going to Botwell RC Primary School will be very inconvenient for me and my family. Please note all my three children are voting age.
- Mr and Mrs Baghri (residents) - I understand that there has been a review of where polling stations are to be located. We use the Hayes and Harlington Community Centre in Albert Road. We are concerned that we may now be required to travel to Botwell RC school which will be difficult for us to use. We usually go to vote after work and it is easier for us to go to the community centre. I am concerned that we and others will be discouraged from voting due

to the distance involved. Please can you reconsider and at the very least canvass the views of residents who this will affect because as I understand it, no residents have been involved or consulted.

Proposal

Due to the location of the Scout Hut it was combined with Rosedale College in 2011. No feedback has been received since then and no change is proposed.

- HB2 - Albert Hall, Albert Road - relocate to Hayes and Harlington Community Centre as used at last election.
- HB4/HB5 - combine at Wood End Park School, Judge Heath Lane.

Ward	Brunel
Electorate	8036
Postals	1076

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UA1	2150	Alec Rose Scout Hut, Moorfield Road		2150
UA2	1882	Walter Pomeroy Hall, Royal Lane		3220
UA3	1803	St John's Church Hall, Royal Lane	Bishopsholt School Royal Lane	2666
UA4	2243	Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road	Close and re-distribute to UA3 and UA2	0

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

UA3 - the unavailability of St John's Church/Church Hall required the use of Bishopsholt School in 2014. This worked well and would be better suited to accommodating larger numbers of electors. It is therefore proposed that this change be made permanent

In addition it suggested that consideration be given to removing UA4, Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road, and redistribute electors in Cherry Grove, Morello Avenue, Stella Close, West Drayton Road, White Heart Avenue, Barncroft Close, Barwick Drive, Glasshouse Close, Harlington Road, Hooper Drive and Little London Close to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane, with the balance to UA3, Bishopsholt School, Royal Lane.

In addition move electors in the following roads: Amberley Way, Concorde Close, Cornfield Close, Hillingdon Road, Ivybridge Close, Kingston Lane, Merryfields, Orchard Way, Park Road East, The Greenway, Turnpike Lane and Whitehall Road from UA3 to UA2.

Responses Received

- Kerri Prince, Brunel Student - Due to Hillingdon Council funding a member of staff at the Union of Brunel Students, Community Engagement Coordinator, may I suggest that the creation of two polling stations on campus will enhance the aims of this position which is to engage Brunel students in the local community and to encourage them to participate in local democracy. In the 2014 local elections, one side of campus (Cleveland Road to Cowley Road - Uxbridge South ward) would travel to

the Greenway to vote (which I now hear is being removed - thus making any travelling to a polling station longer). The other side of campus (Cleveland Road to Kingston Lane - Brunel ward) would have to walk several miles uphill to Bishopshalt School. Elections normally fall within the same period as exams at Brunel, and polling stations that are far away can be a strong deterrent as students may find themselves choosing between revision or voting. As the Council is putting such a great emphasis on engaging students in the community, a polling station on both sides of campus would put across a stronger message to students that Hillingdon Council does value them as residents. The Brunel campus has plenty of buildings that can be used, and they are also accessible to members of the public. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hillingdon Council to engage a generation of Brunel students. I hope you will consider this proposal and strengthen the democratic mandate of Hillingdon Council, but aiming to increase turnout in the Brunel and Uxbridge South wards.

- Councillor Richard Mills (Ward Councillor, submitted on behalf of Brunel Ward Councillors) - We support the proposals to amend Polling Districts within Brunel Ward. Salem Baptist Church is difficult to access and we support the removal of this and subsequent distribution of these voters between UA2 and UA3 as suggested. In the 2014 elections the UA3 polling station at Bishopsholt School worked well, and whilst the number of electors within this polling district is high, this contains a number of 'Student Halls' from which turnout is extremely low.
- Union of Brunel Students: - Polling station proposal for implementing polling stations on both sides of the Brunel University campus.

Context - In 2010 only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted in the General Election – the lowest out of any other age group. With the General Election scheduled for May 2015, this is a great opportunity to make a conscious effort to engage Brunel University students in the civic process. The Union of Brunel Students and Brunel University propose to create two polling stations on campus for the General Election. The campus is split into two wards through Cleveland Road, one falling into Uxbridge South and the other being in Brunel ward. The Students' Union will be running a voter registration campaign to accompany polling stations on campus in order to engage our students in the electoral and civic process. The date of the General Election is scheduled for May 7th, which falls into the Brunel University exam period. The proposed polling stations for both Uxbridge South and Brunel are a mile away from the campus, and we feel that students may not take that time out of their key revision period to vote. We would like to ensure that our students know that their vote and engagement is valued, and by bringing the polling stations to them during one of the busiest periods in their academic life, Hillingdon Borough Council would be promoting their commitment to engaging students.

Polling Station Locations - Due to the campus being split into two, there is a need for one polling station on each side. Whilst considering the requirements for a polling station, the University has identified the following locations to be used as polling station:

- Isambard Complex Social Amenities Building, accessible from Station Road.

- Sports Pavillion, Kingston Lane.
Operations - The Union of Brunel Students has been liaising with the operational team at the University, who have identified the two locations above as polling stations as they meet requirements for accessibility, size, and safety. Both polling stations are and would be accessible to the public, and both locations are secure. With the General Election count being on the Brunel campus in the Indoor Athletics Centre (IAC), it would only be a short trip for security services to transport the ballot boxes to the IAC.
- Chris Summers (Labour Party PPC for Uxbridge & South Ruislip) - I am writing to protest at some of the proposed changes to polling stations for the 2015 General Election. I believe there is a pressing need for a polling station on campus at Brunel University. The election will be held during a key exam time and I understand many of the students do not wish to take time off from revision to travel to and from the proposed polling stations in Brunel and Uxbridge South ward. I totally endorse the sentiments of the Union of Brunel Students who pointed out that in 2010 only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted in the general election. If Hillingdon Council really wants to address this low turnout they need to take measures, such as adding a polling station on the Brunel campus. We should be encouraging the democratic urge (be it in young people or old people) and not putting obstacles in its way.
- Mr Lee (Green Party) - We wish to fully support the responses received from Kerry Prince, Brunel Student and the further submission "Union of Brunel Students – Polling station proposal for implementing polling stations on both sides of Brunel University campus..." It should be noted that both these submissions refer to both Brunel Ward and also Uxbridge South, however it appears that this has only been considered in respect of Brunel Ward and not in respect of Uxbridge South. I quote no.3 from the document submitted to the last Council Meeting. "The aim of the exercise is to make voting 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". With this in mind I will turn my attention to each ward in particular. *(NB - the submission relating to Uxbridge South Ward is included in that Ward's proposals)*
BRUNEL WARD - The two submissions from Union of Brunel Students have been very well put together and make an extremely strong case to retain the number of polling stations and make one of these actually on the University Campus. The recommendation of the Returning Officer to reject this request on the grounds that "Individual Elector Registration has, in pilot areas, seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations..." is in itself contrary to the aim of the exercise as quoted above. It is the clearly stated aim of the exercise to make voting convenient to electors, not force them to travel even further distances from the university campus at examination time of year. I do not have details of the actual cost implication of this change of polling station, however the whole paper proposed a reduction of 8 in the total polling station numbers producing a net cost reduction of

approximately £2,500 (see paragraph 10) However it was noted that this cost saving to the Council is only relevant for Local Elections, not for General, European or London Assembly elections. Assuming that the figure of £2,500 is the net cost savings for 8 polling stations this equates to an average of £312.50 per polling station. This is a lot less than the additional costs if say 50% of the students applied for regular postal votes because of the difficulties of getting to the polling station at exam time of year. I refer to the submission by Councillor Mills (Conservative – Brunel Ward). He states “In the 2014 elections the UA3 polling station at Bishopsholt School worked well, and whilst the number of electors within this polling district is high, this contains a number of ‘Student Halls’ from which turnout is extremely low.” This is in itself a very good argument for the proposal to have a polling station on the University Campus to encourage the students to vote instead of making it even more difficult at exam time of year.

ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS - It is noted that the only Councillor representations received for Brunel and Uxbridge South are a Conservative Councillor submission arguing for a situation where it is more difficult for students to cast their vote and a Labour Councillor proposing that students should be encouraged to vote by making it easier for them. The latter position is the one that conforms with the main aim of the exercise of making voting convenient for electors. It is an established fact that nationally Conservative Party support is lower in the 18-25 year age range than over the whole of the electorate. I hope this was not a factor in the Conservative administered Council’s proposals. The Council has the motto “Putting our residents first” This surely must mean making it easy to cast their vote.

Proposal

The introduction of Individual Elector Registration (IER) has, in pilot areas, seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations. The publication of the most recent Register has seen the number of persons registered in this ward drop by almost 1500 and it is not, therefore recommended that additional polling stations be introduced in this ward at this stage.

- UA3 - relocate to Bishopsholt School instead of St John's Church.
- UA4 - remove Salem Baptist Church Hall, Uxbridge Road, and redistribute electors in the following roads to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall Royal Lane:
 - Cherry Grove,
 - Morello Avenue,
 - Stella Close,
 - West Drayton Road,
 - White Heart Avenue,
 - Barncroft Close,
 - Barwick Drive,
 - Glasshouse Close,
 - Harlington Road,
 - Hooper Drive and
 - Little London Close,

- with the balance to UA3, Bishopsholt School, Royal Lane.
- Move electors in the following roads from UA3 to UA2, Walter Pomeroy Hall, Royal Lane:
 - Amberley Way,
 - Concorde Close,
 - Cornfield Close,
 - Hillingdon Road,
 - Ivybridge Close,
 - Kingston Lane,
 - Merryfields,
 - Orchard Waye,
 - Park Road East,
 - The Greenway,
 - Turnpike Lane and
 - Whitehall Road.

Ward	Cavendish
Electorate	8772
Postals	1185

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UB1	2611	Eastcote Community Centre Southbourne Gardens		2611
UB2	2912	Cavendish Pavilion Field End Road		2912
UB3	3249	St Swithun Wells RC School Hunters Hill		3249

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Lavery (Ward Councillor) - would be content to see no change

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory

Ward	Charville
Electorate	8922
Postals	933

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HC1	3695	Charville Community Centre, Bury Avenue		3695
HC2	1132	Hewens College, Hewens Road	Hayes End Library	1132
HC3	4095	Hayes Park School, Raynton Drive		4095

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

HC2 - The refurbishment of Hayes End Library is now complete and it is recommended that the polling place be relocated back to this location to reduce the disruption caused by using the college.

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

Responses Received

- Councillor Fyfe (Ward Councillor) - I agree with the changes especially back to the Hayes End Library as per the last local elections. Grange Park Infant school is located in Charville Ward but is used for voters from Barnhill Ward.

Proposal

- HC2 - relocate to Hayes End Library

Ward	Eastcote & East Ruislip
Electorate	10029
Postals	1428

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RA1	2716	The Great Barn Bury Street		2716
RA2	2498	Coteford Infants School Fore Street		2498
RA3	1526	Eastcote Methodist Church Hall Pamela Gardens		1526
RA4	3289	St Lawrence Church Hall Bridle Road		3289

Returning Officer Comments

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

With the electorate size and high voting turnout, there are grounds for retaining 4 polling districts in this ward

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory

Ward	Harefield
Electorate	5605
Postals	642

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RB1	1880	Harefield United Football Club		1880
RB2	2287	Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane		2287
RB3	1438	Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue		1438

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

The geographical nature of the Ward has resulted in having 3 polling places close together. Comments are welcomed on a proposal to remove RB2, Park Lane Village Centre, Park Lane, and redistributing the electors between the two remaining polling areas.

RB2 covers the centre of the village and Park Lane is a natural boundary within RB2. All roads north of this would relocate to RB1, Harefield United Football Club, and all roads south would relocate to RB3, Harefield Community Centre, Priory Avenue. The two exceptions to this would be Breakspear Road North and Pond Close which would relocate to RB1.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No change - current arrangements are considered satisfactory

Ward	Heathrow Villages
Electorate	7237
Postals	849

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HD1	1331	Harmondsworth Church Hall, High Street		1331
HD2	239	Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road		2338
HD3	1217	Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road	Combine with HD2	0
HD4	882	Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane	Close and combine with HD2	0
HD5	3568	The Barn 1 st Harlington Scout Group, High Street	To become HD3	3568

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Polling stations HD2/3, Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road and HD4, Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane are located quite close together and it is suggested that consideration be given to removing polling area HD4 which is small and relocating to HD2/3

The polling districts of HD2/HD3 currently share a location and should be combined together.

Responses Received

- Mr Tomlinson (resident) - It is important to protect our democracy by opening more polling stations instead of closures. Sipson polling station must be kept open and Cranford Cross polling station must be re-opened. Short term cost savings will lead to long term decline and abuse of our democracy.
- Miss Obot (resident) - As a resident in Sipson village I would like to agree with the letter received from the Heathrow Villages Labour Councillors and raise my concerns further regarding plans to move our local polling station. If this can be avoided at any cost I would appreciate this greatly as moving it to Cherry lane would be of great inconvenience. On behalf of myself and

my father and as a proud local of Sipson village, I would be against moving the polling station to Cherry Lane school due to ease of access for most residents and the inconvenience it would cause for the majority of Sipson village residents.

- Jane Taylor (Chair of Harmondsworth and Sipson Residents' Association) - It is of great concern to the residents of Sipson that there are proposals for our village to lose its Polling Station which is located at HD4 Sipson Baptist Church. The Council anticipate Sipson residents will be happy and able to access the Polling Station at Cherry Lane School. Hillingdon Council are fully aware that the Heathrow Villages are constantly fighting to retain services as well as gain others which are automatically offered in other parts of the borough. It is important for Sipson to remain a viable community so we are not seen as an easy target by Heathrow Airports Ltd to be built on for airport expansion. Sipson residents find it incomprehensible that you wish to remove our democratic right to vote at an accessible Polling Station. At the moment, Sipson residents have the same two options to vote as other people living in the borough of Hillingdon – postal or walking to the ballot box. By removing the Polling Station in the north of the village the only realistic option for most residents will be to organise a postal vote because Cherry Lane will require a car or bus journey which for many people in the village is not practicable. I see from your website that these proposals have come from the Returning Officer who views Sipson and Cherry Lane to be close to one another; this would not be the perception of a voter living in the south of the village.
- Councillors Khatra, Money and Nelson (Ward Councillors) - The returning officer commented that Polling stations HD2/3, Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road and HD4, Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane are located close together and the officer is suggesting that consideration be given to removing polling station HD4 which is small and should be relocated to HD2/3. The officer proposes that Polling districts of HD2/HD3 currently share a location and should be combined together. We, the three Ward Councillors of Heathrow Villages along with the residents the HD4 polling district (see attached petition) strongly disagree with this statement by the returning officer. On paper the two polling stations are 1.4 miles apart when driving, however in practise residents living in the area for e.g. on Blunts Ave will be 2.3 miles from the proposed Polling Station, this distance is absolutely absurd as it means that the polling station will now no longer be walking distance. Residents are concerned that their only option will be to drive to the newly proposed polling station. Public transport from Blunts Ave will include the following steps; First there will be a 1.2 mile walk to the Sipson Way bus stop, the resident will then have to wait for the 222 bus which can be anything up to 8 minutes, the journey will take 18 minutes to Maxwell Road and then a further 10 minute walk to the polling station - this whole journey will then have to be repeated on the way to back to their home - therefore in practise the removal of the HD4 polling station will not assist the residents in any way. Currently 901 residents are registered to vote in the HD4 polling station. Not all persons will obviously be using public transport to travel to the new polling station, nevertheless residents who are elderly and those with disabilities may not be able to use public transport without any assistance. Heathrow villages

