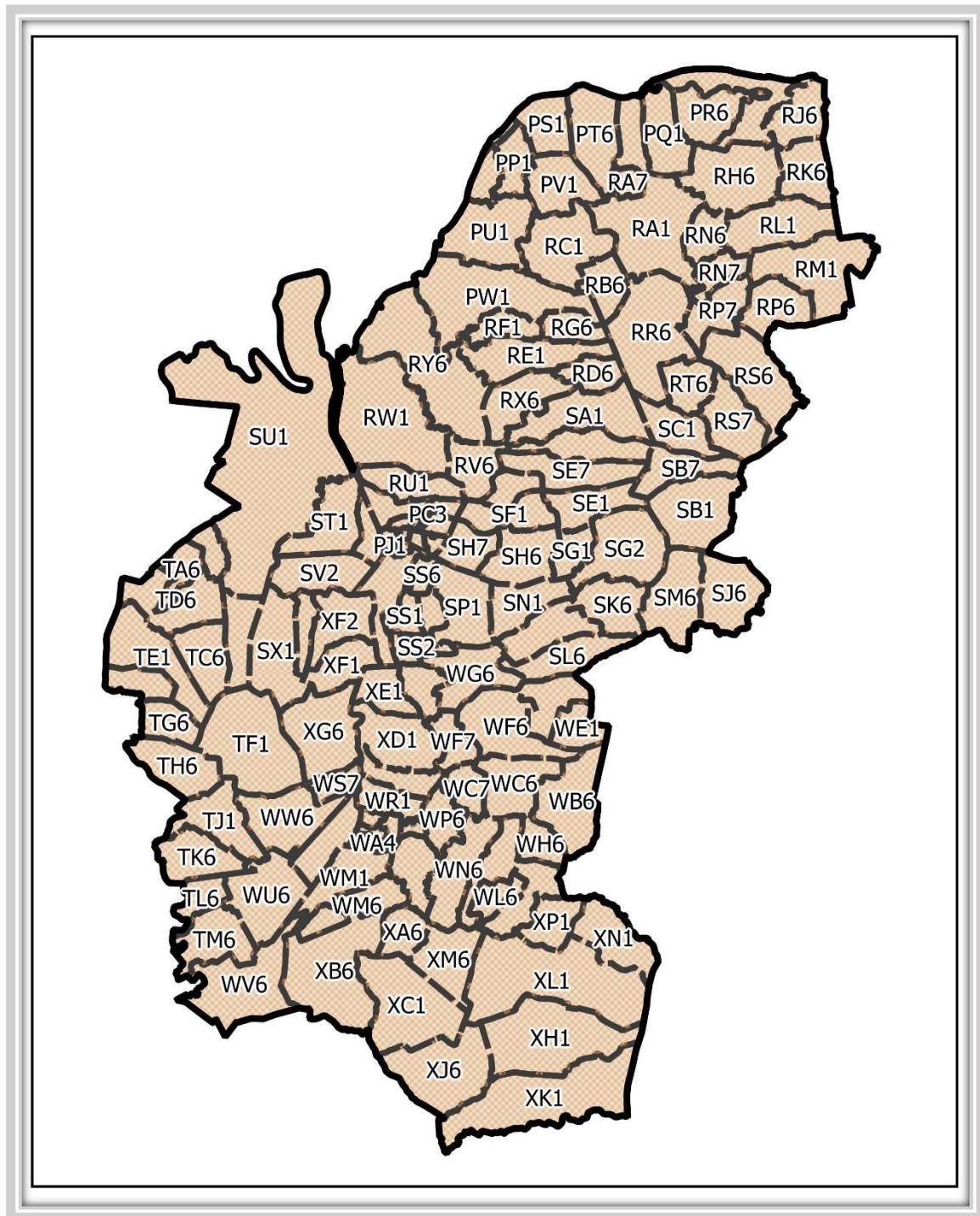


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Review Of Polling Districts, Polling Places & Polling Stations 2023

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Reason for review:

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide the Borough into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review.

Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a number of changes to the 1983 Act in respect of the way reviews must be undertaken, including that a review must be conducted every four years from 31st December 2007. This does not prevent changes being made in-between full reviews.

The arrangements made for parliamentary elections are also used at other elections.

Local authorities must also comply with accessibility requirements and consider the accessibility of polling stations as part of the review.

Suitable facilities for the staff working at the polling stations should also be considered.

Definitions:

- **Polling District:** the area created by the division of a constituency, division or ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to the electors – Responsibility of the Council to designate.
- **Polling Place:** the area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer – Responsibility of the Council to designate.
- **Polling Station:** the room or building within polling place where the poll takes place – Responsibility of the Returning Officer to designate.
- **Electorate:** total number of registered electors per polling district as of 1st September 2023.

Polling District Boundaries:

** Please note that the boundaries for the Polling Districts have been created to be aligned with either existing:

- **Parliamentary boundaries**
- **Borough Ward boundaries**
- **County Council Division boundaries**
- **Parish Council boundaries.**

These boundaries cannot be altered under a 'Polling District Review'.

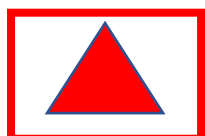
To view maps of these boundaries, please visit the '**Ordnance Survey – Election Maps**' website:

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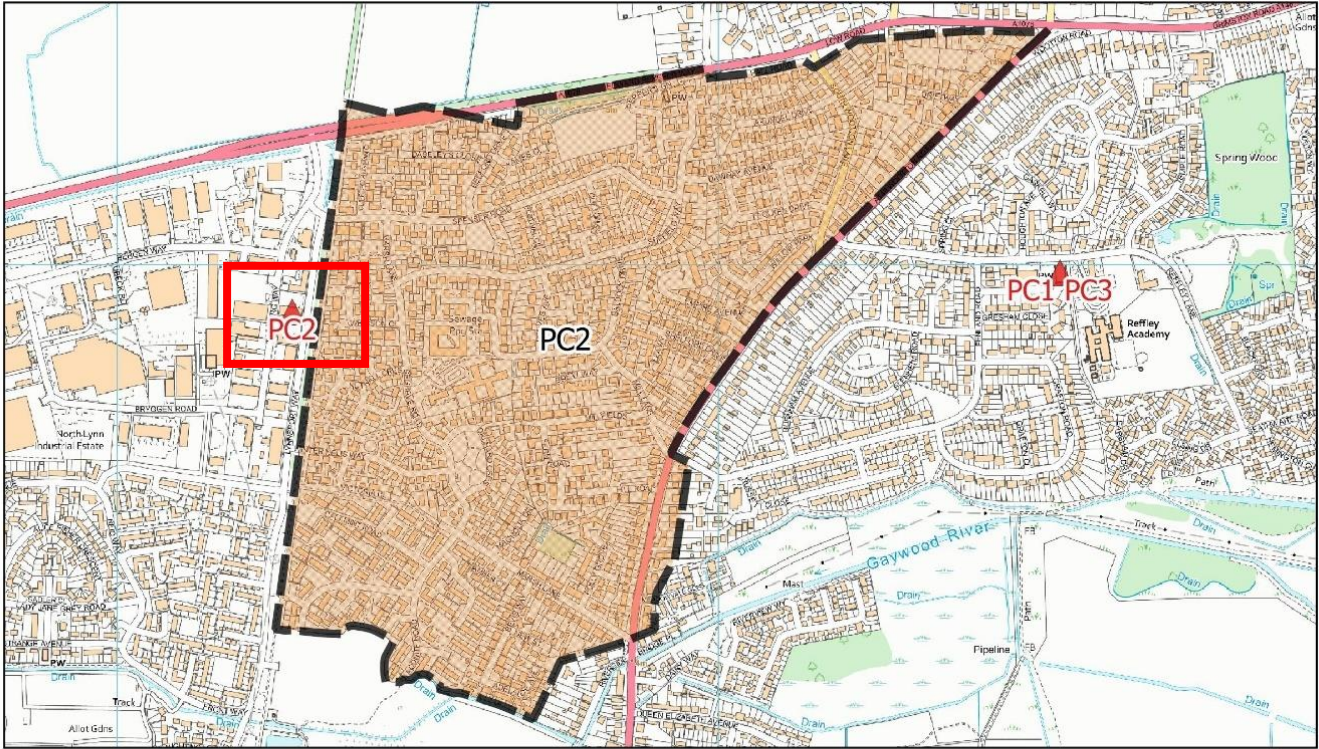
Map Key:

