

**Agenda Item No:**



**Report To:** Selection and Constitutional Review Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 28<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Report Title:** Interim Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places 2022

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| <b>Summary:</b> | The purpose of this report is to review the proposals arising from an interim review of parliamentary polling districts and places. A public consultation on the proposed polling districts and places was held in the period beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> May 2022 and concluding on 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 |
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**Significantly Affected Wards:** Biddenden, Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm, Furley, Kennington, Mersham Sevington South with Finberry, Rolvenden and Tenterden West, Roman and Upper Weald

**Recommendations:** That the Selection and Constitutional Review Committee approves the proposed polling districts and polling places scheme as set out in **Appendix 1** of the report.

**Background Papers:** Minutes of the Local Government and Polling Districts Task Group 18<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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### **Introduction and Background**

1. The interim review is being conducted to facilitate changes to electoral boundaries resulting from a Community Governance Review of parish electoral arrangements in Ashford.
2. It is the duty of the council of each district or London Borough to divide their area into polling districts for the purpose of UK parliamentary elections for so much of any constituency as is situated in their area and to keep those districts under review.
3. Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 requires every local authority to conduct a full review of parliamentary polling districts and places every five years. The next statutory review must commence from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2023 and be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

### **Recommendations**

4. The Local Government and Polling District Task Group recommends that the Selection and Constitutional Review Committees approves the polling district scheme as per **Appendix 1** attached and designates each ward as the polling place.
5. The report recommends the following changes to the current arrangements
  - Biddenden – deletion of polling district BI2 - Woodlands
  - Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm – creation of a new polling district to serve Conningbrook Lakes.
  - Furley Ward – Change of polling station.
  - Kennington – Move Oak Farm from KE1-Kennington Lees to KE1X – Faversham Road to reflect county boundary.
  - Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry – restructure polling districts to reflect changes to parish boundaries.
  - Rolvenden and Tenterden West – Change of Polling Station.
  - Roman – new polling station to serve polling district ROM2 - The Limes
  - Upper Weald – delete polling district UW3X
6. In some cases it has not been possible to find a suitable location for a polling station within the polling district or ward. The Selection and Constitution Committee are requested to designate the following polling places located outside of the ward as polling places for the polling districts listed:

| <b>Polling District</b>                | <b>Ward</b>                         | <b>Designated Polling Place</b>                                  |
|--|-------------------------------------|--|
| AE3-Aylesford Green                    | Aylesford & East Stour              | The Scout Hut, Breadlands Road                                   |
| BY2 - The Ridge                        | Bybrook                             | Spearpoint Pavilion, The Ridge                                   |
| CL1 - Little Burton Farm               | Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm | Conningbrook Hotel, Canterbury Road                              |
| DW2 - Eastwell (Part) The Towers       | Downs West                          | Goat Lees Community Hall, Trinity Road                           |
| DW4 - Boughton Aluph (Part) The Towers | Downs West                          | Goat Lees Community Hall, Trinity Road                           |
| GL2 - Kennington North                 | Goat Lees                           | United Reformed Methodist Church, Faversham Road,                |
| GL2X Grosvenor Road                    | Goat Lees                           | United Reformed Methodist Church, Faversham Road,                |
| PFN1 - Park Farm North                 | Park Farm North                     | Kingsnorth Recreation Centre, Field View                         |
| RTW1-Tenterden West                    | Rolvenden & Tenterden West          | St Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road                            |
| ROM1 - Westhawk                        | Roman                               | Mobile Polling Station, Millbank Road, Adjacent To Augustus Walk |
| SGW1 - Singleton West                  | Singleton West                      | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close                             |
| WA1 - Singleton South                  | Washford                            | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close                             |

## Consultation Planned or Undertaken

7. A public consultation on the interim review of polling districts and polling places was held from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 and concluded on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022.
8. Notice of the review and details of the proposed polling districts and polling stations were made available to all Members and were published on the Ashford Borough Council website at: <https://www.ashford.gov.uk/your-council/register-to-vote-and-elections/electoral-boundaries-and-reviews/2022-polling-district-review/>
9. Responses to and acknowledgements of receipt of the consultation documents are attached as **Appendix 2**.

## Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

10. N/A

## **Next Steps in Process**

11. Final proposals go to Full Council for approval.
12. Revised Electoral Register published on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.

## **Conclusion**

13. The polling station scheme set out in **Appendix 1** of the report including any amendments recommended by the Local Government and Polling District Task Group should be in place to allow for the publication of the revised electoral register on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## **Portfolio Holder's Views**

14. To be given at the meeting.

## Proposed Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2022

### Ashford Parliamentary Constituency

| Ward                   | Parish                        | Parish Ward         | County       | Polling District        | Electorate | Polling Place                       | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-------------------------|------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Aylesford & East Stour | South Willesborough & Newtown | Newtown             | Ashford East | AE1-Newtown             | 747        | Swan Community Centre, Turner Close | No Change | No Comment     |
| Aylesford & East Stour | South Willesborough & Newtown | South Willesborough | Ashford East | AE2-South Willesborough | 2,446      | Swan Community Centre, Turner Close | No Change | No Comment     |
| Aylesford & East Stour |                               |                     | Ashford East | AE3-Aylesford Green     | 1,227      | The Scout Hut, Breadlands Road      | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward   | Parish | Parish Ward | County        | Polling District    | Electorate | Polling Place                                 | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|--------|--------|-------------|---------------|---------------------|------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Beaver |        |             | Ashford South | BE1 - Beaver        | 1,447      | Beaver Green Nursery School, Cuckoo Lane      | No Change | No Comment     |
| Beaver |        |             | Ashford South | BE2 - Brookfield    | 2,065      | South Ashford Baptist Church, Brookfield Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Beaver |        |             | Ashford South | BE3 - Woolreeds     | 1,230      | St Francis Church Hall, Cryol Road            | No Change | No Comment     |
| Beaver |        |             | Ashford East  | BE3X - Farrow Court | 7          | St Francis Church Hall, Cryol Road            | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward      | Parish      | Parish Ward | County    | Polling District | Electorate | Polling Place                                   | Proposal   | ARO Submission                             |
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| Biddenden | Biddenden   |             | Tenterden | BI1 - Biddenden  | 2,195      | Biddenden Clubhouse, (Old Hall), Tenterden Road | Subject to the outcome of the CGR combine polling district BI1 - Biddenden with Polling district BI2 - Woodlands | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |
| Biddenden | High Halden | Woodlands   | Tenterden | BI2 - Woodlands  | 228        | Biddenden Clubhouse, (Old Hall), Tenterden Road | Subject to the outcome of the CGR combine with polling district BI1 – Biddenden and delete BI2 - Woodlands       | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |

| Ward       | Parish     | Parish Ward    | County          | Polling District     | Electorate | Polling Place                                    | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|------------|------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| Bockhanger | Kennington | Grosvenor Hall | Ashford Central | BO1 - Grosvenor Hall | 2,035      | Gerlach House Sheltered Housing, Beecholme Drive | No Change | No Comment     |

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|---------|------------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Bybrook | Kennington | Bybrook     | Ashford Central    | BY1-Bybrook      | 1,313      | St Mary's Community Centre, Ryland Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Bybrook | Kennington | Bybrook     | Ashford Rural East | BY2 - The Ridge  | 753        | Spearpoint Pavilion, The Ridge          | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Charing | Charing | Charing Hill | Ashford Rural West | CH1 - Charing    | 2,178      | Charing Parish Hall, Station Road | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm | Kennington | Little Burton Farm | Ashford Rural East | CL1 - Little Burton Farm | 1,823      | Conningbrook Hotel, Canterbury Road | Create an additional polling district in the ward with a polling station at the Julie Rose Stadium | Agree          |
| Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm | Kennington | Little Burton Farm | Ashford Rural East | CL2 – Conningbrook Lakes | 331        | Julie Rose Stadium                  | New polling district to serve residents of Conningbrook Lakes                                      | Agree          |