is also a unique place because the majority of the residents work in or around the airport, as such most residents in Sipson are shift workers with the majority of persons doing early, late or night shifts. This is also a reason why it is absolutely crucial that the Sipson Christian Fellowship polling station is saved, casting your vote should be a very simple and easy task - not an activity that is time consuming or made costly by public transport. Whilst some persons are happy to go for a postal vote there are many residents who want to vote for themselves, this obviously includes the elderly and those with disabilities etc. In Heathrow Villages there was a 32.2% voter turnout which is a relatively average number when compared with other wards throughout the borough and even the country. There has overall been a low turnout in the local elections and moving the polling stations further away can only contribute to this. There is no positive reason for this polling station to be moved further away. Residents should be encouraged to vote and this can only deter them.

- Councillors Khatra, Money and Nelson (Ward Councillors) - Reinstatement of Polling station on Oxford Avenue. We, the three Ward Councillors of Heathrow Villages along with the residents of the Cranford Cross Catchment area (see attached petition) would also recommend that the temporary Polling station that was historically erected on Oxford Avenue be reinstated as a matter of urgency. The persons living in Cranford Cross catchment area used to walk a very short distance to vote and now they have to travel by either car or public transport to the HD5 polling station in Harlington. This journey is completely unnecessary and there was no reason to take the polling station away. Again, this makes the journey time consuming, not very user-friendly and costly - casting your vote should be a simple and straight-forward process, this certainly is not the case at the moment. The number of polling place electorates in the HD5 station is 3618, this is a very large number of potential voters. Although HD5, Scouts Hut is a suitable polling station for Harlington and its local residents who can vote by walking, it is not suitable for this high number as it is a small station with very limited parking. Many residents on the day were complaining on the lack of car parking space and the fact that it was so busy. There is approximately 8 car park spaces with the surrounding areas having controlled residents parking. This increased traffic creates problems for walkers and the local residents residing in the flats and houses next to the HD5 Harlington Scouts Hut Polling station. If the polling station on Oxford Avenue is reinstated it will distribute the voters. Residents in Cranford Cross were also complaining that their right to vote was taken away when the temporary Polling station was taken away. Many residents stated to us that if the Polling Station was walking distance than they would have voted - reinstating the Polling station on Cranford Cross will simply encourage more residents to vote and this can only be a benefit. Heathrow Villages also has a large population of persons who work shifts in the airport doing either early, late or night shifts. As such walking to the polling stations in the Heathrow Villages is an absolute necessity.
- Petition; "We, the residents of HD4 *strongly oppose* the merging of polling districts HD4 which would result in an inaccessible Polling place for all HD4 electors" - containing 135 signatures (representing 11.3% of electors

in HD4.)

- Petition; "We the residents of Acorn Grove, Bath Road, Craneswater, Cranford Lane, Eton Road, Langley Crescent, Malvern Road, Oxford Avenue, Pendell Avenue, Saunton Avenue, Strathearn Avenue, Winchester Road and Windsor Park Road *strongly demand that there should be the **reinstatement of the Cranford Cross polling station** that has historically been placed on Oxford Avenue. This will give us ease of access to vote. With a very low voter turnout, this can only encourage more residents to vote.*" - containing 52 signatures (representing 4.1% of the voters in the roads listed.)
- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - Heathrow Villages Ward has a total electorate of 9,362 and is currently divided into five polling districts. The proposals are to combine polling districts HD2 and HD3 into a single polling district as they share a single polling place and to also combine polling district HD4 with HD2 and HD3 the result being that there will be three polling districts for the future. On the grounds that HD2 and HD3 share a single polling place we concur with the proposal to combine these two polling districts but are strongly opposed to the proposal to add HD4. Whilst HD4 is, compared to most, a small polling district we recognise that, due to its geography, the polling district is very separate from any of the adjoining polling districts and, if combined, would cause considerable difficulty and hardship to the electors living there. Electors on the extreme southern edge of the present HD4 would be nearly 2.5 miles from the proposed new polling place and would be only able to access the polling place by car or public transport whereas they currently have relatively easy access within walking distance. Any elector, without a car, would have to use public transport which would result in an 18 minute journey in addition to a considerable 18 – 25 minute walk only to be repeated once the vote has been cast. Such a proposal is completely unreasonable and not convenient. We very strongly propose that on the grounds of equal and reasonable access, to vote, for all that HD4 be left alone and that the Polling Place for this Polling District continue to be at the Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane. Additionally, we believe that an additional polling district and polling place be re-instated for the Cranford Cross area of Polling District HD5. Just by looking at the polling district map it can be seen how isolated this area is from the polling place at The Barn, 1st Harlington Scout Group, High Street, Harlington. Cranford Cross used to have its own polling place in previous years and we strongly propose that it be re-instated. At the elections in May 2014 many electors, from the Cranford Cross area, found it difficult and inconvenient to get to the polling place at the scout hut and either had to travel by bus or by car only to find it difficult to park their car. It should be our aim to endeavour to place polling places near to the electorate that can be accessed with ease without the need to involve either a car or public transport and the re-instatement of this polling district would achieve that. The electorate of Cranford Cross strongly support our proposal that the following roads be removed from polling district HDS and that a new

polling district be created:

Acorn Grove
Bath Road
Craneswater
Cranford Lane (part)
Eton Road
Langley Crescent
Malvern Road
Oxford Road
Pendell Avenue
Saunton Avenue
Strathearn Avenue
Winchester Road
Windsor Park Road