----- : Polling District Boundary

_____ : King's Lynn & West Norfolk Borough Council (Local Authority) Boundary



: Relevant Polling Station location, usually including alpha-numerical annotation



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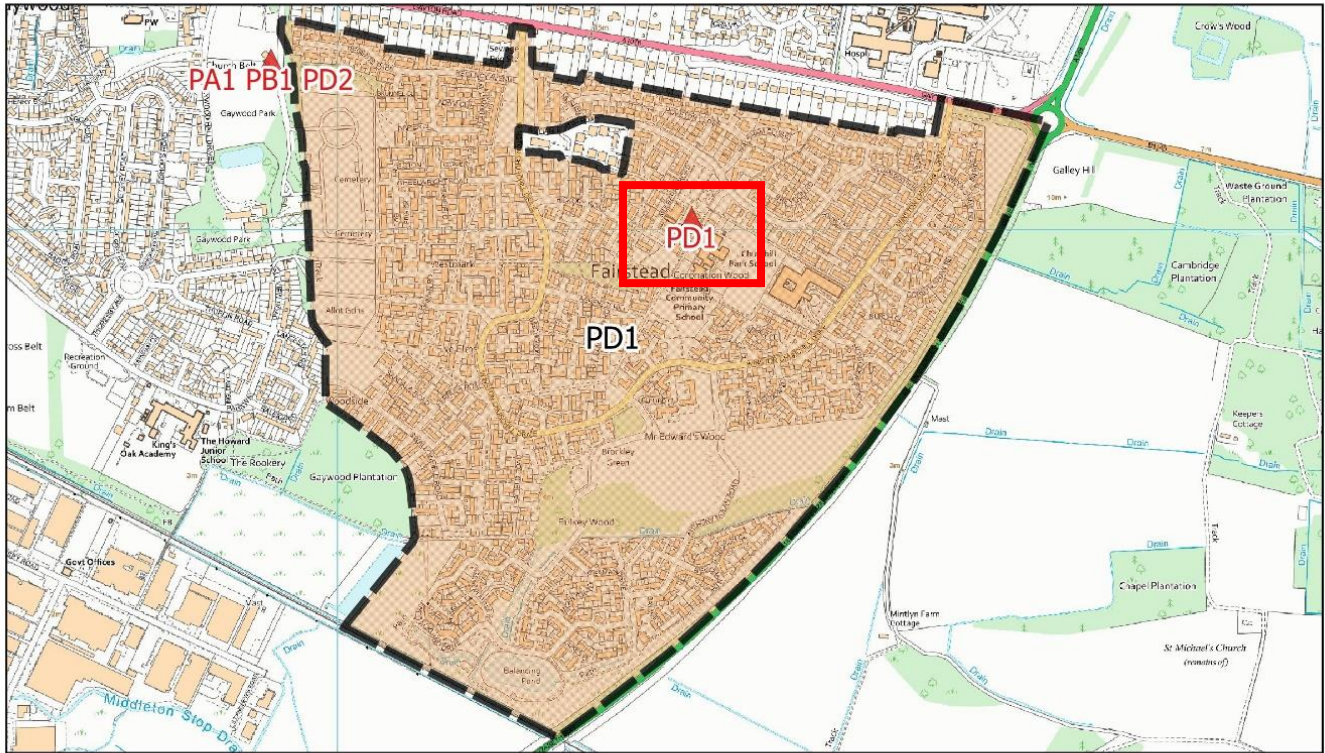
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Polling District:	PC2 - Gaywood North Bank (Gaywood North Bank Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	Area of PC2 Polling District comprising the streets of Adelaide Avenue, Amber Court, Arundel Drive, Baldock Drive, Bedford Drive, Bevis Way, Braeburn Close, Brett Way, Camfrey, Chapel Terrace, Charlock, Clifford Burman Close, Clifton Road, Crofters Close, Daseleys Close, Dawnay Avenue, Empire Avenue, Evelyn Way, Fern Road, Festival Close, Ffolkes Drive, Folly Court, Folly Grove, Galyon Road, Grey Sedge, Hall Road, Hill Road, James Close, Kingcup, Lea Way, Low Road, Magnolia Drive, Marsh Lane, Mill Lane, Millfields, Monkshood, Morello Court, New Street, Nuthall Crescent, Orchard Crescent, Penrose Close, Peppers Green, Reeves Avenue, Samphire, Segrave Road, Shelford Drive, Somersby Close, South Wootton Lane, Spenser Road, Spring Sedge, Suffield Way, Tamarisk, Tawny Sedge, Victoria Close, Waterden Close, Westhorpe Close, White Sedge, Willow Park, Winter Nelis Way, Wootton Road (176-218, 211-363) and any new developments in the area bounded by those streets
Polling Station:	King's Lynn Masonic Centre, 9 Hamburg Way, North Lynn Industrial Estate, KING'S LYNN, PE30 2 ND <i>Note: Dual polling station</i>
Electorate:	2799
Proposed Changes:	None

<p>Consultee Comments:</p>	<p>27th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Adrian Simpson.</p> <p><i>Good afternoon, Over the last few years, I have used the Kings Lynn Masonic Centre on Hamburg Way, Kings Lynn. It is a great venue for a polling station due to its location, easy parking (they have their own car park) and general size. Best regards Adrian Simpson</i></p> <p>27th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Jim Gill.</p> <p><i>I find the Masonic Centre at Kings Lynn convenient with ample car parking space. Regards, Jim Gill.</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district arrangements requested</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district</p>



