

Appendix

Table 2 – Recommendations for Representations submitted to the Deputy Returning Officer.

Number	Ward	Representation	Detail	Advice of Electoral Services Manager	Recommendation
1	Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Merge the current polling districts of CA and CB to create one polling district with the polling place designated as Edward the Confessor Church Hall. The Returning Officer will provide a double station for all elections.	<p>The current polling districts are located either side of the Tadcaster Road, with CA polling district using Edward the Confessor Church Hall as the polling station and CB polling district using Woodthorpe Primary School. The new polling district would be slightly larger, but the location of the polling station would be central to the new polling district.</p> <p>The remaining Polling districts will be re-designated and the Electoral Registration Officer will revise the Register of Electors</p> <p>Map 1 is the current polling district arrangements Map 2 is the purposed polling district arrangements</p>	<p>The provision of a central polling station will benefit more electors than if the current arrangements remain.</p> <p>A double station will be able to comfortably accommodate the number of electors for the new polling district.</p>	Agree to the merge of polling districts.

2	Dringhouses & Woodthorpe	Woodthorpe Primary School to not be used as a polling station for future elections	<p>No other suitable venue has been identified by the Electoral Registration Officer in the same polling district of CE. An alternative was put forward by Woodthorpe Primary School, but the venue is outside of the polling district.</p> <p>Consideration was given to altering the boundary of the polling district to move the new venue in to CE polling district, but this would not provide a centrally located polling station for the polling district.</p> <p>Under the Local Government and Government (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 the Returning Officer to use schools free of charge. It is solely the decision of the school to close on polling day and the Returning Officer is aware many parents feel this is an inconvenience.</p>	<p>Continue to use current polling station.</p> <p>While the use of school as a polling station can cause some disruption if the decision is taken to close, this venue is more beneficial to the electors than the alternative.</p>	Continue to use current polling station
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			In this instance Dringhouse Primary School, its location is the best suited to this polling district, the choice of the venue gives electors the best location to exercise their vote for this ward.		
3	Guildhall	<p>National Centre for Early Music not suitable for older electors in west part of EA polling district.</p> <p>The location of the polling station is eastern part of the polling district, while located central to one of the two main groups of residential properties, it is located some distance away from the other residential area.</p>	<p>While a number of suitable venues are available for the ED polling district, the location of the two groups of residential properties does not allow one central polling station to be provided.</p> <p>There is however, the opportunity to redraw the polling district boundaries to split the ED polling district using defined features and thus provide a polling station for the new polling districts that are central.</p> <p>For EA polling district, the boundary may be moved to the river Foss, allowing the National Centre for Early Music to continue to be used as a polling station. A new polling district around the residential</p>	<p>The altering of the polling district boundaries for this ward would benefit the electors in the affected polling districts.</p> <p>The nature of the city centre of York is quite unique; the two residential areas in question both have high</p>	Agree to the alteration of polling districts.

			<p>properties situated around St Andrewsgate would be able to use Bedern Hall as a polling station; this new polling district would take in the remaining city centre area.</p> <p>Slight amendments to the polling district EB and EC would see their boundaries now following the major roads of the city centre.</p> <p>Map 3 is the current polling district arrangements Map 4 is the purposed polling district arrangements</p>	<p>proportions of residents who are aged 60 or over. Providing Bedern as polling station would allow more electors to the freedom to vote in persons without long distances to travel.</p>	
4	Guildhall	<p>Provision of polling station for EC is not currently providing the best arrangements for electors.</p>	<p>EC polling district currently uses St. Olave's Church Hall, this venue was first used for the Parliamentary Election held in 2010 when the previous location of the City Art Gallery was not available.</p>	<p>The only other venue the Electoral Services Manager was able to locate in this polling district was</p>	<p>Agree to continue to use current polling station</p>

			<p>In the Referendum and City of York Council elections held in May 2011 the Church Hall was used again and was more successful than the previous year.</p>	<p>the City Art Gallery, This venue could only provide a room off the main entrance to the Art Gallery and the Returning Officer was concerned in regard to the secrecy of the vote.</p> <p>St. Olave's Hall is suitable, but better provision of signage is required for electors. The more frequently the hall is used as</p>	
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				a polling station, the more familiar electors will become with its location.	
5	Hull Road	York Environment Centre located outside of HA polling district and not currently providing the best arrangements for electors.	<p>The Returning Officer is concerned that the polling station for HA is currently located outside of the polling district. This is never a satisfactory arrangement.</p> <p>No other venue has been located in the polling district and any merging of polling districts would not provide a single polling station large enough to accommodate a double station.</p>		Agree to continue to use current polling station.
6	Micklegate	Scarcroft Primary School in JB polling district not able to provide adequate arrangements for electors, Clements Hall located opposite may be more suitable.	The Returning Officer is aware that venue provided by the school is not the most suitable they could offer, while there is an option to request better facilities the Electoral Services Manager was informed of a venue directly opposite.	A move to Clements Hall would provide an excellent venue for a polling station.	Agree to use Clements Hall as polling station

