

West Oxfordshire District Council

Representation of the People Act 1983 – Section 18(C) – Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2019

Representations of the Acting Returning Officer for the Parliamentary Constituency of Witney

NOTES:

1. A Polling District is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area, i.e. a UK Parliamentary Constituency, a European Parliamentary electoral region, a ward of an electoral division. In England each parish is to be a separate polling district. Where a Town/Parish council is split into Wards, Polling Districts are situated within the Ward. The District Council is responsible for designating Polling Districts.
2. A Polling Place is the building or area in which polling stations will be located. The Polling Place for a Polling District must be in an area of that district except where special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area outside that district. The Polling Place must constitute a small enough area so that electors will not have difficulty finding the polling station. Although there is no legal definition of what a polling place is and the Act states that where no polling place is designated the polling district becomes the polling place, the Electoral Commission recommends that Polling Places always be defined and for that reason it is recommended that the previous policy of designating the polling district as the polling place is changed and the polling places have therefore been designated in the table below in line with the Electoral Commission recommendation. The District Council is responsible for designating Polling Places.
3. A Polling Station is the actual area where the process of voting takes place, and **must** be located within the Polling Place designated for the particular Polling District. It should be noted that in unforeseen circumstances it may be necessary to change the location of a polling station and the polling place. The Returning Officer is responsible for designating Polling Stations. Electoral Commission guidance states that no polling station should have more than 2,500 electors allocated to it. In West Oxfordshire many of the polling stations have less than 1,000 electors and no polling station has more than 2,100 electors.
4. The representations set out in the following table give details of the existing Polling Districts and Polling Places together with the proposed designated Polling Places together with details of existing polling stations together with any alternatives that have been identified and other comments. Polling Station Owners have been asked for confirmation of availability for the foreseeable future & any possible problems have been highlighted in the table.

Polling District	Polling Place (existing)	Polling Place (proposed)	Existing Polling Station	Comments and Suggested Alternative Polling Station (if any)
Alvescot (FA)	Alvescot	Village Hall, The Walk, Alvescot	Village Hall, The Walk, Alvescot	Entrance has a small 2 inch step. There used to be a ramp for wheelchair access but this appears to have disappeared some years ago. It is a quiet station and there have been no reports that the lack of a ramp had caused any problems. Members may consider that a replacement ramp should be purchased.
Ascott-under-Wychwood (FB)	Ascott-under-Wychwood	Tiddy Hall, Shipton Road, Ascott-u-Wychwood	Tiddy Hall, Shipton Road, Ascott-u-Wychwood	Has suitable access for disabled persons.
Asthal (FC)	Asthal	Memorial Hall, Minster Road, Asthall Leigh	Memorial Hall, Minster Road, Asthall Leigh	There is separate wheelchair access via wide doors There are also toilet facilities for disabled people.
Aston (FD)	Aston, Cote, Shifford & Chimney	New Village Hall, Cote Road, Aston	New Village Hall, Cote Road, Aston	Has suitable access for disabled persons.
Bampton (FE)	Bampton	Village Hall, Market Square, Bampton	Village Hall, Market Square, Bampton	Has suitable access for disabled persons
Black Bourton (FF)	Black Bourton	St Mary the Virgin Church, Burford Road, Black Bourton	St Mary the Virgin Church, Burford Road, Black Bourton	The Church has been used as the polling station since 2012 when the previous polling station in a private house ceased to be available. No other suitable locations within the Parish have been identified.
Bladon (FG)	Bladon	Church Room, Church Street, Bladon	Church Room, Church Street, Bladon	Access has been improved such that this premise is now fully accessible.
Blenheim (FH)	Blenheim and Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place, Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place, Woodstock	Access for disabled persons is via a ramp kept at the hall. Consideration is currently being given to the future use of the Blenheim Estate Office, which is in the parish of Blenheim, just across the boundary, and which provides good access and easier car parking for voters.