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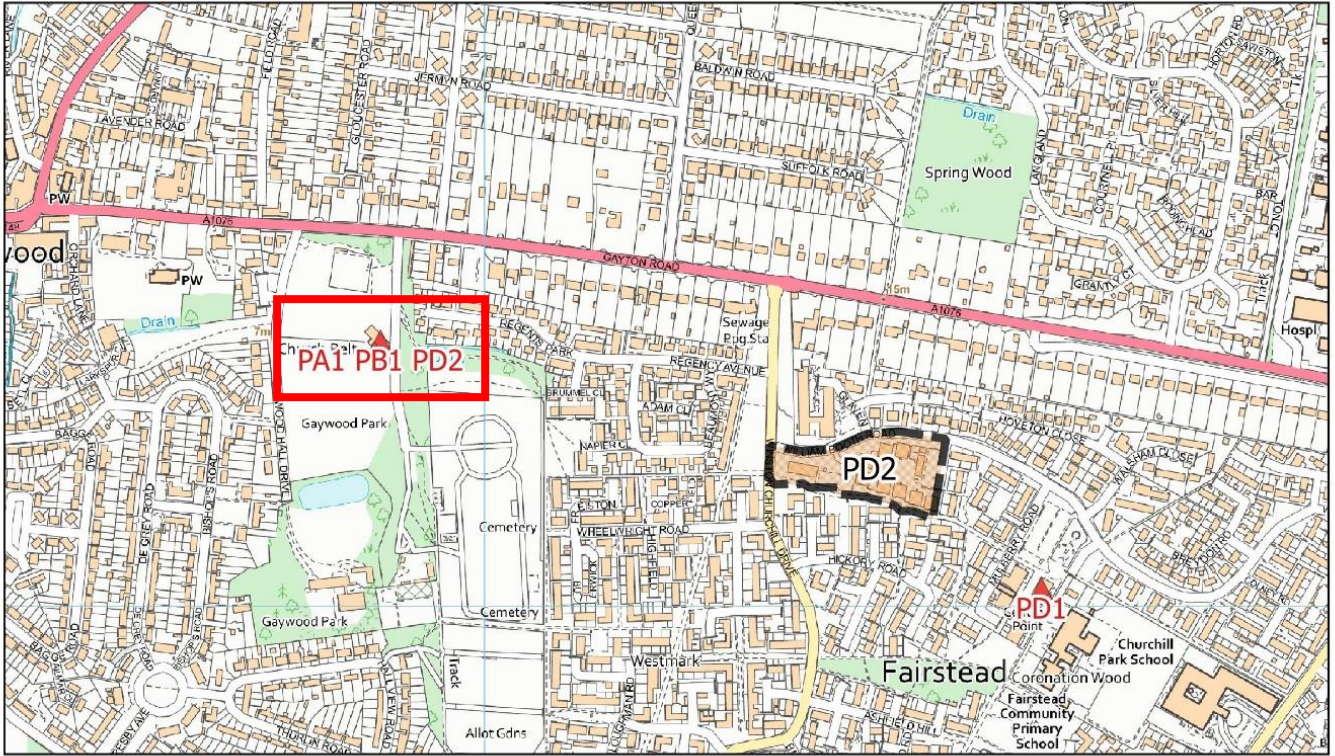
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Polling District:	PD1 – Fairstead (Fairstead Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	That part of King’s Lynn bounded by, but not including Queen Elizabeth Way until it meets the railway line to Leziate. Proceed in a north westerly direction until the junction with the drain and then north easterly until Pulkey Wood. Then bear west along Plantation Way path. Continue due north along the west side of Gayton Road cemetery, until reaching Gayton Road. Travel east along the rear boundary of properties on Gayton Road, until the junction with Winston Churchill Drive. Continue along Gayton Road back to Queen Elizabeth Way, excluding Minster Court
Polling Station:	Fairstead Community Centre, Centre Point, KING’S LYNN, PE30 4SR <i>Note: Dual polling station</i>
Electorate:	4186
Proposed Changes:	Re-integration of Polling District PD2 – Fairstead within PD1- Fairstead. This will see one further street, Minster Court, added to PD1. Please see page 12 for further information. Represents improvement to elector convenience and elimination of electoral administrative anomaly. PTO

Consultee Comments:	None
Returning Officer Comments:	Support proposals
Recommendation	Proceed with proposal of re-integration of Polling District PD2 – Fairstead within PD1- Fairstead



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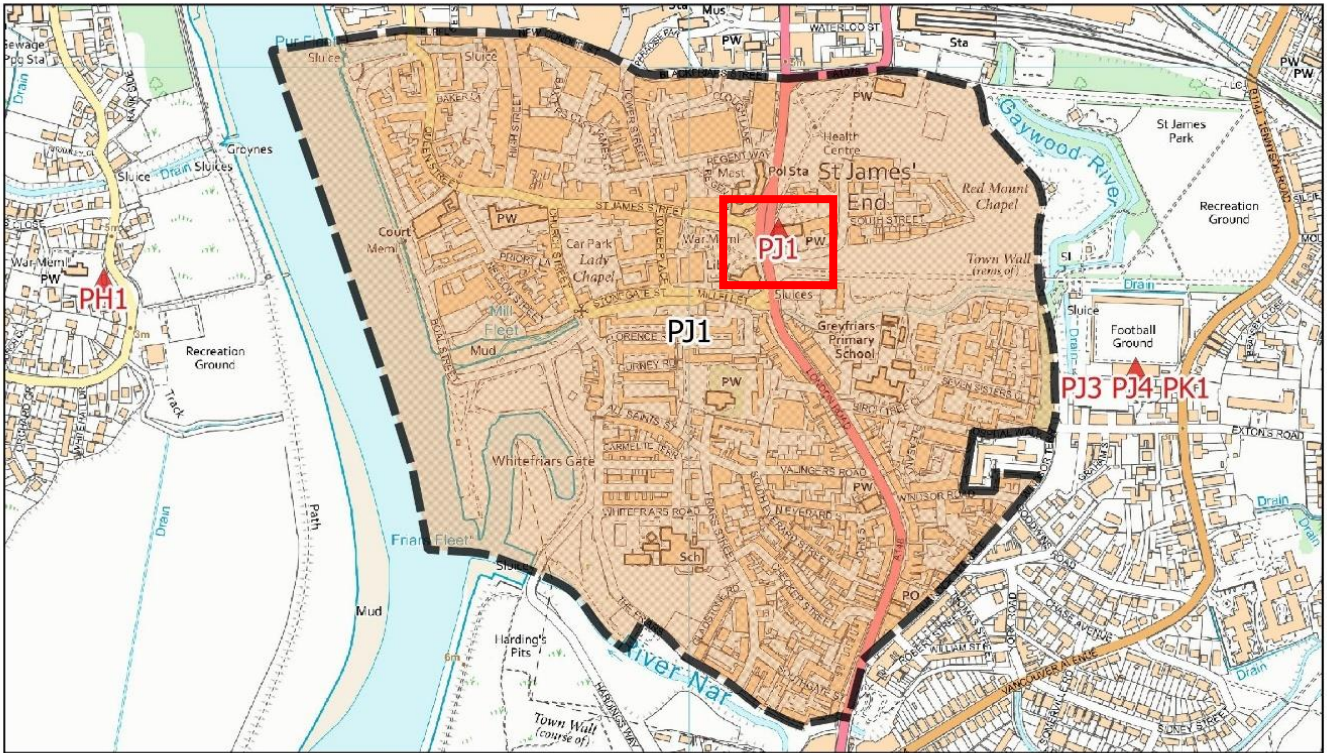


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Polling District:	PD2 – Fairstead (Fairstead Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Minster Court part of Fairstead
Polling Station:	Gaywood Community Centre, Gayton Road, KING'S LYNN, PE30 4EE <i>Note: Dual polling station</i>
Electorate:	82
Proposed Changes:	Abolition of polling district PD2-Fairstead and integration into polling district to PD1-Fairstead. PD2-Fairstead was created solely to allow residents of Minster Court to vote at their location when Minster Court was previously used as a polling station for Springwood polling districts. As Springwood electors now use Gaywood Community Centre as their polling station, Minster Court voters can now be reintegrated into wider PD1-Fairstead district and vote at the Fairstead Community Centre. The Fairstead Community Centre is geographically closer to Minster Court than Gaywood Community Centre for voter convenience. Such a change also eliminates unnecessary electoral administration at election times.