Total 1227 electors

Ward Structure

HD1	1339
HD2	2405
HD4	901
HD5	2391
HD6	1227

We recognise that unfortunately there is not any suitable community building within this area and therefore recommend the use of a mobile polling station sited in the usual location in Oxford Avenue.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In the Heathrow Villages the failure to have a polling station at Cranford Cross significantly disadvantages my constituents living on this relatively isolated estate. This has caused considerable concern from my constituents who live in this area and who have real difficulties in travelling the distance to Harlington village to vote. Similarly adding HD4 to HD2 and HD3 fails to recognise the distance this area has from the proposed polling station and the impact this would have on deterring people from voting. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity

of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

- Mrs Wilson (resident) - I understand the council have proposed the closing of Sipson Baptist Church as a Polling Station with a move to Harlington. How on earth are the less able Sipson residents going to get to Harlington it is one mile walk down Sipson Lane or two buses. Will you be running courtesy buses and provide parking in Harlington which is controlled parking. I feel that again we have not been consulted, residents have to put up with all the activity the Airport generates noise and dust, yet this part of the borough generates an awful lot of money for Hillingdon. Why can't you spare some of these for the Sipson residents or perhaps you can get Heathrow Airports Limited to sponsor using the Sipson Baptist Church.
- Mr Kadri (resident) - I'm writing ref' to the polling station at Sipson Christian Fellowship that will be closed. Please note this not acceptable and I totally agree with the MP John McDonnell that the proposal is to make it hard for me to vote due to travelling distance. Please can you keep this station open for the local people in order to exercise their democratic right to vote and you the councillors please in the future ensure you are communicating with your resident and please do not ignore us?
- Mr & Mrs Hackers (residents) - It has come to my notice that there will no longer be a polling station in Sipson at the (Sipson Christian Fellowship) in Sipson Lane. This will greatly inconvenience many people that live in Sipson causing many people not to bother to vote. Many people will not bother to go to Harlington to vote. It is difficult enough to get people to vote as it is, this will only give them another reason not to bother. We have a democratic right to vote. Please don't make it more difficult or impossible to exercise this right by removing our polling station.
- Mrs Everett (resident) - I understand that there is a possibility that the Council is considering the future viability of the polling station at Cranford Cross. I think that the loss of a polling station at Cranford Cross would seriously disadvantage many local constituents. Many of these people are quite elderly and find it difficult enough to travel by bus, as they would need to do in order to vote at Harlington. They would need to cross the road from the H98 bus stop at Harlington, and even though this is possible by using a crossing point, this area is heavily congested at times, and this could prove sufficient to deter those with physical disabilities from exercising their democratic right to vote. In my opinion, it is important that there should be a polling station within easy walking distance. I think also that the Council failed to publicise the review adequately, which must mean that many local residents would not have realised the need to respond before it was too late.
- Mr Ives (resident) - I am writing in relation to the proposed closure of the polling station at Cranford Cross. I would just like to highlight that this would be inconvenient to my wife and myself when attempting to vote, as we have a very young daughter and want to avoid travelling an unnecessary distance to Harlington.

Proposal

- HD2/3 Cherry Lane School, Sipson Road - combine into single station
- HD4 Sipson Christian Fellowship, Sipson Lane - close and combine with HD2

Note - the Cranford Cross Polling Station referred to in comments above was removed during the review in 2011. No comments have been received during subsequent elections.

Ward	Hillingdon East
Electorate	8988
Postals	1102

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Eelectorate
UC1	2919	Royal British Legion Uxbridge Road		2919
UC2	2193	Ryefield Nursery School Ryefield Avenue		2193
UC3	3876	Oak Farm School Nursery Unit Windsor Avenue		3876

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Bridges (Ward Councillor) - concerned that residents living in roads such as Heath Road, De Sails and Paget are walking a long way to vote at UC1, Royal British Legion. Suggest consideration be given to allowing residents in these areas to vote at Hayes End Library (located in Charville ward)
- Mrs Evans, Oak Farm Residents' Association - residents in the area are satisfied with the places allocated for them to cast their votes.
- Councillor Jackson (Ward Councillor) - Whilst polling in Hillingdon East ran smoothly and was well managed, I have concerns that some voters were not near enough to a convenient polling station to bother to go out to vote. Roads and areas like Pole Hill Rd (the bungalow end) Mellow Lane west, Hewens Rd, De Salis and Paget were a long way from the British Legion, if this was their allotted station. Hewens Academy or Hayes End library would be more convenient polling station.

Proposal

Where possible seek to avoid polling places located outside of the Ward. Therefore, no changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Ward	Ickenham
Electorate	8109
Postals	1111

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RC1	2807	United Reform Church Hall Swakeleys Road		2807
RC2	3677	Ickenham Village Hall Swakeleys Road		3677
RC3	1625	Ickenham Guide Hut Community Close		1625

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements

Responses Received

- Cllr Hensley (Ward Councillor) - would endorse the Returning Officer's comments

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Ward	Manor
Electorate	8538
Postals	1032

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UD1	2602	Sacred Heart School Herlwyn Avenue		2602
UD2	3015	Ruislip Manor Library Victoria Road		3015
UD3	2921	St Pauls Church Hall Tiverton Road		2921

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Ward	Northwood Hills
Electorate	8769
Postals	1434

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RE1	2458	Hillside School, Northwood Way		3451
RE2	2894	Haydon School, Wiltshire Lane		2894
RE3	1816	Harlyn Primary Nursery School, Tolcarne Drive		2424
RE4	1601	Northwood Library, Potter Street	Close and relocate to RE1 and RE3	0

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Consideration be given to removing RE4, Northwood Library, Potter Street, and redistributing these electors between RE1, Hillside School, Northwood Way and RE3, Harlyn Primary Nursery School, Tolcarne Drive, using Pinner Road as the natural boundary (Pinner Road electors going to RE3 along with those roads south of Pinner Road, all roads north of Pinner Road relocating to RE1)

Responses Received

- Petition; "We, the undersigned electors in this area call upon the Electoral Commission and the Council, London Borough of Hillingdon, to reaffirm the polling place at either Northwood Hills Library or Northwood School, Potter Street to enable our residents to vote in future elections unhindered by barriers or long distance travel to a polling station." - containing 74 signatures (representing 0.78% of electors in the ward).
- Mr D. Bishop (resident) - Northwood Hills library belongs to Hillingdon Council and there is no cost saving i.e. hire costs, in discontinuing using it as a polling station, alternatives could be Northwood School in Potter Street or St Edmunds Church, Pinner Road. Hillside School has no parking facilities and Northwood Way is very congested with commuter cars and parents vehicles blocking access. The polling station is very small and cramped, making it difficult to accommodate any additional voters. The geographical shape of Northwood Hills Ward with the Metropolitan Underground railway from East to West creating a natural

barrier and Joel Street & Northwood Way creating a natural divide North to South, means there is no need to stick rigidly to a three polling place rule per Ward, more than other wards we require four polling places. With voter turnout declining progressively, there should be measures in place to facilitate easier voting places, not making it more difficult by reducing polling places and making them increasingly inconvenient and inaccessible. Eastcote & East Ruislip Ward have retained four polling places, they have only 960 more voters, there are no barriers or dividing lines and two polling stations (Pamela Gardens-Methodist Church & St Lawrence church Bridle Road) are only 200 metres apart, so why not close one of them?

Proposal

NB - with reference to the comparison with Eastcote and East Ruislip ward (above), that ward has 1260 more voters.

- Relocate RE4 as described above.

Ward	Northwood
Electorate	8178
Postals	1351

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RD1	3099	Holy Trinity Church Hall Gateway Close		3099
RD2	1970	Northwood Methodists Church Hall Oaklands Gate		1970
RD3	3109	St Matthews RC Church Hall Hallowell Road		3109

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory

Ward	Pinkwell
Electorate	9659
Postals	1082

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HE1	5030	Cranford Park Academy, Phelps Way		5030
HE2	4629	Harlington Community School, Pinkwell Lane		4629

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Pinkwell Ward has a total electorate of 9,728. It is currently divided into two polling districts. HE1 has 5,067 electors and would normally be regarded as a very large polling district. In fact the Polling District is made up of a very compact residential area very conveniently surrounding the Cranford Park Academy, current polling place. We have never received any complaint about the polling place being inaccessible and the majority of electors easily walk to vote without any difficulty or inconvenience. The second polling district, HE2, has fewer electors, 4,661 but covers a much larger area and electors do not enjoy the same ease of access when going to vote. During the 2014 local elections the Labour Party campaigners received many complaints from electors living in the South West part of the ward about the Polling Place (Harlington Community School) being placed on the extreme opposite edge of the district and to it not being very accessible or convenient. In 2010 the ward had an additional Polling District much closer to them and no complaints were received. We support the electors in their request for a more convenient polling place to be provided and propose that the following roads be deleted from Polling District HE2 to create a new Polling District HE3:
 - Bourne Avenue
 - Burnham Gardens
 - Carnarvon Drive
 - Conway Drive
 - Clevedon Gardens

Denbigh Drive
 Glamis Crescent
 Guinness Close
 Marlow Gardens
 Nine Acres Close
 Pembroke Way
 Pinkwell Lane (end part from Carnarvon Drive)
 Skipton Drive
 Snowden Crescent
 Stormount Drive

Ward structure

HE1	5047
HE2	2779
HE3	1882

We also propose that the Polling Place be situated in the Sandgate Football Club building which is very convenient for all electors within the new proposed Polling District. Additionally it should be noted that the Football Club has substantial off road car parking available.