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Brize Norton (FI)	Brize Norton	Elder Bank Hall, Station Road, Brize Norton	Elder Bank Hall, Station Road, Brize Norton	Has suitable access for disabled persons.
Broadwell (FJ)	Broadwell	Kencot Village Hall	Kencot Village Hall	This previously replaced the Old School at Broadwell and is a suitable venue. There were no objections to the change from the parish meetings, and no representations have been received from the electorate.
Bruern (FK)	Bruern and Milton-under-Wychwood	Village Hall, Shipton Road, Milton-u-Wychwood	Village Hall, Shipton Road, Milton-u-Wychwood	Access for disabled persons via a ramp stored at the hall. No suitable venue has been identified within Bruern Parish.
Burford (FL)	Burford	Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford.	Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford	During the renovation of Warwick Hall, the Church was used as the polling station. Following the completion of the renovation works Warwick Hall has reverted to being the polling station.
Carterton North West No.1 (FM)	Carterton	Methodist Hall, Burford Road, Carterton	Methodist Hall, Burford Road, Carterton	Suitable access for disabled persons at main entrance. This replaced the previous polling station at the Social Centre, Brownes Lane in 2012
Carterton North West No.2 (FM2)	Carterton	Army Cadet Force Hut, Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Army Cadet Force Hut, Swinbrook Road, Carterton	Has a level access suitable for wheelchairs
Carterton North East No.1 (FM3)	Carterton	Methodist Hall, Burford Road, Carterton	Methodist Hall, Burford Road, Carterton	Has a level access suitable for wheelchairs
Carterton North East No.2 (FM4)	Carterton	Carterton Community Centre, Shilton Park, Carterton	The Small Hall, Carterton Community Centre, Shilton Park, Carterton	Has a level access suitable for wheelchairs

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Carterton South No. 1 (FN)	Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton or Brownes Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Brownes Hall was for very many years used as the polling station for all of Carterton until the current arrangements came into force. As the electorate in the South Ward has increased the Town Hall has become more crowded and moving one of the polling stations from the Town Hall back to Brownes Hall is suggested to relieve this pressure
Carterton South No. 2 (FN2)	Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton or Brownes Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Brownes Hall was for very many years used as the polling station for all of Carterton until the current arrangements came into force. As the electorate in the South Ward has increased the Town Hall has become more crowded and moving one of the polling stations from the Town Hall back to Brownes Hall is suggested to relieve this pressure
Carterton South No. 3 (FN3)	Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton or Brownes Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Town Hall, Alvescot Road, Carterton	Brownes Hall was for very many years used as the polling station for all of Carterton until the current arrangements came into force. As the electorate in the South Ward has increased the Town Hall has become more crowded and moving one of the polling stations from the Town Hall back to Brownes Hall is suggested to relieve this pressure
Cassington (FO)	Cassington	New Village Hall, The Green, Cassington	New Village Hall, The Green, Cassington	Has suitable access for disabled persons
Chadlington (FP)	Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Has separate access for disabled persons
Charlbury (FQ)	Charlbury	War Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury	War Memorial Hall, Browns Lane, Charlbury	Has a slightly sloped access suitable for wheelchairs
Chastleton (FR)	Chastleton and Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Access for disabled persons via ramp. No suitable venue has been identified within Chastleton Parish

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Chilson (FS)	Chilson and Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Has separate access for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Chilson Parish
Chipping Norton (FT)	Chipping Norton	Town Hall, Chipping Norton	Town Hall, Chipping Norton	Access for disabled persons is via a ramp leading to main entrance
Churchill (FU)	Churchill	Committee Room, Village Hall, Church Road, Churchill	Committee Room, Village Hall, Church Road, Churchill	Suitable access for disabled persons
Clanfield (FV)	Clanfield	Carter Institute, The Green, Clanfield	Carter Institute, The Green, Clanfield	Access for disabled persons via small folding ramp kept at the Hall
Combe (FW)	Combe	The Reading Room, The Green, Combe	The Reading Room, The Green, Combe	Very small step at entrance and a wedge type ramp kept at the Hall is used for wheelchair access
Cornbury & Wychwood (FX)	Cornbury & Wychwood and Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Memorial Hall, Chapel Road, Chadlington	Has separate access for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Cornbury & Wychwood Parish
Cornwell (FY)	Cornwell and Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Access for disabled persons via ramp. No suitable venue has been identified within Cornwell Parish
Crawley (FZ)	Crawley and Hailey	Village Hall, Middletown, Hailey	Village Hall, Middletown, Hailey	Access via wide doorway. No suitable venue has been identified within Crawley Parish
Curbridge (GA)	Curbridge	Parish Hall, Main Road, Curbridge	Parish Hall, Main Road, Curbridge	Access for disabled persons via ramp fixed at side entrance
Ducklington (GC)	Ducklington	Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington	Village Hall, Standlake Road, Ducklington	Has suitable access for disabled persons
Enstone (GD)	Enstone	The Parish Hall, The Paddocks, Enstone	The Parish Hall, The Paddocks, Enstone	Suitable access for disabled persons. The New Parish Hall has replaced the School Hall which had been used as the polling station for many years. The change to the New Parish Hall avoids the necessity of the school closing on polling day which is in line with the Council' policy.
Eynsham (GE)	Eynsham	Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham	Eynsham Village Hall, Back Lane, Eynsham	Suitable access for disabled persons