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Consultee Comments:	None
Returning Officer Comments:	Support proposals
Recommendation:	Proceed with proposal of re-integration of Polling District PD2 – Fairstead within PD1- Fairstead



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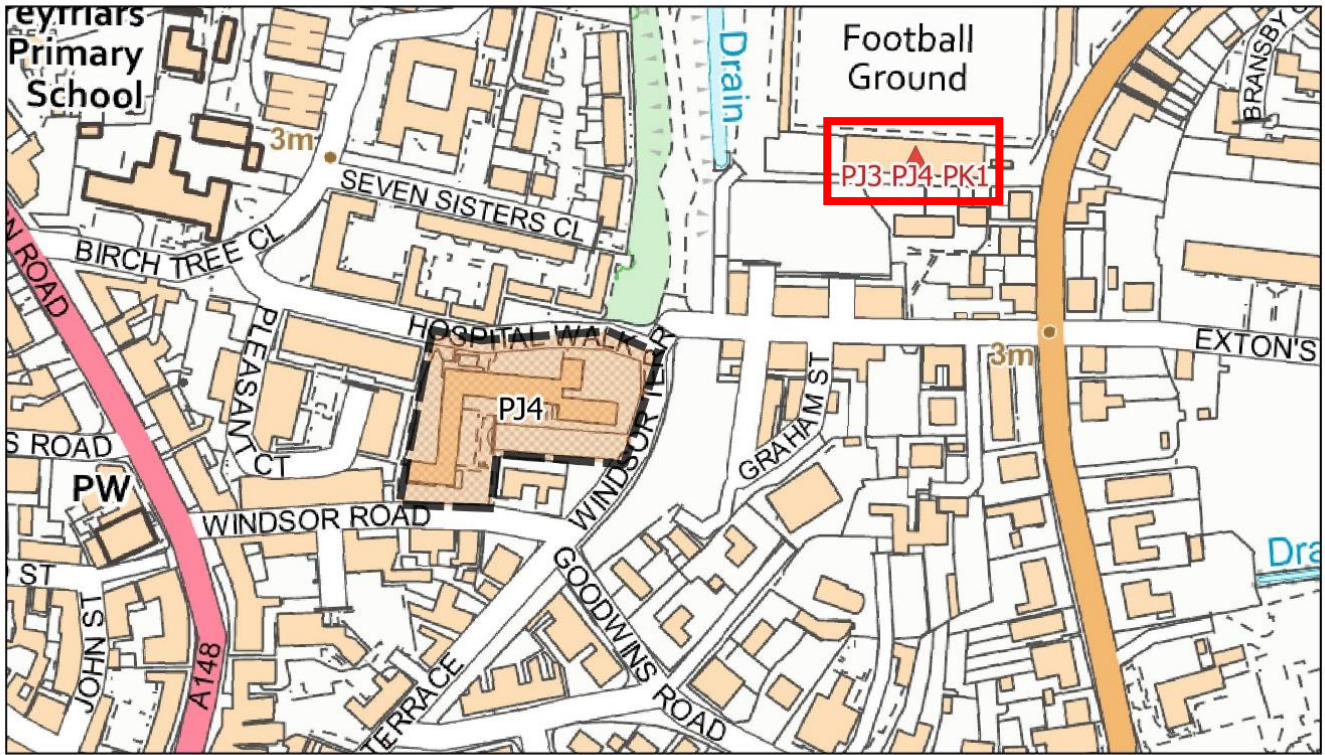


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Polling District:	PJ1 – St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas (St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	Area of PJ1 Polling District comprising the streets of All Saints Street, Baker Lane, Birch Tree Close, Bridge Street, Carmelite Terrace, Checker Street, Church Lane, Church Street, Clough Lane, Coronation Walk, County Court Road, Cromwell Terrace, Ethel Terrace, Fisheries Walk, Florence Road, Freestone Court, Friars Street, Friars Walk, Gladstone Road, Granary Court, Guanock Terrace (2-52, 49-51), Gurney Road, High Street, Hillington Square, Horsleys Court, John Street, King’s Staithe Lane, King’s Staithe Square, London Road, Lynwood Terrace, Millfleet, Nelson Street, North Everard Street, Old Brewery Court, Old Hospital Mews, Pleasant Court, Priory Lane, Providence Street, Purfleet Place, Queen Street, Regent Place, Regent Way, Saturday Market Place, Seven Sisters Close, South Everard Street, South Lynn Plain, South Quay, South Street, Southgate Street, St. James Court, St. James Street, St. Margaret’s Lane, St. Margaret’s Place, Stonegate Street, Terrace Lane, Tower Place, Tower Street, Union Lane, Valingers Road, Whitefriars Cottages, Whitefriars Road, Whitefriars Terrace, Windsor Park, Windsor Road and any new developments in the area bounded by those streets
Polling Station:	London Road Methodist Church, London Road, KING’S LYNN, PE30 5PU
Electorate:	2007
Proposed Changes:	Re-integration of Polling District PJ4 -St. Margarets with St. Nicholas back into PJ1- St. Margarets with St. Nicholas. This will see one street, Windsor Park, added to PJ1. This will eliminate an electoral administration anomaly. Please see page 20 for further information.

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Consultee Comments:	None
Retuning Officer Comments:	Support proposals
Recommendation:	Proceed with proposal of re-integration of Polling District PJ4 – St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas within PJ1- St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas



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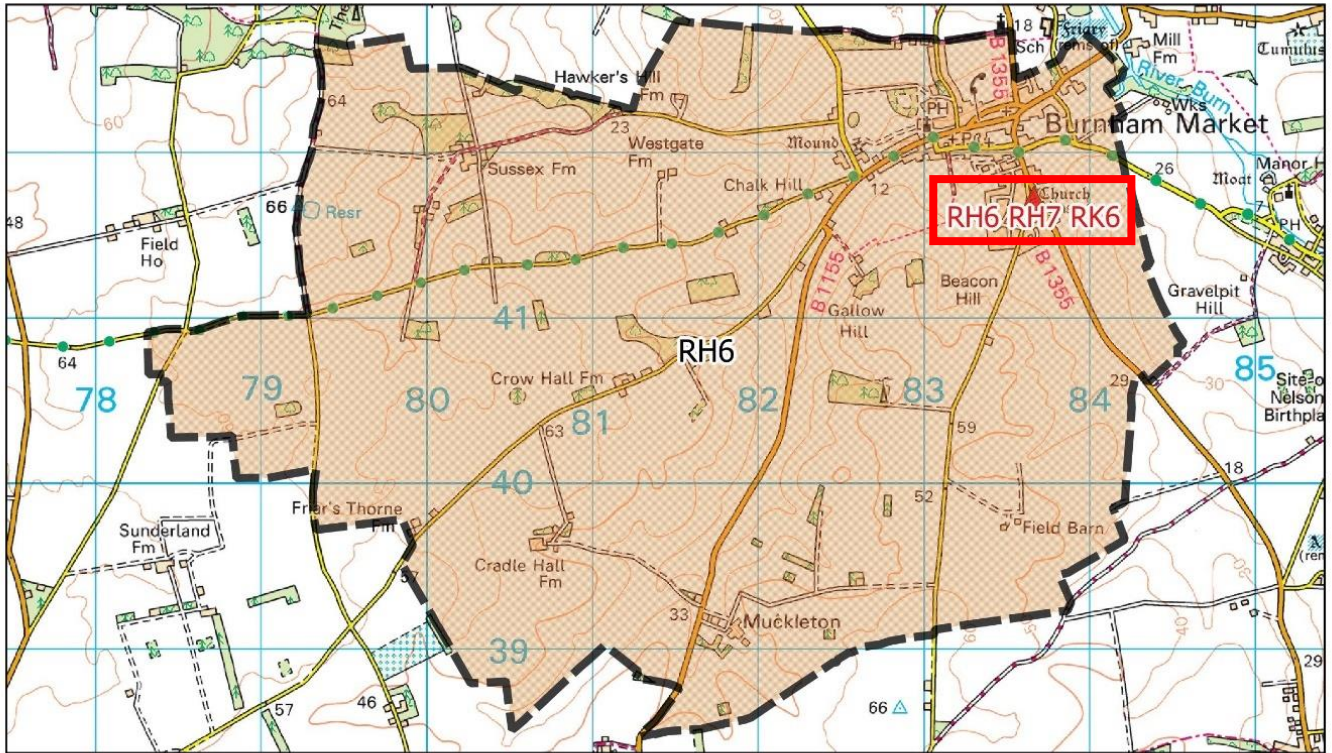
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Polling District:	PJ4 – St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas (St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	Windsor Park, KING’S LYNN, PE30 5PW
Polling Station:	King’s Lynn Town Football Club, The Walks, Tennyson Avenue, KING’S LYNN, PE30 5PB
Electorate:	39
Proposed Changes:	<p>Abolition of Polling District PJ4 - St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas and integration into polling district to PJ1 - St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas.</p> <p>PJ4 - St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas was created solely to allow residents of Windsor Court to vote at their location when Windsor Court was previously used as a polling station for PK1-Gaywood Chase and PJ3-St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas polling districts. As PK1 and PJ3 electors now use King’s Lynn Town Football Club as their polling station, Windsor Court voters can now be reintegrated into the wider PJ1- St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas polling district and vote at London Road Methodist Church. London Road Methodist Church was previously the polling station for PJ4. While the London Road Methodist Church is slightly further away than the Football Club, it is not an inconvenient location given neighbouring properties to Windsor Park in PJ1 already use it. Such a change also eliminates unnecessary electoral administration at election times.</p>