- Petition; "We, the residents of Bourne Avenue, Burnham Gardens, Carnarvon Drive, Conway Drive, Clevedon Gardens, Denbigh Drive, Glamis Crescent, Guinness Close, Marlow Gardens, Nine Acres Close, Pembroke Way, Pinkwell Lane (end part from Carnarvon Drive), Skipton Drive, Snowden Crescent and Stormount Drive, strongly ask that we have a more convenient polling place and therefore a new polling district consisting of the roads above as in the past." - containing 50 signatures (representing 2.2% of electors in the roads listed.)
- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Pinkwell Ward I have received expressions of concern from constituents living in the Westerly part of the Bourne Avenue estate at the lack of a polling station in their area. This causes considerable inconvenience and is not conducive to encouraging voter participation. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to

vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory.

Note - The Sandgate FC HQ has been considered and is unsuitable for a polling station. Officers will continue to look for suitable venues.

Ward	South Ruislip
Electorate	8595
Postals	1094

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UE1	2505	South Ruislip Christian Fellowship		3537
UE2	1957	South Ruislip Youth Centre	South Ruislip Library	2591
UE3	1666	Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road	Close and relocate to UE1	0
UE4	2467	Deane Park Hall, Long Drive	To become UE3	2467

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

UE2 - In 2014 the South Ruislip Library was successfully used as a replacement for South Ruislip Youth Centre. It is recommended that this change be made permanent.

Consideration be given to relocating electors from UE3, Ruislip Gardens Primary School to UE1, South Ruislip Christian Fellowship.

Consideration should then be given to relocating some existing electors from UE1, South Ruislip Christian Fellowship to UE2 South Ruislip Library to better balance the number of electors in each location. This would involve electors in the following roads: Bourne Avenue, Cedar Avenue, Field Way, Great Central Avenue, Manor Gardens, Primrose Gardens, Priors Gardens and South Park Way.

Responses Received

- Councillor Kelly (Ward Councillor) - agree with proposal concerning UE2. Oppose proposal to discontinue use of UE3, Ruislip Gardens School. There is already a low turnout and, if people have to travel along the very congested West End Rd, negotiate two sets of traffic lights etc. to place their votes, a lot more people won't bother to vote. The next nearest venue is some considerable way off and would mean voters having to travel along the very congested West End Road for the next nearest one. That is a car drive away - not in walking distance. This would put many voters off bothering to turn out. If polling stations must be reduced it would make

more sense geographically to close the one at Deane Park Community Centre and use just the library for the whole of that area.

- Councillor Kauffman (Ward Councillor) - concur with comments of Councillor Kelly. I feel to take Ruislip Gardens School out of the frame would be detrimental to the voting population of Ruislip Gardens, Charmichael Close and West End Road.
- Councillor Duducu (Ward Councillor) - concur with comments of Councillor Kelly. Cutting out Ruislip Gardens pretty much guarantees that these thousand+ residents will have to travel by car to a polling station (if they can be bothered or have access to a vehicle). With the result that the residents will feel marginalised. The other polling station will need adequate parking for a greater number of cars. Or it stays open and all these problems go away. The need to travel by car will physically reduce the amount of people who can vote during rush hour too. If numbers were low for the local elections at the polling station, it was due to building work going on at the school and the regular entrance was closed.
- Mrs Sweeney (resident) - On behalf of the members of Ruislip Residents Association I would like to petition against your intention to withdraw Ruislip Gardens School as our local polling station. There are many elderly residents that will be unable to travel to the proposed new polling station in South Ruislip. We feel that there would also be a decline in numbers of residents voting if they had further to travel to vote. Please reconsider your view to closing our local polling station venue.
- Mrs Edwards (resident) - I have heard that you are proposing to stop using Ruislip Gardens Primary School as a polling station. I think this is a good idea as it seems silly to shut a whole school just to use one room. It is inconvenient for working parents and disruptive to learning. However, I think that Dean Close is too far unless you are considering providing transport for elderly and disabled residents and suggest that you use the scout hut at New Pond Parade, shops.
- Mrs Lindores (resident) - I am astounded at the suggestion that you want to change the site of the polling station at Ruislip Gardens to Dean Ave. There are a lot of old people on this estate and will not or cannot go that far. What is wrong with Ruislip Gardens school? It has been used for years for voting and works well. So why change it for changing sake. You need a polling station here for everyone not place it in South Ruislip. This is Ruislip Gardens and we should have our own. Please think about it and realise it is a stupid, unfair to the elderly and disabled and you will get people who won't go all that way to vote. Voting figures are down anyway and this will make the matter worse. So reconsider and realise it is a stupid idea. I would like to know who comes up with these barmy ideas. Whoever it was should realise they are not thinking straight or thinking fairly.
- James Rawlinson (resident) - As a member of the Ruislip Gardens Residents Association I was dismayed to hear that consideration is being given to closing the polling station at Ruislip Gardens Primary School and moving it to the other side of the ward at Deane Avenue. I would like to lodge my most sincere objections to this suggestion. Deane Avenue is not within walking distance of Ruislip Gardens. In order to get there most will have to drive and many simply won't bother to go that far out of their way

to exercise their right to vote. Those driving will have to sit in the lengthy traffic queues to the A40 and find when they get there that it's a residents parking permit zone so will have to run the risk of getting a ticket. The HS2 plans include the likely closing of West End Rd near Ruislip Gardens tube station so traffic in the immediate area and especially around Station Approach (which Deane Avenue is off) is likely to be severely congested for a number of years while this project is undertaken. Moving the polling station into the roads most likely to take the brunt of any diverted traffic means it is even less likely residents in this area will go out of their way to vote. I take my voting very seriously and do make effort to walk to the local school. However, as a shift worker I may well find that I simply do not have the time to sit in long queues of traffic to do this. This suggestion seems likely to undermine local democracy and deter residents in this area of the ward from making their vote. It is important that we keep this polling station in Ruislip Gardens where voters of all ages can easily make their vote and I strongly encourage you to reconsider this suggestion. Moving the polling station to an area which sees traffic jams and which is in a residents' parking area which we are outside of, means very few will see this as a progressive step and it will discourage voting. Please keep the polling station at the Primary School!