			<p>Clement Hall is a recently refurbished former church hall that would provide excellent facilities for electors.</p> <p>The venue is located directly opposite Scarcroft School and electors would have no change to the distance they travel to vote.</p>		
7	Micklegate	<p>All Saints R.C. School on Mill Lane not able to provide adequate arrangements for electors, English Martyrs Church on Dalton Terrace may be more suitable</p>	<p>The Returning Officer has encountered difficulties with securing suitable facilities for electors at this polling station. Additionally this venue has no parking for either electors or Returning Officer staff.</p> <p>The Electoral Services Manager was advised that English Martyrs Church may have a suitable hall.</p> <p>While Dalton Terrace is located on the opposite side of the Mount, it does provide parking and has two</p>	<p>There is no central located venue in JA polling district and English Martyrs does have the facility for car parking.</p> <p>The current polling station is located in the stable complex of All</p>	<p>Agree to use English Martyrs Church Hall as a polling Station</p>

			halls that would provide an excellent venue for a polling station.	Saint's School and is not providing the best polling venue for electors	
8	Westfield	Use of Gateway Christian Centre as a joint polling station for AB and KE polling districts is confusing for electors	<p>The use of the Gateway Christian Centre as a venue for polling station for both AB polling district and KE polling district was an arrangement first used in 2009 for the European Parliamentary Election. The loss of Lowfield School as a venue following a fire, required an alternative polling station to be provided, no suitable location was found in KE polling district.</p> <p>Given that AB polling district of Acomb ward has to use a polling station outside of the polling district boundaries, as no suitable venue is available, the logical course of action would be to move the KE polling station away from the</p>	<p>The temporary measure of using the same venue as a polling station for two different polling districts does occur in other wards and can work successfully.</p> <p>However, the layout of the Gateway Christian centre makes</p>	Agree to the alteration of polling districts.

			<p>Gateway Christian Centre.</p> <p>This can be done if KB and KE polling districts merge to create one polling district, with the polling station located at the current KB venue of Acomb Parish Church. The Returning Officer believes the polling station could accommodate a double station.</p> <p>This would allow the Gateway Christian Centre to continue as venue for AB polling station and under any ward boundary review the provisions of the boundaries and venues could be addressed.</p> <p>Map 5 is the current polling district arrangements Map 6 is the proposed polling district arrangements</p>	<p>it difficult to manage this current arrangement.</p> <p>The combining of KB and KE polling districts would create a larger polling district, but would be easy accommodate d with a double station.</p>	
9	Westfield	Westfield Community Primary School to not be used as a polling station for future elections	No other suitable venue has been identified by the Electoral Registration Officer in the same polling district of KC. No alternative venue was put forward by Westfield	The current venue is central to the polling district and provides	Agree to continue to use current polling station.

			<p>Community Primary School.</p> <p>Consideration was given to merging of KA and KC polling districts, both have central polling stations which are council maintained.</p> <p>In this instance Westfield Community Primary School, its location is the best suited to this polling district, the choice of the venue gives electors the best location to exercise their vote for this ward.</p> <p>Under the Local Government and Government (Principal Areas) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 the Returning Officer to use schools free of charge. It is solely the decision of the school to close on polling day and the Returning Officer is aware many parents feel this is an inconvenience.</p>	<p>excellent location and venue to electors.</p> <p>While the use of school as a polling station can cause some disruption if the decision is taken to close, this venue is more beneficial to the electors than the alternative of merging with KA polling district and using a more distant polling station.</p>	

10	Bishopthorpe	Change of venue from St. Andrew's Church Hall to Bishopthorpe Village Hall.	<p>Until the European Parliamentary Election in 2009 the Village Hall at Bishopthorpe was the venue for a polling station, but due to renovations in 2009 an alternative venue was needed.</p> <p>A new venue of St. Andrew's Church Hall was found suitable and used again for the Parliamentary Election 2010 and the City of York Council Elections in 2011.</p> <p>Both venues are suitable, with adequate car parking and access.</p> <p>The Returning Officer has encountered some problems with arrangements at St. Andrew's Church Hall, but this does not reflect on the actual facilities.</p>	<p>The Electoral Services Manager is due to attend the Ward Committee meeting on 19th October in regard to the voting arrangements .</p> <p>Of the two venues, Bishopthorpe Village Hall is more central to the electors and has always in past elections provided an excellent venue.</p>	Agree to move polling station to Bishopthorpe Village Hall.