Consultee Comments:	None
Retuning Officer Comments:	Support proposals
Recommendation:	Proceed with proposal of re-integration of Polling District PJ4 – St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas within PJ1- St. Margaret’s with St. Nicholas.



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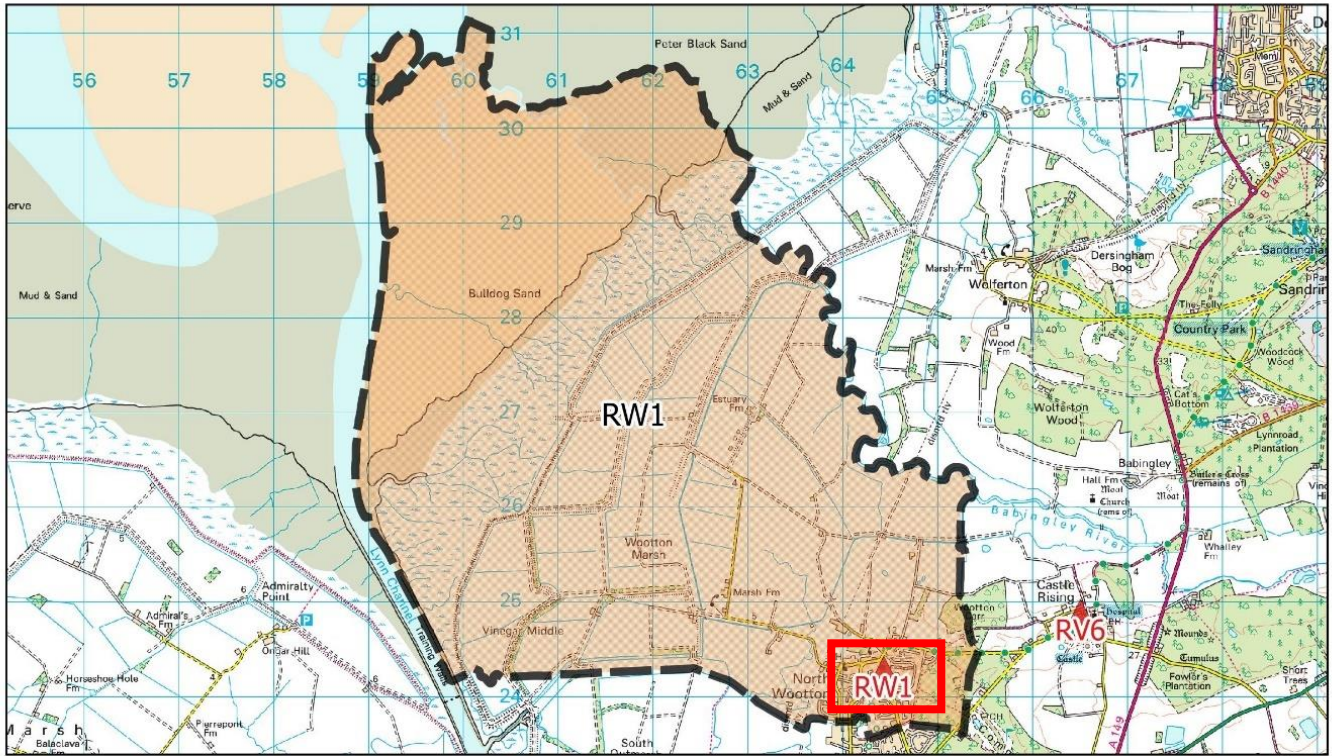
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Polling District:	RH6 – Burnham Market (Burnham Market & Docking Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Burnham Market
Polling Station:	Burnham Market & Norton Village Hall, Beacon Hill Road, Burnham Market, KING'S LYNN, PE31 8ER
Electorate:	629
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	15 th November 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Caroline Boyden. <i>Good afternoon,</i>
	PTO

	<p><i>Burnham Market Parish Council are happy with the current polling arrangements but you would like to reduce the size of the Parish Council, due to reduced resident numbers and the fact that 50% of homes are either second homes or furnished holiday lets with no interest in the parish council. We would like to reduce the numbers of councillors from 11 to 7 asap.</i></p> <p><i>Best regards Caroline Boyden Parish Clerk Burnham Market Parish Council</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district arrangements requested.</p> <p>The number of councillors sitting on a parish council falls outside the scope of a Polling District Review. Such matters are considered during a Community Governance Review. The borough council will be in contact with the Parish Council to discuss this matter separately.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district</p>