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Fawler (GF)	Fawler and Finstock	The Village Hall, Well Hill, Finstock	The Village Hall, Well Hill, Finstock	The Polling Station for Fawler used to be in a private house in the village which is no longer available. No suitable property in the village has been identified and resulted in using the Village Hall, Finstock as the new polling station. Fawler Parish Meeting was content with this change, and no adverse representations have been received.
Fifield (GG)	Fifield	Village Hall, High Street, Fifield	Village Hall, High Street, Fifield	Access to the hall is via a flight of steps which is unsuitable for a ramp. No other suitable venue has been identified within the Parish
Filkins (GH)	Filkins & Broughton Poggs	Carter Institute, Filkins	Carter Institute, Filkins	Access suitable for disabled persons
Finstock (GI)	Finstock	Village Hall, Well Hill, Finstock	Village Hall, Well Hill, Finstock	Access for disabled persons is via ramps fixed at side entrance
Freeland (GJ)	Freeland	Village Hall, Wroslyn Road, Freeland	Village Hall, Wroslyn Road, Freeland	This is a new building with suitable access for disabled people
Fulbrook (GK)	Fulbrook and Burford	Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford	Warwick Hall, Church Green, Burford	St James Church, Fulbrook had been suggested previously as a polling station, but had unsatisfactory parking and access. No other suitable venue has been identified within Fulbrook Parish
Glympton (GL)	Glympton and Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Access suitable for disabled persons. Consideration has in the past been given to the use of Glympton Village Hall but this does not have a suitable access for disabled persons. No other suitable venue has been identified within Glympton Parish
Grafton & Radcot (GM)	Grafton & Radcot and Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Sloped access suitable for wheelchairs leading from the roadside to the entrance. No suitable venue has been identified within Grafton & Radcot Parish
Great Tew (GN)	Great Tew	The Tew Centre, Ledwell Road, Great Tew	The Tew Centre, Ledwell Road, Great Tew	Disabled access & plenty of parking available

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Hailey (GO)	Hailey	Village Hall, Middletown, Hailey	Village Hall, Middletown, Hailey	Access via a wide doorway
Hanborough (GP)	Hanborough	The Pavilion, Playing Field, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough	The Pavilion, Playing Field, Roosevelt Road, Long Hanborough	Suitable access for disabled persons
Hardwick with Yelford (GQ)	Hardwick with Yelford and Standlake	Village Hall, Rack End, Standlake	Village Hall, Rack End, Standlake	Suitable access for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Hardwick with Yelford Parish
Heythrop (GR)	Heythrop and Over Norton	Village Hall, Choicehall Road, Over Norton	Village Hall, Choicehall Road, Over Norton	This has been the polling station for the Parish since the previous polling station (which was in a private house) ceased to be available in 2011. The Parish Meeting supported the use of this village hall and no other suitable venue has been identified in the Parish despite extensive investigations. No representations have been received from electors.
Holwell (GS)	Holwell and Westwell	The Conservatory, 5 Mitford Cottages, Westwell	The Conservatory, 5 Mitford Cottages, Westwell	The polling station is in a private house and has level access suitable for disabled persons. No other suitable venue has been identified within Holwell Parish
Idbury (GT)	Idbury and Fifield	Village Hall, High Street, Fifield	Village Hall, High Street, Fifield	Access to the hall is via a flight of steps which is unsuitable for a ramp. No other suitable venue has been identified within Idbury Parish
Kelmscott (GU)	Kelmscott	Morris Memorial Hall, Kelmscott	Morris Memorial Hall, Kelmscott	Suitable access for disabled people
Kencot (GV)	Kencot and Broadwell	Kencot Village Hall	Kencot Village Hall	This previously replaced the Old School at Broadwell and is a suitable venue. There were no objections to the change from the parish meetings, and no representations have been received from the electorate.

