

Appendix I – Wards where changes are proposed to polling districts and places.

Ward	Polling District Letters	Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station (decided by the Returning Officer)	Change proposed to polling district, place or station?
Bobbing, Iwade and Lower Halstow	BB	Bobbing	Polling district	Bobbing Village Hall, Sheppey Way, Bobbing, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8PL	No
	BI	Iwade	Polling district	Iwade Village Hall, Ferry Road, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8RG	Yes – splitting this polling district into two
	New name TBC	Iwade	Polling District	Iwade Sports Pavilion	Yes – new polling district and new venue
	BLH	Lower Halstow	Polling district	Memorial Hall, School Lane, Lower Halstow, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 7ES	No

Feedback/Update:

Due to the growing electorate in Iwade, and the Electoral Commission threshold of no more than 2500 electors for a polling station, it is suggested that the Iwade polling district is divided into two polling districts. The Ward Members have been consulted and one of the Ward Members has suggested the Pavilion is also used as a polling station. This venue has been visited and is considered to be suitable for this purpose. Revised Map is attached which sets out the proposed polling districts (see maps A and B)

The (Acting) Returning Officer is supportive of the proposal for an additional polling station as outlined above.

The General Purposes Committee agreed with this proposal.

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Borden and Grove Park	BGB	Borden	Polling district	Borden Parish Hall, School Lane, Borden Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8JS	NO
	BGG	Grove Park	Polling district	Grove Park C.P School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1PT	NO
	BGBP	Grove Park – Bobbing Parish	Ward	Grove Park C.P School, Hilton Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 1PT	NO

Feedback/Update:

We have received feedback from three members of the public on this area, and a member of the public has suggested that The Forge should be used instead of Borden Parish Hall. Ward Members have been consulted and consider that Borden Parish Hall is a better venue in particular for parking. The (Acting) Returning Officer is happy to continue to use the Parish Hall.

Ward Members have highlighted an issue in respect of voting arrangements for electors in the New Zealand estate, which is due to the way in which the new boundaries were drawn. Voters currently vote at Grove Park School, and have done for several years now; however, two suggestions have been received regarding this.

- 1) Voters could vote either at Borden Parish Hall (which would need to be carefully managed given that if Borden Parish Council has a contested election, voters in the Borden polling district will also be entitled to a parish ballot paper) or at Minterne Avenue Primary School (which is no longer used as a polling station, and would be in a different ward).
- 2) Voters could use a temporary building on the New Zealand estate specifically for those voters, however, there are cost and logistical implications to consider as a result of this. The New Zealand estate comprises of 194 houses and 347 electors (approximately 50 of these will be postal voters).

The General Purposes Committee considered this and did not consider that a new polling district should be created, and that existing arrangements should continue.

The (Acting) Returning Officer considers that the existing arrangements should continue, given the recommendation from

the General Purposes Committee and that voters have voted at Grove Park since 2015, when there were a few complaints about the way the new ward boundary had been drawn.

A member of the public has suggested that voters in the Grove Park polling district south of the A2 should be allowed to vote at Borden Parish Hall, but this is not supported by the Ward Members.

The (Acting) Returning Officer is happy to continue with the current arrangements.

A map to show the ward and current polling districts is attached (Map C)

Milton Regis	MRN	Milton Regis North	Ward	Milton Court Children's Centre, Brewery Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2EE	YES – new venue
	MRS	Milton Regis South	Polling District	Milton Court Children's Centre, Brewery Road, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2EE	YES – new venue

Feedback/Update:

In response to a suggestion made by one of the Ward Members, it is proposed that the Milton Court Children's Centre is used instead of Milton Court Primary Academy. Both Ward Members are supportive of this request. There are no proposed changes to the polling district.

The (Acting) Returning Officer is happy that the alternative venue is suitable to be used as a polling station.

Murston	MUN	Murston North	Polling district	Sunny Bank Primary School, Sunny Bank, Murston, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3QN	YES – splitting polling district into two
	New name TBC	New name TBC	Polling District	Lakeview Village Hall, Great Easthall	YES – new polling district and venue

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	MUS	Murston South	Polling district	Lansdowne Primary School, Gladstone Drive, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3BH	NO
Feedback/Update: It is proposed to split the polling district in the current Murston North area, to reflect the growth in electorate and to establish a new polling station at Great Easthall. Care needs to be taken as to how the area is split to reflect the logistics of voters travelling to the Great Easthall venue. Ward Members have been consulted. A map of the proposed polling districts is attached (Map D)					
Roman	RE	Roman East	Polling district	Sittingbourne Community College, Swanstree Avenue, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4NL	No change
	RW	Roman West	Polling district and new polling district	Net Church, 95 East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4BL	YES splitting into 2
	New name TBC	New name TBC	Polling district and RW	Net Church, 95 East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 4BL	YES new polling district
Feedback/Update: Due to the size of the electorate in Roman West, we will need to divide the current polling district into two and to have two polling stations in one venue. The (Acting) Returning is happy with this proposal.					

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A revised map setting out the revised polling district is attached (Map E)					
Sheerness	SEC	Sheerness East Central	Polling district	Freedom Centre, St. George's Avenue, Sheerness, ME12 1QT	NO
	SEE	Sheerness East East	Polling district	Richmond Primary School, Nursery Close, St. Helen's Road, Sheerness, ME12 2ET	NO
	SWS	Sheerness West South	Polling district	West Minster Primary School, St. Georges Avenue, Sheerness, ME12 1ET	YES – move to Weenie Westminster Room
	SWN	Sheerness West North	Polling district	Seashells Children and Families Centre, Rose Street, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1AW	NO
	SEW	Sheerness East West	Polling district	Sheerness County Youth Club, Broadway, Sheerness, Kent, ME12 1TP	NO
<p>Feedback/Update: The Head of West Minster Primary School has asked if we can use an alternative room at the school. Ward Members have been consulted and two ward members have confirmed they are happy with this alternative. No changes are proposed to the polling district.</p> <p>The (Acting) Returning Officer considers that the alternative venue is suitable for voters.</p>					