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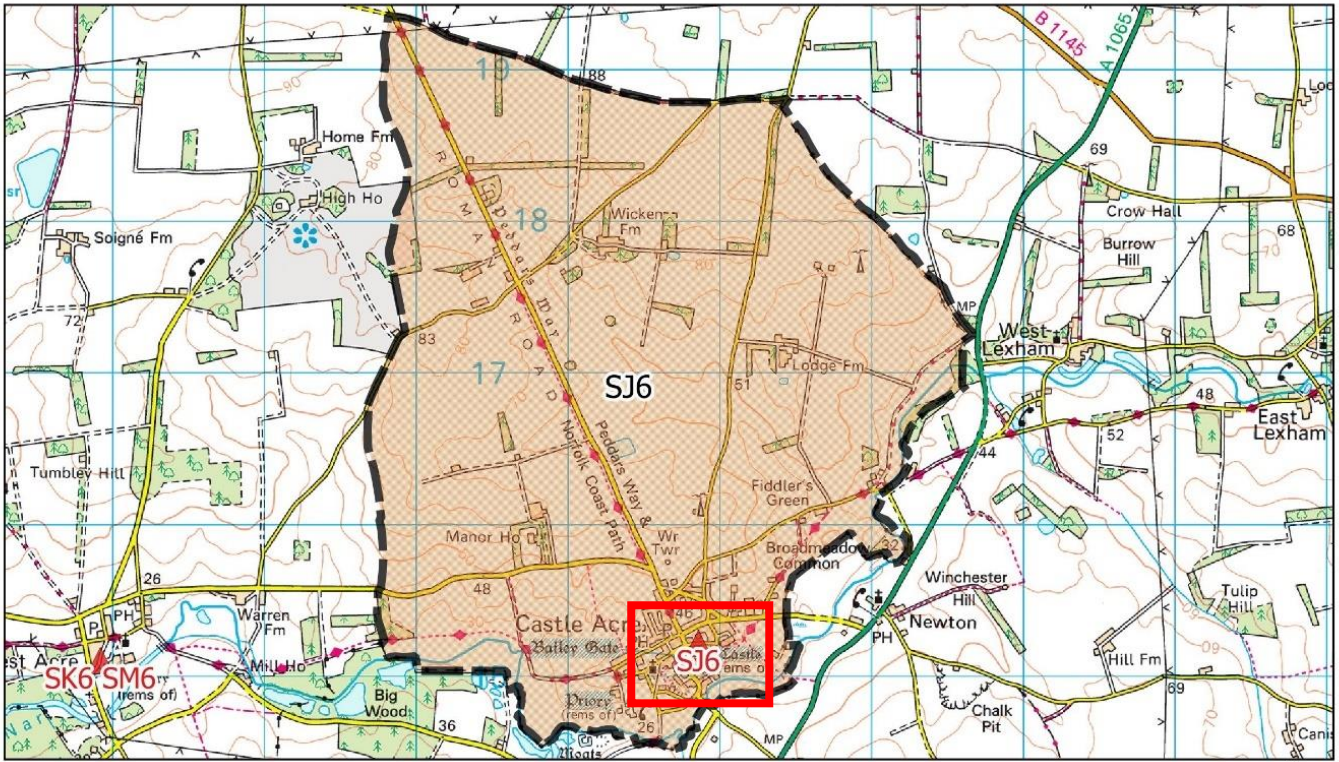
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Polling District:	RW1 – North Wootton (The Woottons Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of North Wootton
Polling Station:	North Wootton Village Hall, 46 Priory Lane, North Wootton, KING'S LYNN, PE30 3PT
Electorate:	1876
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee comments:	<p>27th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Lynne Gill</p> <p><i>Dear Sir/madam,</i> <i>My local polling station is at North Wootton Village Hall. It is easily accessible by foot for even elderly people , with just about sufficient car parking for those who drive in. If this facility were to be closed down, meaning people would have to travel further, it would be a hardship for many. It would also add to traffic on our roads and everything that implies.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">PTO</p>

	<p><i>One wonders why it is necessary to change the number and access of polling stations. One hopes fervently that there is not some political agenda behind it.</i></p> <p><i>Sincerely,</i></p> <p><i>Lynne Gill</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing arrangements requested</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district</p>



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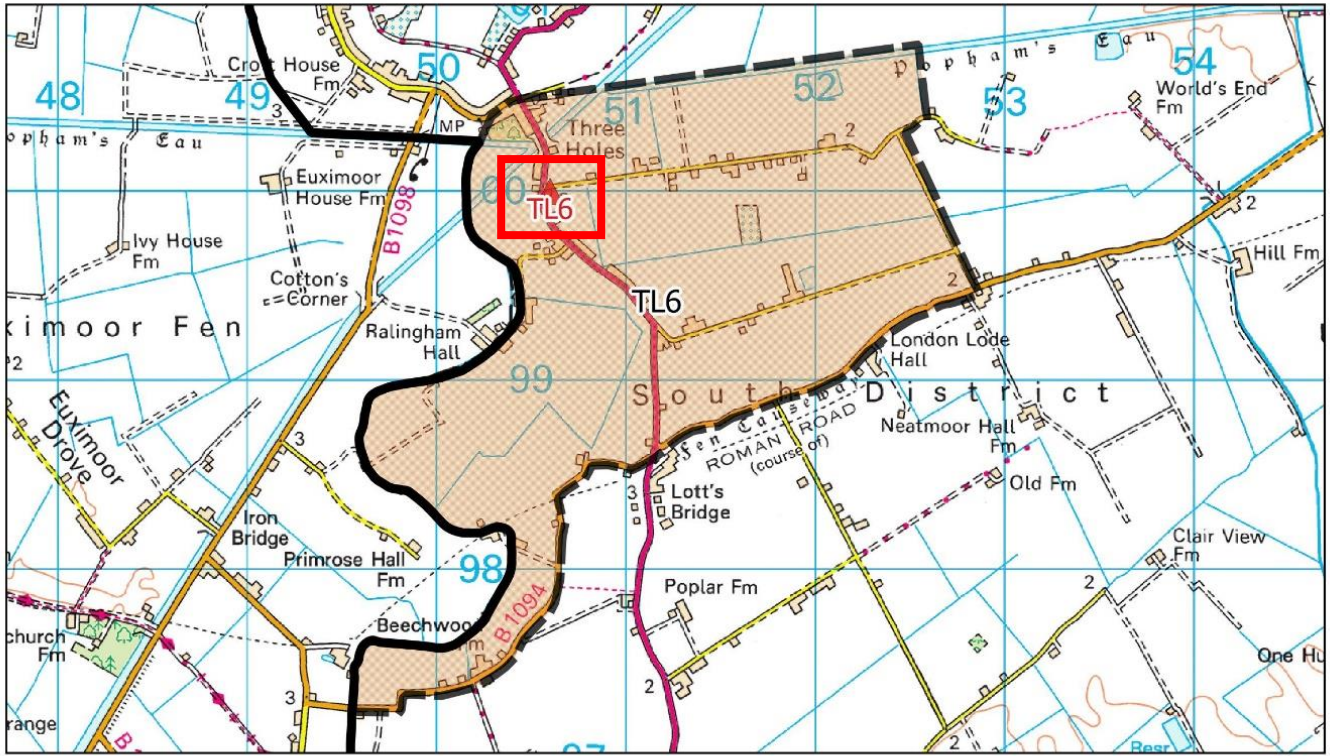
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Polling District:	SJ6 – Castle Acre (Massingham With Castle Acre Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Castle Acre
Polling Station:	Castle Acre Village Hall, Pye's Lane, Castle Acre, KING'S LYNN, PE32 2XB
Electorate:	700
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	<p>17th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Helen Breach.</p> <p><i>Dear Andrew Barrett Polling District Review On behalf of Castle Acre Village Hall, I am pleased to read in the review that Castle Acre Village Hall will continue to host polling days. The hall has recently been decorated and the kitchen refurbished, an even better facility for polling officers. Thanks again Kind regards Helen</i></p>

Returning Officer Comments:	No alterations to existing arrangements requested
Recommendation:	No alterations to existing polling district