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Kiddington-with-Asterleigh (GW)	Kiddington with Asterleigh and Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Access suitable for disabled persons. The possible use of Kiddington School was previously suggested but it was not available and is not the type of school that the Returning Officer can require to be made available for use as a polling station. No other venue has been identified with Kiddington with Asterleigh Parish.
Kingham (GX)	Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Village Hall, West Street, Kingham	Access for disabled persons via ramp
Langford (GY)	Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Sloped access suitable for wheelchairs leading from the roadside to the entrance.
Leafield (GZ)	Leafield	New Village Hall, Lower End, Leafield	New Village Hall, Lower End, Leafield	Suitable access for disabled persons
Lew (HA)	Lew and Curbridge	Parish Hall, Main Road, Curbridge	Parish Hall, Main Road, Curbridge	Access for disabled persons via ramp fixed at side entrance. No suitable venue has been identified within Lew Parish
Little Faringdon (HB)	Little Faringdon and Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Village Hall, Filkins Road, Langford	Sloped access suitable for wheelchairs leading from the roadside to the entrance. No suitable venue has been identified within Little Faringdon Parish
Little Tew (HC)	Little Tew and Great Tew	The Tew Centre, Ledwell Road, Great Tew	The Tew Centre, Ledwell Road, Great Tew	Disabled access and plenty of parking available. No suitable venue has been identified in Little Tew Parish.
Lyneham (HD)	Lyneham and Shipton-under-Wychwood	Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-u-Wychwood	Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-u-Wychwood	Access suitable for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Lyneham Parish
Milton-under-Wychwood (HE)	Milton-under-Wychwood	Village Hall, Shipton Road, Milton-u-Wychwood	Village Hall, Shipton Road, Milton-u-Wychwood	Access for disabled persons via a ramp stored at the hall
Minster Lovell (HF)	Minster Lovell	St Kenelms Hall, Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell	St Kenelms Hall, Brize Norton Road, Minster Lovell	Access suitable for disabled persons
North Leigh (HG)	North Leigh	Memorial Hall, Park Lane, North Leigh	Memorial Hall, Park Lane, North Leigh	Access suitable for disabled persons

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Northmoor (HH)	Northmoor	Village Hall, Northmoor	Village Hall, Northmoor	Suitable access for disabled persons
Over Norton (HI)	Over Norton	Village Hall, Choicehall Road, Over Norton	Village Hall, Choicehill Road, Over Norton	Suitable access for wheelchairs
Ramsden (HJ)	Ramsden	Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsden	Memorial Hall, High Street, Ramsden	Access suitable for disabled persons
Rollright (HK)	Rollright	Village Hall, Great Rollright	Village Hall, Great Rollright	Access suitable for disabled persons
Rousham (HL)	Rousham and Tackley	Village Hall, Medcroft Road, Tackley	Village Hall, Medcroft Road, Tackley	Access suitable for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Rousham Parish
Salford (HM)	Salford	Village Hall, Salford	Village Hall, Salford	Ramp access suitable for disabled persons
Sandford St. Martin (HN)	Sandford St Martin	Parish Hall, Sandford St. Martin	Parish Hall, Sandford St. Martin	Access suitable for disabled persons
Sarsden (HO)	Sarsden and Churchill	Village Hall, Church Road, Churchill	Committee Room, Village Hall, Church Road, Churchill	Suitable access for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Sarsden Parish
Shilton (HP)	Shilton	The Old School, Church Lane, Shilton	The Old School, Church Lane, Shilton	Access for disabled persons via a ramp kept at Hall
Shipton-under-Wychwood (HQ)	Shipton-under-Wychwood	Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-u-Wychwood	Beaconsfield Hall, Shipton-u-Wychwood	Access suitable for disabled persons
South Leigh (HR)	South Leigh	Village Hall, Church End, South Leigh	Village Hall, Church End, South Leigh	Newly renovated Village Hall with suitable disabled access
Spelsbury (HS)	Spelsbury	War Memorial Hall, Charlbury Road, Spelsbury	War Memorial Hall, Charlbury Road, Spelsbury	Ramp access for disabled persons
Standlake (HT)	Standlake	Village Hall, Rack End, Standlake	Village Hall, Rack End, Standlake	Access suitable for disabled persons
Stanton Harcourt (HU)	Stanton Harcourt	Millennium and Memorial Hall, Stanton Harcourt	Millennium and Memorial Hall, Stanton Harcourt	Access suitable for disabled persons

