



Polling Station Report

Polling Station Review 2018 / 2020

Change of Polling Stations

Polling District – Brancaster (PP1)

St Mary the Virgin Church (Old Hunstanton) (current polling station)

In 2018 Old Hunstanton's regular polling station (The Social Club) closed. Investigations into alternative premises were carried out. The majority were rejected due to: unsuitability, lack of facilities, availability issues, lack of parking etc.

'St Mary the Virgin Church', was used for both the Borough/Parish and European Parliamentary elections of 2019. However, after those elections, feedback was that the Church wasn't entirely suitable.

Average distance to Hunstanton polling station (1.4 miles)

Average distance to Holme polling station (1.9 miles)

Hunstanton's polling station is already a busy one, compared to the number attending Holme Village Hall. In 2017 during the boundary review, the villagers voiced their views about remaining as a 'Coastal Ward, including Holme next the Sea'. If Old Hunstanton electors vote at Holme polling station, they will be voting in their own Borough Ward, whereas Hunstanton would be voting in a different Ward.

Relocating

Having exhausted all other avenues, the conclusion was reached to send Old Hunstanton electors to either Hunstanton Town Hall or Holme Village Hall.

Proposal

The recommended option is to send Old Hunstanton's electors to Holme.

Polling District – St Margaret’s with St Nicholas & Gaywood Chase (PJ1 (part), PJ3 & PK1)

Goodwins Hall Care Home (current polling station)

The cost to hire Goodwins Hall has risen disproportionately this year, meaning the station is not considered value for money.

Windsor Park

It is proposed to move the polling station to Windsor Park. All aspects about the polling station are good – parking, accessibility, availability, facilities & disabled access (although the building is just outside of the ward boundary, the border is on the road where the building is located). It is also proposed that the residents of Windsor Park (on PJ1 register) would vote at this facility.

Proposal

A move from Goodwins to Windsor Park would see a substantial saving. Location is not a factor as Goodwins Hall and Windsor Park are only (approx.) 300 yards away from each other.

Polling District – Dersingham (RE1)

St. Cecilia’s Church (current polling station)

The church room is small for a large polling station.

Dersingham Village Hall

The village has recently opened a new large modern community facility that is centrally situated. The venue is easily accessible, plenty of parking and excellent disabled access.

Proposal

Move from St. Cecilia’s to Dersingham Village Hall.

Polling District – Gaywood North Bank (PC1)

Reffley Community Hall (current polling station)

Reffley Community Hall is not always available at short notice.

Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

The church is available to hire at short notice and was well received when used at the recent EU elections. Facilities are good, together with good access and parking.

Proposal

Move from Reffley Community Hall to Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints

Polling District – North Lynn (PF1)

North Lynn Methodist Church (current polling station)

The polling station is potentially unavailable due to planned large scale building works in 2020.

There is no other viable polling station nearby.

Distance between the Methodist Church and the Discovery Centre is only (approx.) 600 metres.

Proposal

Move the **PF1** electorate to the 'Discovery Youth Centre' (currently **PE1**) and make a dual station.

Polling District – Emneth (TH6)

Central Hall (current polling station)

Central Hall is unavailable on PCC Election day, due to VE Day commemoration event

Proposal

Utilise Emneth Methodist Church, located opposite Central Hall. Venue is entirely suitable and has good disabled access.