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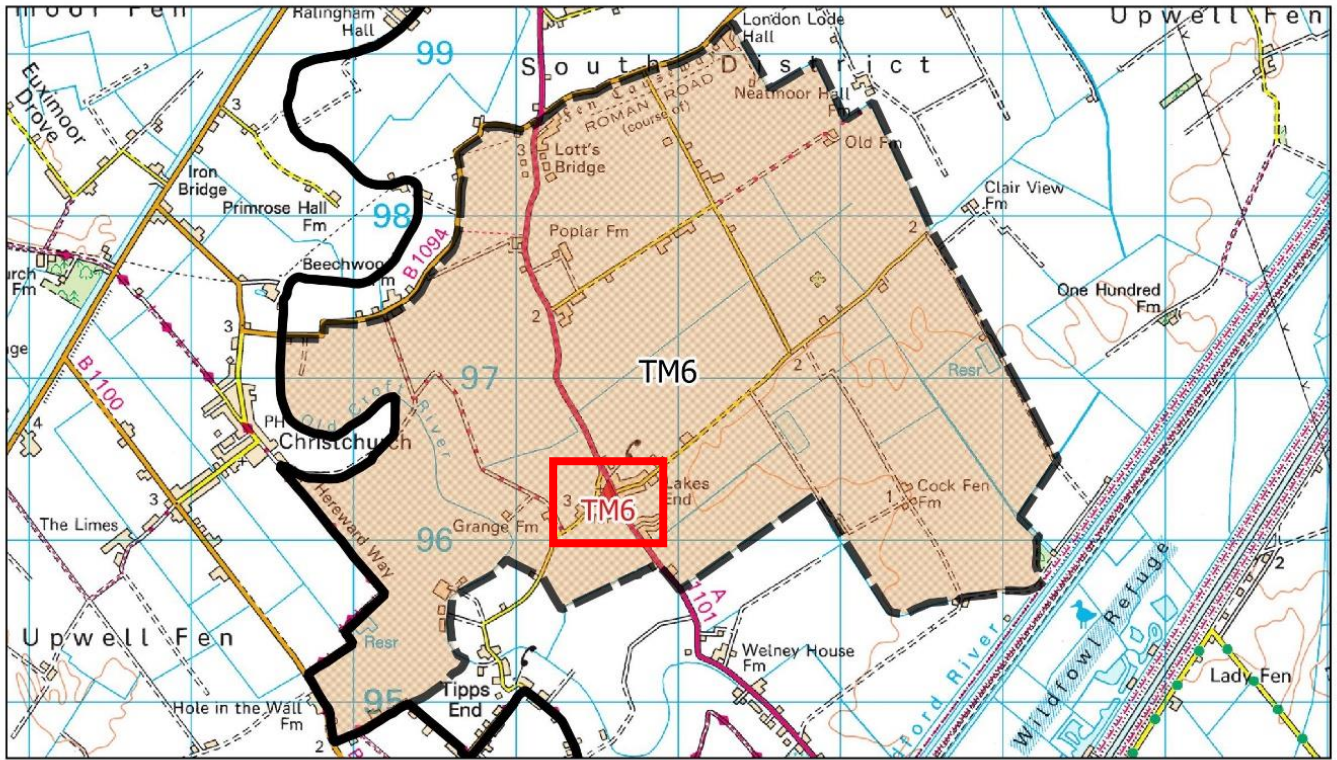
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Polling District:	TL6 – Upwell (Upwell & Delph Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Upwell (known as Christchurch and Three Holes)
Polling Station:	Three Holes Village Hall, Squires Drove, Three Holes, WISBECH, PE14 9JY
Electorate:	438
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	<p>30th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Maurice Leeke</p> <p><i>I would like to make the following comments on the Polling District Review.</i></p> <p><i>There appears to be a change in the boundary between two of the polling districts in Upwell parish which will split Lot's Bridge by having the boundary running along the B1094 road. At present all of these properties, on both sides of the road, appear to be in TM6. This makes much more sense. The only Lot's</i></p>

	<p><i>Bridge property in TL6 at present appears to be Rheims Lodge, Main Road. I would suggest a boundary to the north of Rheims Lodge would mean that all of Lot's Bridge used the same polling station at Lakesend. Recommendation: move the boundary between TL6 and TM6 to the north of Rheims Lodge and the B1094 so that Rhiems Lodge and all the properties along the B1094 are included in TM6.</i></p> <p><i>I am very happy to discuss these recommendations if it would be helpful.</i> <i>Maurice Leeke</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>There are currently three polling districts that serve the parish of Upwell. They uniformly serve the same elections – namely Upwell Parish Council, Upwell & Delph Borough Ward and Marshland South County Division and South West Norfolk Parliamentary Constituency.</p> <p>The B1094 road forms a clear demarcation line between TM6 – Upwell and TL6 – Upwell polling districts.</p> <p>Moving the boundary would decrease elector convenience at Rheims Lodge. The distance between Rheims Lodge and the existing TL6 polling station is estimated at 1km. The distance between Rheims Lodges and the TM6 polling station is 1.5km.</p> <p>Request not supported for rationale above. Elector convenience would be decreased for voting in identical elections and clear demarcation line lost.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>No alterations to existing polling district</p>



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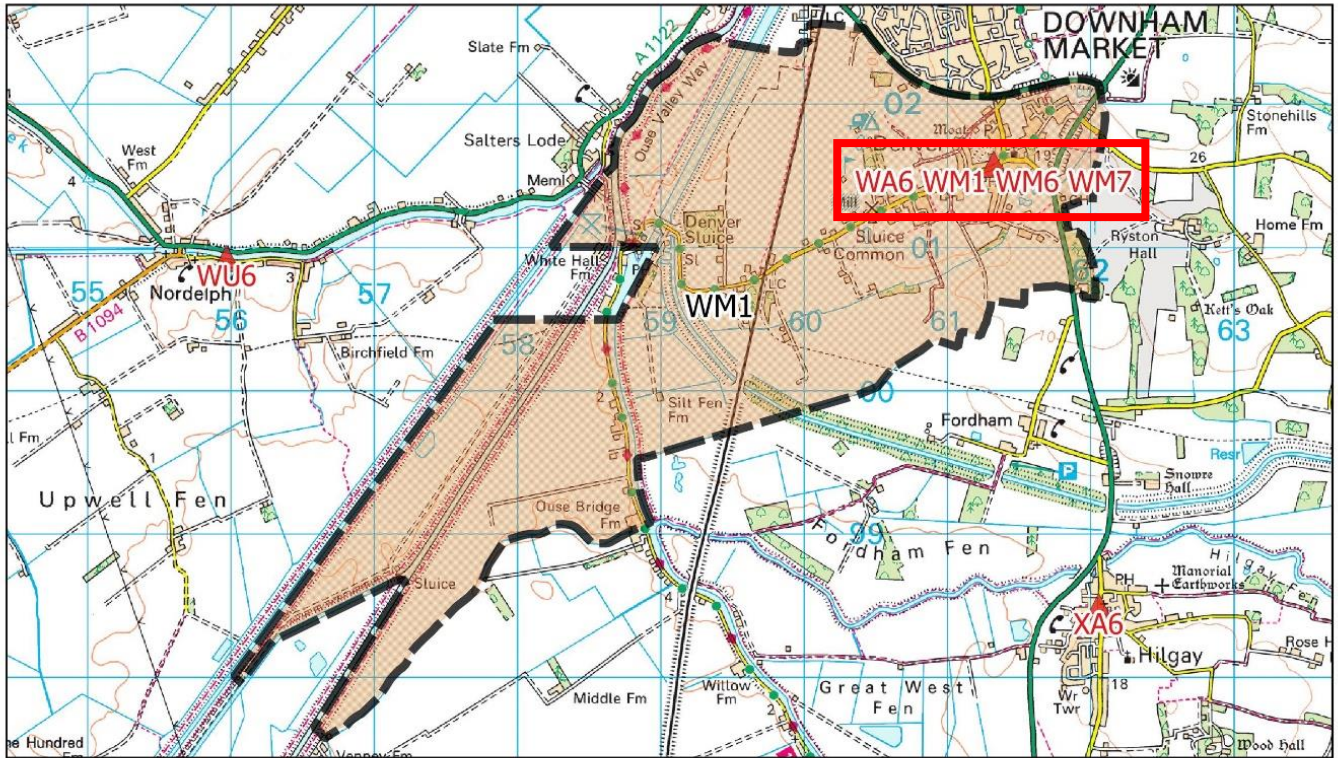
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Polling District:	TM6 – Upwell (Upwell & Delph Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Upwell (known as Lakes End)
Polling Station:	Lakes End Village Hall, Main Road, Lakes End, Welney, WISBECH, PE14 9QH
Electorate:	245
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	<p>30th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Maurice Leeke</p> <p><i>I would like to make the following comments on the Polling District Review.</i></p> <p><i>There appears to be a change in the boundary between two of the polling districts in Upwell parish which will split Lot's Bridge by having the boundary running along the B1094 road. At present all of these properties, on both sides of the road, appear to be in TM6. This makes much more sense. The only Lot's Bridge</i></p>