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Steeple Barton (HV)	Steeple Barton	Barton Memorial Sports & Social Club, Worton Road, Middle Barton	Barton Memorial Sports & Social Club, Worton Road, Middle Barton	Access suitable for disabled persons
Stonesfield (HW)	Stonesfield	Village Hall, Field Close, Stonesfield	Village Hall, Field Close, Stonesfield	Access suitable for disabled persons
Swerford (HX)	Swerford	Village Hall, Swerford	Village Hall, Swerford	Ramped access suitable for disabled persons
Swinbrook (HY)	Swinbrook	Village Hall, Swinbrook	Village Hall, Swinbrook	There is a sloped access suitable for wheelchairs
Tackley (HZ)	Tackley	Village Hall, Medcroft Road, Tackley	Village Hall, Medcroft Road, Tackley	Access suitable for disabled persons
Taynton (JA)	Taynton	Village Hall, Taynton	Village Hall, Taynton	Access suitable for disabled persons
Westcot Barton (JB)	Westcot Barton and Steeple Barton	Barton Memorial Sports & Social Club, Worton Road, Middle Barton	Barton Memorial Sports & Social Club, Worton Road, Middle Barton	Access suitable for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Westcot Barton Parish
Westwell (JC)	Westwell	The Conservatory, 5 Mitford Cottages, Westwell	The Conservatory, 5 Mitford Cottages, Westwell	The polling station is in a private house and has level access suitable for disabled persons
Witney Central No 1 (JD)	Witney	Ceewood Hall, Fettiplace Road, Witney	Ceewood Hall, Fettiplace Road, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons
Witney Central No 2 (JD2)	Witney	Tower Hill School, Moor Avenue, Witney	Tower Hill School, Moor Avenue, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. The school is keen for an alternative location to be used, and Davenport Road Methodist Church and the Elms Centre in Moorland Road and the Congregational Church have been suggested. Investigations are on-going, and views welcome
Witney East No 1 (JE)	Witney	Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney	Wood Green School, Woodstock Road, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons

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Witney East No 2 (JE2)	Witney	Blake CE School, Cogges Hill Road, Witney	Early Years Classroom, Blake CE School, Cogges Hill Road, Witney	Level access suitable for disabled persons although the room is rather cramped for two polling stations. Previous attempts to find alternative venue have been unsuccessful. At Parliamentary Elections the main hall is used (and the school is closed)
Witney East No 3 (JF)	Witney	Blake CE School, Cogges Hill Road, Witney	Early Years Classroom, Blake CE School, Cogges Hill Road, Witney	Level access suitable for disabled persons although the room is rather cramped for two polling stations. Previous attempts to find alternative venue have been unsuccessful. At Parliamentary Elections the main hall is used (and the school is closed)
Witney East No 4 (JF2)	Witney	Madley Park Hall, Northfield Farm Lane, Witney	Madley Park Hall, Northfield Farm Lane, Witney	Replaced the previous polling station in Madley Brook School in 2011 and has suitable access for disabled people
Witney North No 1 (JG)	Witney	Committee Room 1, WODC Offices, Woodgreen, Witney	Committee Room 1, WODC Offices, Woodgreen, Witney	Level access suitable for wheelchairs
Witney North No 2 (JH)	Witney	Witney CP School, Hailey Road, Witney	Witney CP School, Hailey Road, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons.
Witney South No 1 (JI)	Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. This building is used as polling stations for parts of Witney South and West Wards as well as three Town Council Wards. Previously the use of Queens Dyke School to avoid any confusion for electors was investigated. However as it would not be beneficial to the majority of electors and would be contrary to the policy of the Council to only use schools where no suitable alternative exists, no further action was taken. It should be noted that the governors of the school were strongly opposed to its use.
Witney South No 2 (JJ)	Witney	The Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney	The Corn Exchange, Market Square, Witney	Access is suitable for disabled persons