- Bryan Skipp (resident) - I thoroughly object to the proposed closure of the Ruislip Gardens voting station, as I and a lot of voters I suspect, will probably not bother to vote.
- Jeremy Wasden (Honorary Secretary South Ruislip Residents Association) - We would like to register an objection to the proposed cessation of Ruislip Gardens Primary School as a polling office. Whilst we are keen to minimise any disruption to education we believe polling stations need to be within walking distance of the electorate to maximise electoral participation, where possible. The movement of the polling station is a movement of 1.3 miles which Google calculates will take the average walker 25 minutes (fifty minutes round trip). Due to heavy traffic the very busy West End Road is far from the most pleasant road in our borough to walk along. Sure, many can drive but where possible obstacles to voting should be minimised, especially for the elderly. Whilst we are a non political organisation we are keen that residents have every opportunity and encouragement to engage in the democratic process. We are concerned that this proposed closure is a barrier to local residents voting in future.
- Mrs D O'Neill (resident) - As a long term resident on the Ruislip Garden estate, and member of the local Residents Association, I have heard that there are plans to move the Polling Station from Ruislip Gardens Primary School. I would like to make my objection known. The School provides a convenient location for the local residents and is accessible for all ages. A change in location would mean a great deal of disruption and hardship to access the proposed new venue. Indeed it would mean great inconvenience and transportation for a large number of residents and would put an increase on the local traffic. I, for one, working within walking distance of the school would not want to come home and get in a car to access a different location and would make me question the whole idea of voting which is currently not the intended outcome. I would urge you to

reconsider and take local residents viewpoint into account.

Chris Summers (Labour Party PPC for Uxbridge & South Ruislip) - I am writing to protest at some of the proposed changes to polling stations for the 2015 General Election. I wish to protest vigorously at the plans to stop using Ruislip Gardens Primary School in Stafford Road as a polling station and make people travel to South Ruislip Christian Fellowship in Deane Avenue. This is not only a considerable distance but if people are travelling by car (which they often are on polling day, e.g. en route to or from work) there is nowhere to park. It is also extremely unfair to those people with mobility issues. I know one 89 year old lady in Acorn Grove and another elderly lady in Stafford Road who simply will not be able to make it to Deane Avenue. I know it is often said that "they can get a postal vote" but in this case (and many cases) elderly people often do not trust postal voting or simply would like to vote in the traditional way. We should be encouraging the democratic urge (be it in young people or old people) and not putting obstacles in its way.

Proposals

- UE1 South Ruislip Christian Fellowship - electors in the following roads to be relocated to UE2, South Ruislip Youth Centre:
 - Bourne Avenue,
 - Cedar Avenue,
 - Great Central Avenue,
 - Manor Gardens,
 - Primrose Gardens,
 - Priors Gardens and
 - South Park Way
- UE2 South Ruislip Youth Centre - relocate to South Ruislip Library
- UE3 Ruislip Gardens Primary School, Stafford Road - in keeping with the principle of having three Polling Places per Ward, close and relocate to UE1.

Ward	Townfield
Electorate	9781
Postals	1050

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HF1	2864	Hayes Town Chapel, St Marys Road		2864
HF2	3953	Minet School, Avondale Drive		3953
HF3	2964	Townfield Community Centre, Townfield Square		2964

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Councillor Allen (Ward Councillor) - I do not feel the number of Polling stations in Townfield are either adequate or in appropriate places to serve the needs of the residents. At the last election many residents complained that they had to walk some distance to vote and were perplexed as to why they could not visit one closer to their homes. Whilst some are happy to go for a Postal vote there are many who want the opportunity to go and vote for themselves including the elderly and those with disabilities etc. The distance now is much greater than it ever was. For many years those living in Austin Road voted at the Catholic Hall in Botwell Lane a short distance away which suited them. They now have to walk to Minet School. Those living on the Village Garden Estate voted at either the Brotherhood Hall (now flats) or the Salvation Army Hall or the other Church on Coldharbour Lane which again was close but now not used. They all now have to go to Minet School. Parking at the last offerings have not been good which has created problems for walkers, car drivers and the residents living in the area yet none of this appears to have been taken into consideration. It is hardly any wonder that turn out is getting lower.

My suggestion would be to allow those living in Austin Road and other roads in that area Little Road, Chalfont Road etc to again vote at the Catholic Hall as they did previously. Those on the Village Garden Estate to again vote at Salvation Army Hall which is closer to them. Alternatively the other Church on Coldharbour lane top of Avondale Drive which again is closer. This would enable more to walk to polling Station and put less cars

on the road. The roads on the village garden estate are not all open roads leading to Minet School and unless residents walk through footpaths which some are loath to do they have to make their way up to Coldharbour Lane and take a longer journey making the distance further which in turn brings about more car usage on roads that are already heavily congested.

- Hayes and Harlington Constituency Labour Party, London Borough of Hillingdon Labour Group - The Townfield Ward has a total electorate of 8,920 divided into 3 polling districts. It is proposed that no changes should be made. Whilst we accept that in the main HF2 and HF3 are adequately served within the current arrangements we are concerned that the electors living in the roads to the extreme south of polling district HF3 are remote and are disconnected to the rest of the polling district. Additionally, but equally important access to the polling place from this area is not easy and somewhat inconvenient. Additionally, within HF2, electors living in those roads within the recognised village garden estate are extremely disconnected from the rest of the polling district and access to the polling place at Minet Infant School is not easy and is also some distance away. Accepting that the Minet Infant School is almost certainly the best location for a polling place, in this polling district, it does have severe limitations especially regarding adequate car parking. Minet Infant School does not have any car parking on site as this is provided within the grounds of the Minet Junior School and as that school is open for education purposes car parking cannot be made available due to safeguarding reasons. There is very little on-street car parking available in this area and as this is the largest polling district in the ward the restrictions do create some difficulties and complaints. We believe that in the interests of providing a manageable series of polling places within the Townfield Ward an additional polling district should be created to include the roads at the extreme southern edge of HF3 and those roads within the village garden estate of HF2. We strongly propose that the following roads be deleted from polling district HF3:

Austin Road
Chalfont Road
Little Road
Silverdale Road
Station Road

Total 577 electors

and that the following roads be deleted from HF2:

Coldharbour Lane (from Broadway Parade – 130)
Crossway
East Walk
Fairdale Gardens
Hunters Grove
Minet Drive (evens)
Mount Road
Silverdale Gardens

West Walk

Total 1332 electors

Combined total 1909 electors

And that both sets of deleted roads be joined to form a new polling district HF4

Ward structure

HF1	2875
HF2	2072
HF3	2388
HF4	1909

We also propose that the Polling Place be situated in the Salvation Army Church, Coldharbour Lane which is very convenient for all electors within the new proposed Polling District. Due to the nearness of the proposed polling place to all electors within the new proposed polling district we believe that most electors would choose to walk to vote.

- John McDonnell MP - I am writing in response to the council's polling station review. I regret that the council has not adequately advertised or publicised this review. I have not met many constituents who had been notified of this review and were aware it was taking place until I informed them. Inevitably if local residents are not made aware of the review there will be a low rate of participation in the consultation exercise and the decisions eventually taken by the council will be based upon inadequate local knowledge and information. However I have now consulted a number of my constituents and they share my strong concerns about a number of the proposals set out in the review. In four areas in my constituency the proposals will seriously undermine the ability of my constituents to access a polling station and exercise their democratic right to vote. This will impact upon overall turnout at elections which has significantly fallen over the last 30 years. In Townfield Ward there is clearly a need for an additional polling station in closer proximity to the large centre of population on the Austin Road estate and the environs of Coldharbour Lane. In the past the former Brotherhood Hall was used effectively. The Salvation Army Hall is the obvious choice of central location for a new polling station. Overall I do not believe that any reasonable person could judge that the proposals set out in the review document are rational or sensible in achieving the objective of facilitating the opportunity of my constituents to vote. Indeed I consider that the opposite is the case. The proposals in these four wards serve as an active deterrent to voting. It appears that they are driven by other factors, possibly to reduce expenditure, than sound judgement aimed at maximising democratic participation. I urge that in these four wards the council now brings forward proposals to address effectively this democratic deficit.