11	Bishopthorpe	Merge YAC polling district to YAB polling district	<p>As part of the parish review that was completed in 2009, the polling district of YAC which is the Middlethorpe area of the ward was added to Bishopthorpe Parish.</p> <p>As YAC is now part of the parish and uses the same polling station, there is logical reason to merge the polling districts in to one polling district for the Parish of Bishopthorpe.</p> <p>Map 7 is current voting arrangements</p>	<p>The polling district of YAC has 42 electors and has used the same polling station as YAB polling district since 1996. There would be no effect on the electors or voting arrangements</p>	<p>Agree to merge YAB and YAC polling districts to create one new polling district.</p>
12	Heslington	Provide a polling station at the Heslington East Campus of the University of York.	<p>In 2007 a polling station was provided on the University of York Campus at Vanburgh College, in a response from the Parish Council's request to not share a polling station between the village and student residences.</p> <p>This has proved to be successful.</p>	<p>With the future electorate for the Heslington East Campus due to increase, the current review is the best</p>	<p>Agree to create a new polling district for Heslington East Campus and provide a polling station.</p>

		<p>With the development of Heslington East Campus, there were requests for a polling station to be provided before the May 2011 Referendum and City of York Council Elections.</p> <p>The current electorate while small, will increase as the development of the Campus continues. With expected electorate to increase to over 1000 by the next scheduled Parliamentary and Local Elections, the current polling arrangements would not be adequate.</p> <p>A venue has been found at the Heslington East Campus and the University of York is keen to support the locating of a polling station.</p> <p>To provide a polling station at Heslington East Campus, a new polling district will be created to encompass the current and future development and designated YEC.</p> <p>Map 8 is the current polling district</p>	<p>time for the Electorate Registration Officer to address the need for a new polling district.</p> <p>The proposed venue is central to the current development and will ideal to accommodate a polling station for projected number of students.</p>	
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			arrangements Map 9 is the proposed polling district arrangements		
13	Heworth Without	Number of streets in the ward are split between YFA and YFB polling districts, request that entire streets are in the same polling district to ensure best provision for electors using a single polling station	<p>YFA polling is not part of Heworth Without Parish Council, the streets in question cross the boundary between the parish area and non-parish areas.</p> <p>To move the streets in to wholly the parish area, a Local Governance Review must be undertaken.</p> <p>Streets that are not wholly in a particular polling district are not ideal, in some instances of very long streets there is no option, but for smaller residential streets such as the ones in question for Heworth Without, it would benefit to be in the same polling district.</p>	<p>Due to the nature of streets that have part in a parish area and part that are not, there is no easy provision for voting arrangements</p> <p>The streets that cross parish boundaries can be incorporated in to the parish through a Local</p>	Agree to continue to use current polling district and polling station arrangements

				Governance Review; one is planned for 2013 to address several existing parish matters.	
14	Osballdwick	Provide a polling station for the Meadlands properties off Bad Bargain Lane.	<p>The current polling station for Osballdwick is located at Osballdwick Village Hall. The electors who reside on Meadlands are required to undertake a considerable journey to attend the polling station, as there is no direct route.</p> <p>Consideration was given in 2007 to this arrangement; however no suitable venue is available other than Burnholme Community College which is located in Heworth Ward.</p>	The moving of Meadland properties out of Osballdwick parish to allow the electors to vote at Hemplands Kids Club at Burholme Community College can be incorporated	Agree to continue to use current polling station

			<p>To allow the electors of Meadlands to use Hemplands Kids Club at Burnholme Community College, the street would have to be removed from the parish area. This would require a Local Governance Review.</p> <p>With the development currently taking place in the ward, a more suitable and closer venue may become available or an option to split the polling district to provide a second venue.</p> <p>Map 10 shows current polling district arrangements.</p>	<p>in the next planned Local Governance Review; One is planned for 2012 to address several existing parish matters.</p> <p>But due to the future developments around this area, it may be a better option to hold any such review until after 2015.</p>	
15	Wheldrake	Provision of polling station at Deighton is not providing the best	In 2010 long established venue of the Methodist Hall in Deighton closed and a mobile unit was	Mobile Units do not always provide the best venue or	Agree to continue to use current polling station

		arrangements for electors.	<p>provided for the Parliamentary Election in the centre of the village on private land with permission of the land owner.</p> <p>This arrangement was not possible for 2011 Referendum and City of York Council Election and a mobile unit was provided in the car park of the White Horse Inn on York Road.</p> <p>No other venue has been located, other than the possibility of moving the polling station to within the White Horse Inn</p>	<p>option of electors, but in the</p> <p>circumstances such as with Deighton, it is the only option currently available.</p> <p>All polling stations are reviewed and considered after each election and for Deighton the Deputy Returning Officer will continue to look at options.</p>	
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