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Witney South No 3 (JK)	Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. This building is used as polling stations for parts of Witney South and West Wards as well as three Town Council Wards. Previously the use of Queens Dyke School to avoid any confusion for electors was investigated. However as it would not be beneficial to the majority of electors and would be contrary to the policy of the Council to only use schools where no suitable alternative exists, no further action was taken. It should be noted that the governors of the school were strongly opposed to its use.
Witney West No 1 (JL)	Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Burwell Hall, Thorney Leys, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. This building is used as polling stations for parts of Witney South and West Wards as well as three Town Council Wards. Previously the use of Queens Dyke School to avoid any confusion for electors was investigated. However as it would not be beneficial to the majority of electors and would be contrary to the policy of the Council to only use schools where no suitable alternative exists, no further action was taken. It should be noted that the governors of the school were strongly opposed to its use.
Witney West No 2 (JM)	Witney	The Joint Cadet Centre, Edington Square, Witney	The Joint Cadet Centre, Edington Square, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. This has replaced the use of West Witney Primary School in line with Council policy not to use schools when suitable alternative provision is available. The premises were used at both elections in May 2019 and no adverse comments were received from the electorate

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Witney West No 3 (JM2)	Witney	The Joint Cadet Centre, Edington Square, Witney	The Joint Cadet Centre, Edington Square, Witney	Access suitable for disabled persons. This has replaced the use of West Witney Primary School in line with Council policy not to use schools when suitable alternative provision is available. The premises were used at both elections in May 2019 and no adverse comments were received from the electorate
Woodstock (JN)	Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place, Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place, Woodstock	Access for disabled persons is via a ramp kept at the hall. Consideration is currently being given to the future use of the Blenheim Estate Office, which is in the parish of Blenheim, just across the boundary, and which provides good access and easier car parking for voters.
Woodstock (JO)	Woodstock	The Common Room, Ryegrass, Woodstock	The Common Room, Ryegrass, Woodstock	Level access suitable for disabled persons. The polling station is in an elderly persons complex. A suggestion had been previously made that the Community Centre, New Road be considered as an alternative. As the proposal did not receive support from political parties or Local Members no further action was taken.
Woodstock (JP)	Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place. Woodstock	Town Hall, Market Place. Woodstock	Access for disabled persons is via a ramp kept at the hall. Consideration is currently being given to the future use of the Blenheim Estate Office, which is in the parish of Blenheim, just across the boundary, and which provides good access and easier car parking for voters.
Woodstock (JQ)	Woodstock	The Common Room, Ryegrass, Woodstock	The Common Room, Ryegrass, Woodstock	Level access suitable for disabled persons. The polling station is in an elderly persons complex. A suggestion had been previously made that the Community Centre, New Road be considered as an alternative. As the proposal did not receive support from political parties or Local Members no further action was taken.

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Wootton (JR)	Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Village Hall, Wootton	Access suitable for disabled persons
Worton (JS)	Worton and Sandford St Martin	Parish Hall, Sandford St. Martin	Parish Hall, Sandford St. Martin	Access suitable for disabled persons. No suitable venue has been identified within Worton Parish

5. It will be noted that there a number of rural polling districts where the designated polling place includes an adjoining polling district. This situation has existed for many years due to a lack of suitable venues within those polling districts having been identified for use as polling stations. Similar situations exist in Witney in relation to Witney West No.1 and in Carterton in respect of Carterton North West No.1. Subject to the review identifying any suitable venues within these particular polling districts, it is recommended that the polling places and polling stations remain as set out above.

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