
**Response
to review
of polling
districts
and polling
places in
Stevenage
Borough**

Bandley Hill ward

- Support the proposals in full

Bedwell ward

- Support the proposals in full

Chells ward

- Object to the designation of Stevenage Education Support Centre, Chells Way as the polling place for existing polling district CHB.
- Recommend the division of the ward into three polling districts with three separate polling places, as detailed below and in the enclosed map, for the following reasons:
 - Low turnout in the Brittain Way area
 - The Brittain Way area is Aylward Drive, Brittain Way, Keller Close and Stephenson Mews.
 - The Brittain Way area is currently included in the CHB polling district and previously voters have either had to attend Phoenix Road Nursery or register for a postal vote in order to vote.
 - Turnout in the Brittain Way area at the 2011 local government elections was approximately 23%, over 50% lower than the turnout across Chells ward (41.88%).
 - The Brittain Way area is entirely separate from the main area of development in the ward.
 - Low turnout can be attributed, in part, to the accessibility of the polling station for voters in the Brittain Way area.
 - The current polling station is approximately 0.5 miles walking distance from Brittain Way.
 - The proposed polling station is approximately 0.5 miles walking distance from the current polling station in the opposite direction to the Brittain Way area.
 - Avoiding congestion at polling stations in the ward
 - Current proposals suggest one polling place for the entire ward at a location with limited car parking.
 - On current proposals and when taking into consideration the proposal for a new polling district in the Brittain Way area, the polling place at Stevenage Education Support Centre would be the 2nd busiest polling place in the Borough.
 - Excluding the Brittain Way area, approximately 4500 voters (including current registered postal voters) are registered to vote in Chells ward.
 - Excluding the Brittain Way area, Chells ward turned out at a rate of almost 44% in the 2011 local government election. This is higher than the average turnout in Stevenage Borough (41.83%).
 - The polling place for Manor ward polling district CFB, St Hugh and St John Shared Church, is within the Chells ward.
 - This polling place serves approximately 1700 voters in polling district CFB.
 - This polling place could service an additional polling district of a similar size.

Polling District CHA

Polling place: St Hugh and St John Shared Church, Mobbsbury Way (shared with CFB)

- To include all voters living in the following streets:
 - Brunel Road
 - Chells Way (south west side) from the junction of Harvey Road to the junction with Fairlands Way
 - Chells Way (north east side) from the junction of Chells Enterprise Village to the junction with Raleigh Crescent
 - Darwin Road
 - Edison Road
 - Faraday Road
 - Harvey Road
 - Mobbsbury Way
 - Nash Close
 - Newton Road
 - Priestley Road
 - Scott Road
 - Telford Avenue
 - The Glebe
 - Wren Close

Polling District CHB

Polling place: Stevenage Education Support Centre, Chells Way

- To include all voters living in the following streets:
 - Anderson Road
 - Austen Paths
 - Barham Road
 - Beale Close
 - Bernhardt Crescent
 - Bronte Paths
 - Cavell Walk
 - Chells Way (south west side) from the junction of Harvey Road to the junction with Six Hills Way
 - Chells Way (north east side) from the junction of Chells Enterprise Village to the junction with Six Hills Way
 - Christie Road
 - Cromwell Road
 - Ferrier Road
 - Flinders Close
 - Fry Road
 - Hepworth Court
 - Magellan Close
 - Marlborough Road

- Nightingale Walk
- Pankhurst Crescent
- Siddons Road
- Speke Close
- Tatlers Lane
- Warwick Road
- Wellington Road

Polling District CHC

Polling place: Temporary Building, Brittain Way

- To include all voters living in the following streets:
 - Aylward Drive
 - Brittain Way
 - Keller Close
 - Stephenson Mews

Longmeadow ward

- Support the proposals in full

Manor ward

- Support the proposals in full

Martins Wood ward

- Support the proposal to amalgamate polling districts CEA and CED.
- Support the proposal to designate the Oval Community Centre as the polling place for proposed CEA.
- Object to the proposal to amalgamate polling districts CEB and CEC.
- Recommend the retention of polling district CEB, removing Chepstow Close, to create a new CEB and recommend the designation of the Oval Community Centre as the polling place for this proposed CEB.
- Recommend the retention of CEC and the inclusion of Chepstow Close to create a new CEC and recommend the designation of Chells Manor Community Centre as the polling place for this proposed CEC, for the following reasons:
 - Low turnout in the Pacatian Way area
 - The Pacatian Way area is Alexander Gate, Apollo Way, Emperors Gate, Fortuna Close, Julia Gate, Marcus Close, Pacatian Way and Tacitus Close.
 - The Pacatian Way area is currently included in the CEC polling district.
 - Turnout in the Pacatian Way area at the 2011 local government elections was approximately 25.81%, 16% lower than the turnout across Martins Wood ward (41.81%).
 - The proposed polling station is approximately 1 mile walking distance from the Pacatian Way area, where as the existing polling station for this area is within the area.
 - Moving the polling station away from this area will have an adverse effect of turnout in a low turnout area.

Old Town ward

- Support the proposals in full

Pin Green ward

- Support the proposals in full

Roebuck ward

- Support the proposals in full

St Nicholas ward

- Support the proposal to create three polling districts for this ward.
- Support the proposal to designate St Nicholas Community Centre as the polling place for proposed CDA and proposed CDB
- Object to the proposal to designate St Nicholas Community Centre as the polling place for proposed CDC and recommend the designation of St Nicholas Park Pavillion or St Nicholas Play Centre as the polling place for proposed CDC, for the following reasons:
 - Avoiding congestion at polling stations in the ward
 - Current proposals suggest one polling place for the entire ward.
 - On current proposals, the polling place at St Nicholas Community Centre would be the busiest polling place in the Borough.
 - Approximately 4500 voters (including current registered postal voters) are registered to vote in St Nicholas ward.
 - There is an anticipated voter influx of 930 in St Nicholas ward due to development to the north of Martins Way and south of Cartwright Road.
 - St Nicholas Park Pavillion has previously been used as a polling place.
 - Both facilities have adequate car parking.
 - This proposed polling place could service an additional polling district.
 - The polling districts and polling places for this ward should be reviewed on completion of the development to the north of Martins Way and south of Cartwright Road.

Shephall ward

- Support the proposals in full

Symonds Green ward

- Support the proposals in full

Woodfield ward

- Support the proposal to amalgamate polling districts CCA and CCB.
- Support the proposal to designate the Longfield Fire Training Centre as the polling place for proposed CCA.
- Object to the proposal to amalgamate polling districts CCC and CCD.
- Recommend renaming existing CCC as CCB and recommend designating Canterbury Way Park Pavillion as the polling place for this polling district.
- Recommend renaming existing CCD as CCC and recommend designating St Nicholas Park Pavillion or St Nicholas Play Centre as the polling place for this district, as St Nicholas Park Pavillion is the current polling place for existing polling district CCD and a recommendation has been made above to designate either facility as the polling place for St Nicholas ward proposed polling district CDC.