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory and accord with the principle of having no more than three Polling Places per Ward.

Ward	Uxbridge North
Electorate	9611
Postals	1517

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UF1	3476	Hermitage Primary School, Belmont Road	Christ Church Redford Way	3476
UF2	2200	Battle of Britain Club, Hillingdon Road		2200
UF3	2323	Guide Hut 118, Sweetcroft Lane		2323
UF4	1612	St Bernadette's School, Long Lane		1612

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

The development of the former RAF site would suggest the need to retain 4 polling areas at this stage.

UF1 - the Christ Church in Redford Way was used successfully in 2014 due to the unavailability of the Hermitage Primary School, and it is recommended that this change be made permanent.

Responses Received

- Councillor Graham (Ward Councillor) - happy with status quo but aware that RAF site development may require review in future.

Proposal

- UF1 - relocate to Christ Church, Redford Way.

Ward	Uxbridge South
Electorate	7988
Postals	879

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UG1	1876	Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway	Close and redistribute to UG2 & UG4	0
UG2	1926	Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road		2594
UG3	2008	Waterloo Church, Waterloo Road		2008
UG4	2178	Cowley Meeting Hall	To become UG1	3386

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

It is suggested that consideration be given to removing UG1, Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway, and redistributing the electors between UG2, Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road and UG4, Cowley Meeting Hall, using the boundary of High Street and Cowley Road in UG1 to move either south to UG4 or north to UG2.

Responses Received

- Kerri Prince, Brunel Student - Due to Hillingdon Council funding a member of staff at the Union of Brunel Students, Community Engagement Coordinator, may I suggest that the creation of two polling stations on campus will enhance the aims of this position which is to engage Brunel students in the local community and to encourage them to participate in local democracy. In the 2014 local elections, one side of campus (Cleveland Road to Cowley Road - Uxbridge South ward) would travel to the Greenway to vote (which I now hear is being removed - thus making any travelling to a polling station longer). The other side of campus (Cleveland Road to Kingston Lane - Brunel ward) would have to walk several miles uphill to Bishopshalt School. Elections normally fall within the same period as exams at Brunel, and polling stations that are far away can be a strong deterrent as students may find themselves choosing between revision or voting. As the Council is putting such a great emphasis on engaging students in the community, a polling station on both sides of campus would put across a stronger message to students that Hillingdon Council does value them as residents. The Brunel campus has plenty of buildings that can be used, and they are also accessible to members of the

public. This is a fantastic opportunity for Hillingdon Council to engage a generation of Brunel students. I hope you will consider this proposal and strengthen the democratic mandate of Hillingdon Council, but aiming to increase turnout in the Brunel and Uxbridge South wards.

- Resident response - the Uxbridge Community Centre is an ideal place and I have ever had any complaints about it. As a wheelchair user the polling station could not be better and is very good in every way.
- Resident response - the Uxbridge Community Centre is an ideal hall in every way. It is large enough for many people waiting to vote without having to queue outside. There is also a sitting area inside, not near the booths, and convenient toilet facilities. There is also a staff kitchen area and a large car park with a disabled bay available. All in all, an ideal building for use as a polling station. Large enough and central enough for a large residential area to be covered.
- Councillor Burles (Ward Councillor) - I would like to formally register my objection to the plans to not use the polling station at The Uxbridge Community Centre which covers the UG1 polling district. This is the largest district in the ward and the new distances that you are asking people to travel to their new polling stations will put many people, especially the elderly, off voting. We need to encourage people to vote, not put them off. The Community Centre is central to UG1 district and has good facilities especially for those with disabilities and other needs. It also covers a large number of the student population and making it harder for them to vote makes no sense. We should be adding a polling station on the campus in order to encourage them to vote.
- Chris Summers (Labour Party PPC for Uxbridge & South Ruislip) - I am writing to protest at some of the proposed changes to polling stations for the 2015 General Election. I believe there is a pressing need for a polling station on campus at Brunel University. The election will be held during a key exam time and I understand many of the students do not wish to take time off from revision to travel to and from the proposed polling stations in Brunel and Uxbridge South ward. I totally endorse the sentiments of the Union of Brunel Students who pointed out that in 2010 only 44% of 18-24 year olds voted in the general election. If Hillingdon Council really wants to address this low turnout they need to take measures, such as adding a polling station on the Brunel campus. We should be encouraging the democratic urge (be it in young people or old people) and not putting obstacles in its way.
- Mr Lee (Green Party) - We wish to fully support the responses received from Kerry Prince, Brunel Student and the further submission "Union of Brunel Students – Polling station proposal for implementing polling stations on both sides of Brunel University campus..." It should be noted that both these submissions refer to both Brunel Ward and also Uxbridge South, however it appears that this has only been considered in respect of Brunel Ward and not in respect of Uxbridge South. I quote no 3 from the document submitted to the last Council Meeting. "The aim of the exercise is to make voting 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.” With this in mind I will turn my attention to each ward in particular. *(NB - The submission relating to Brunel Ward has been included in that Ward's proposals)*

UXBRIDGE SOUTH - As stated above the submissions from Kerry Prince, Brunel Student and the further submission “Union of Brunel Students – Polling station proposal for....” should have been included in the Responses Received for Uxbridge South. Councillor Burles (Labour – Uxbridge South) sets out very clearly the need to have a convenient polling station. I quote from his submission “We need to encourage people to vote, not put them off. It also covers a large number of the student population and making it harder for them to vote makes no sense. We should be adding a polling station on the campus in order to encourage them to vote.” In fact the proposal of Union of Brunel Students being a polling station accessible to the public will answer both of these questions. The statement by the Returning Officer that the Individual elector Registration has, in pilot areas seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations” is again contrary to the aim of the exercise as quoted. It is the clearly stated aim of the exercise to make voting convenient to electors, not force them to travel even further distances from the university campus at examination time of year. I refer you to the paragraph on the financial implications included above *(in the submission relating to Brunel Ward)*.

ADDITION OBSERVATIONS - It is noted that the only Councillor representations received for Brunel and Uxbridge South are a Conservative Councillor submission arguing for a situation where it is more difficult for students to cast their vote and a Labour Councillor proposing that students should be encouraged to vote by making it easier for them. The latter position is the one that conforms with the main aim of the exercise of making voting convenient for electors. It is an established fact that nationally Conservative Party support is lower in the 18-25 year age range than over the whole of the electorate. I hope this was not a factor in the Conservative administered Council’s proposals. The Council has the motto “Putting our residents first” This surely must mean making it easy to cast their vote.

- Mrs Nash (resident) - The Uxbridge Centre is well placed to serve the local community with good transport links from the town centre and good accessibility. This station should remain open in preference to Whitehall Infant School - it is very disruptive for pupils and parents to have a school closed for a whole day when there is another voting venue available within walking distance of this site.

Proposal

The introduction of Individual Elector Registration (IER) has, in pilot areas, seen the amount of persons registered drop quite considerably. This has been particularly noticeable amongst student populations. The publication of the most recent Register has seen the number of persons registered in this ward drop by approx' 1800 and it is not, therefore recommended that four polling stations be retained in this ward at this stage.