	<p><i>property in TL6 at present appears to be Rheims Lodge, Main Road. I would suggest a boundary to the north of Rheims Lodge would mean that all of Lot's Bridge used the same polling station at Lakesend. Recommendation: move the boundary between TL6 and TM6 to the north of Rheims Lodge and the B1094 so that Rhiems Lodge and all the properties along the B1094 are included in TM6.</i></p> <p><i>I am very happy to discuss these recommendations if it would be helpful.</i> <i>Maurice Leeke</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>There are currently three polling districts that serve the parish of Upwell. They uniformly serve the same elections – namely Upwell Parish Council, Upwell & Delph Borough Ward and Marshland South County Division and South West Norfolk Parliamentary Constituency.</p> <p>The B1094 road forms a clear demarcation line between TM6 – Upwell and TL6 – Upwell polling districts.</p> <p>Moving the boundary would decrease elector convenience at Rheims Lodge. The distance between Rheims Lodge and the existing TL6 polling station is estimated at 1km. The distance between Rheims Lodges and the TM6 polling station is 1.5km.</p> <p>Request not supported for rationale above. Elector convenience would be decreased for voting in identical elections and clear demarcation line lost.</p>
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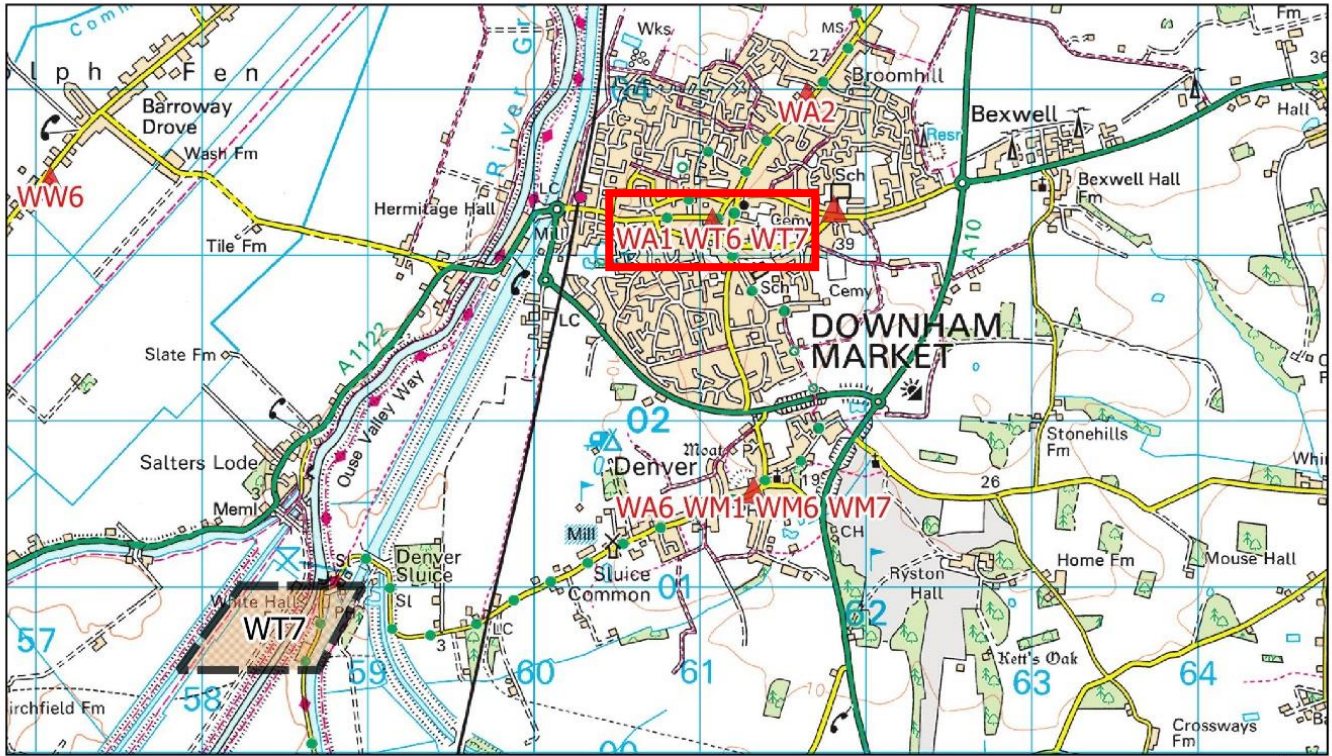
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Polling District:	WM1 – Denver (Denver Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Denver excluding the Whitehall Farm area
Polling Station:	Denver Village Hall, Sluice Road, Denver, DOWNHAM MARKET, PE38 ODY
Electorate:	746
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	<p>30th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Maurice Leeke</p> <p><i>I would like to make the following comments on the Polling District Review.</i></p> <p><i>There is a separate Polling District for two, currently unoccupied, dwellings by Denver Sluice. I have no idea why it was a separate polling district in the first place, but suggest that now, while they are unoccupied, is a good time to merge</i></p>

	<p><i>them into the Denver polling district. Recommendation: remove polling district WT7 and merge it with WM1.</i></p> <p><i>I am very happy to discuss these recommendations if it would be helpful.</i></p> <p><i>Maurice Leeke</i></p>
<p>Returning Officer Comments:</p>	<p>WT7 – Denver polling district was created to ensure maximum convenience for any residents at the two properties mentioned in the consultee feedback. The properties are on the other side of Denver sluice and the main WM1 – Denver polling district. Access to the WM1 - Denver polling station is via the Bridge Road / Station Road bridge at Downham Market. It is believed WT7 – Denver polling district was created before the creation of the A1122 link road to the A10, which created better access to Denver. Prior to its creation, attending the Downham Market Town Hall poll station would have been more convenient for the electors at the two properties than Denver Village Hall poll station. Journey times by car to each polling station from the two properties is likely similar when factoring in town centre driving and parking.</p> <p>Consultee request supported for rationale above. There would be minimal impact on elector convenience, and it would eliminate additional administration at election times.</p>
<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Re-integrate WT7 – Denver polling district within WM1 – Denver polling district.</p>



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Polling District:	WT7 – Denver (Denver Borough Ward)
Area of Polling Place:	The Parish of Denver known as the Whitehall Farm area and that part of the Parish of Downham Market (Downham Old Town Ward) containing its Polling Station
Polling Station:	Downham Market Town Hall, Bridge Street, DOWNHAM MARKET, PE38 9DW <i>Note: Dual polling station</i>
Electorate:	0 (2 properties on register, currently empty)
Proposed Changes:	None
Consultee Comments:	30 th October 2023 – By Email. Respondent: Maurice Leeke <i>I would like to make the following comments on the Polling District Review.</i> <i>There is a separate Polling District for two, currently unoccupied, dwellings by Denver Sluice. I have no idea why it was a separate polling district in the first</i>

	<p><i>place, but suggest that now, while they are unoccupied, is a good time to merge them into the Denver polling district. Recommendation: remove polling district WT7 and merge it with WM1.</i></p> <p><i>I am very happy to discuss these recommendations if it would be helpful.</i> <i>Maurice Leeke</i></p>
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<p>Recommendation:</p>	<p>Re-integrate WT7 – Denver polling district within WM1 – Denver polling district.</p>