- UG1, Uxbridge Centre, The Greenway - remove and redistribute the electors between UG2, Whitehall Infants School, Cowley Road and UG4, Cowley Meeting Hall, using the boundary of High Street and Cowley Road in UG1 to move either south to UG4 or north to UG2.

Ward	West Drayton
Electorate	10275
Postals	1166

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HG1	2540	2 nd West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road	Meadows Community Centre, Wise Lane	1638
HG2	2287	St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane		3189
HG3	2796	West Drayton Primary School, Kingston Lane		2796
HG4	2652	Bell Farm Christian Centre		2652

Returning Officer Comments

Indications are that the electorate in West Drayton continues to grow due to new developments, so it is not proposed to amend this Ward at this stage.

Responses Received

- Mr M Taylor (resident) - It would appear ludicrous that someone living in Wren Drive, West Drayton should have to walk to the Scout Hut on the Wise Lane estate when there's a Polling Station in Money Lane. You have to walk past this station and then walk another mile to get to the one you've selected us to go to. Even the people at the station in Money Lane couldn't believe it as you can see my house from the door.
- Councillor Gilham (Ward Councillor) - HG1 2nd West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road - poor access, no parking facilities and the condition of the building itself means the scout hut is not suitable. West Drayton Community Centre is located some 300 metres away and has ample parking, step free wide access to its much larger hall with toilet facilities in the foyer away from those voting.
- Councillor Gilham (Ward Councillor) #2 - suggest reassigning certain roads from HG1 to HG2 St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane. In order to comply with the principles underpinning the review, certain roads should be reallocated to HG2 which is a larger site with off street parking and can therefore accommodate more voters at a more logical Polling Station.
- Councillor Simmonds - there have been comments from electors about the choice of polling places being rather odd around the Green area, with voters a short distance from St Catherine's church forced to go some

distance away to vote elsewhere. Whilst this does not affect the nature of the polling stations it does suggest that consideration needs to be given to the distribution of electors.

Proposals

- The size of the electorate and the development at the former RAF site suggest that four polling stations should be retained for this Ward.
- HG1, 2nd. West Drayton Scout Hall, Rowan Road - relocate to the Meadows Community Centre, Wise Lane.
- HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG1 to HG2, St Catherine's Church Hall, Money Lane:
 - Avenue Close
 - Brooklyn Way
 - Catherines Close
 - Church Close
 - Church Rd
 - Copse Close
 - Frays Close
 - Mill Close
 - Mill Rd
 - Money Lane
 - Pippins close
 - St Martin's Rd
 - St Martin's Close
 - The Common
 - The Green
 - Wren Drive
- HG1 and HG2 - relocate the electors in the following roads from HG2 to HG1:
 - Rowlheys Place
 - Stainby Close

Ward	West Ruislip
Electorate	8695
Postals	1096

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
RF1	3372	Ladygate Bowls Club, Ladygate Lane		3372
RF2	3657	Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Road		3188
RF3	1666	St Giles Church Hall, High Road		2135

Returning Officer Comments

The imbalance in elector numbers is caused by the geographical nature of ward. No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

- Cllr Corthorne (Ward Councillor) - concern about RF3, St Giles Hall, which is located outside the ward, which may affect turnout. Suggest exploring possible alternatives in new development at Ickenham Park.
- Peter Smallwood (resident) - RF1 Ladygate Lane Bowls Club is an excellent site for a polling station. It is accessible by car and has ample parking. The polling station is also within walking distance of most electors. It is popular site with local resident and should remain as our polling station. In any further consideration this should not be moved.

Proposal

Officers have explored the possibility of an alternative location for RF3 at the Air Training Corps HQ, Ickenham Road. Pending final agreement, then electors in the following roads would move from RF2 to RF3 with resultant figures as shown above:

Barnwood Close,
 Beaufort Road,
 Blenheim Crescent,
 Cordingley Road,
 Harwell Close,
 Ickenham Close,
 Ickenham Road (part) and
 Lysander Close

Ward	Yeading
Electorate	8944
Postals	1011

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
HH1	2747	Brookside School, Perth Avenue		2747
HH2	3045	Yeading Community Centre, Ditchfield Road		3045
HH3	3202	Brookside Pavilion, Brookside Road		3202

Returning Officer Comments

No changes are proposed to the current arrangements.

Responses Received

None

Proposal

No changes - the current arrangements are considered satisfactory

Ward	Yiewsley
Electorate	8788
Postals	978

PD	Polling Place Electorate	Polling Place	Proposed Changes to Polling Place	Proposed Electorate
UH1	918	6 th Hillingdon Scout Group, Daleham Drive		918
UH2	3895	Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue	Yiewsley Library, High Street	3895
UH3	3975	Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue		3975

Returning Officer Comments

Comments are invited on the following:

Consider the removal of UH1, 6th Hillingdon Scout Group Daleham Drive and relocating electors to UH3, Colham Manor Primary School, Violet Avenue, with a small number of roads relocated to UH2, Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue, from UH3. These would be Ash Grove, Chestnut Avenue, Elm Grove, Kingston Avenue, Lime Avenue, Willow Avenue

Responses Received

- Mr M Hanif Islam, resident - I'm a resident of Wraysbury Drive, Yiewsley and this year it was a real struggle for me and my family to vote as the polling station was twice as far as before. Previously the polling station was on the High Street which was an 11 minute walk. Now it's at the end of Fairfield Rd which is 20 minutes walk. Our estate is one of a number of new developments near the borough boundary and consideration should be given to the increasing numbers of voting residents at this end when distributing polling stations. Many of my neighbours indicated they would not be able to vote as the location was too inconvenient for their families, especially elderly people. A few chose postal votes but obtaining forms etc is not a process everyone understands or feels comfortable about. Please consider a polling station closer to me.
- Councillor Wallana (Ward Councillor) - A large part of community in Wraysbury in Yiewsley Ward would like to have the polling station moved from Yiewsley Baptist church to Yiewsley library.
- Councillor Simmonds - the busy multi-lane road at Harlington Corner which residents down the Harlington Road section of the Ward would have to cross to access the alternative polling place is a major concern. By car it is an extremely roundabout journey and by foot or public transport it is quite inaccessible, so retaining the

Daleham Drive polling station is very important for turnout.

- Councillor Edwards (Ward Councillor) - support the retention of the polling station for UH1 (Daleham Drive Scout hut) as this serves well a geographically isolated section of the ward - turnout at this location at the last election was over 40%, significantly greater than the borough average. Removal of this polling station would make it harder for those residents to vote and would be against the strategic objective of improving engagement in the democratic process.

Also support the relocation of the polling station for UH2 from the Cornerstone Centre to the Library. This will make the polling station more accessible to the large number of residents at the extreme north west of the ward from where representation has been made about this issue.

The allocation of voters to the three polling stations should be determined by accessibility and not an administrative desire to 'balance numbers'. The polling station for UH3 (Violet Avenue) has proven to be sufficient for that electorate at the last local election and there is no evidence of lack of capacity at that location. Consequently voters should only be moved from UH3 to UH1 should that redistribution clearly enhance their ability to vote and to do otherwise would be detrimental to the democratic process. On this basis there is no grounds for reallocating residents from the roads listed to UH1 as in every case they would have further to walk/drive and at worst this would be more than three times the present distance. Therefore strongly disagree with the proposed reallocation of residents from UH3 to UH1.

Proposals

- UH2 Yiewsley Baptist Church Hall, Colham Avenue - relocate to Yiewsley Library, High Street.