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| Downs North | Chilham    |             | Ashford Rural East | DN1 - Dane Street And Shottenden | 913        | Chilham Village Hall, Maidstone Road              | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs North | Chilham    |             | Ashford Rural East | DN2 - Old Wives Lees             | 489        | Old Wives Lees Village Hall, Long Hill            | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs North | Molash     |             | Ashford Rural East | DN3 - Molash                     | 198        | Molash Village Hall, Pound Lane                   | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs North | Godmersham |             | Ashford Rural East | DN4 - Godmersham                 | 280        | Godmersham & Crundale Recreation Hall, The Street | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs North | Crundale   |             | Ashford Rural East | DN5 - Crundale                   | 159        | Godmersham & Crundale Recreation Hall, The Street | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Downs West | Boughton Aluph & Eastwell | Eastwell       | Ashford Rural West | DW1 - Eastwell (Part)                      | 37         | The Iron Room, Faversham Road                                | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Boughton Aluph & Eastwell | Eastwell       | Ashford Rural West | DW2 - Eastwell (Part)<br>The Towers        | 43         | Goat Lees Community Hall, Trinity Road                       | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Boughton Aluph & Eastwell | Boughton Aluph | Ashford Rural West | DW3 - Boughton Aluph (Part)<br>The Village | 339        | The Iron Room, Faversham Road                                | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Boughton Aluph & Eastwell | Boughton Aluph | Ashford Rural West | DW4 - Boughton Aluph (Part)<br>The Towers  | 181        | Goat Lees Community Hall, Trinity Road                       | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Westwell                  |                | Ashford Central    | DW4X Sandyhurst - Farm                     | 3          | Westwell Village Hall, Gold Hill                             | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Westwell                  |                | Ashford Rural West | DW5 - Westwell                             | 861        | Westwell Village Hall, Gold Hill                             | No Change | No Comment     |
| Downs West | Challock                  |                | Ashford Rural West | DW6 - Challock                             | 881        | The New Memorial Hall, (Small Hall Ground Floor), Blind Lane | No Change | No Comment     |



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| Furley |        |             | Ashford Central | FR1 - Northbrooke  | 2,205      | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Quantock Drive | St Teresa's Parish Hall<br>4 Maidstone Road | Agree          |
| Furley |        |             | Ashford South   | FR1X Magazine Road | 407        | St Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Quantock Drive | St Teresa's Parish Hall<br>4 Maidstone Road | Agree          |
| Furley |        |             | Ashford Central | FR2 - Knatchbull   | 1,811      | Ashford North Youth Centre, Mabledon Avenue         | No Change                                   | No Comment     |

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| Goat Lees | Boughton Aluph & Eastwell | Goat Lees        | Ashford Rural West | GL1 - Boughton Aluph   | 1,356      | Goat Lees Community Hall, Trinity Road           | No Change | No Comment     |
| Goat Lees | Kennington                | Kennington North | Ashford Rural West | GL2 - Kennington North | 477        | United Reformed Methodist Church, Faversham Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Goat Lees | Kennington                | Kennington North | Ashford Rural East | GL2X Grosvenor Road    | 45         | United Reformed Methodist Church, Faversham Road | No Change | No Comment     |

| New Ward | Parish | Parish Ward | County          | Polling District | Electorate | Polling Place                     | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
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| Godinton |        |             | Ashford Central | GO1 - Godinton   | 1,913      | Godinton Village Hall, Loudon Way | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Highfield |                         |             | Ashford East | HI1 - Highfield       | 1,814      | WI Hall, Church Road, Willesborough | No Change | No Comment     |
| Highfield | Sevington with Finberry | Highfield   | Ashford East | HI2 - Sevington North | 211        | WI Hall, Church Road, Willesborough | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Isle of Oxney | Kenardington      |             | Tenterden | IO1 - Kenardington | 220        | Kenardington Village Hall, The Wish          | No Change | No Comment     |
| Isle of Oxney | Appledore         |             | Tenterden | IO2 - Appledore    | 678        | Appledore Village Hall, 76 The Street        | No Change | No Comment     |
| Isle of Oxney | Stone -Cum- Ebony |             | Tenterden | IO3 - Stone        | 365        | Stone Cum Ebony Memorial Hall, The Street    | No Change | No Comment     |
| Isle of Oxney | Wittersham        |             | Tenterden | IO4 - Wittersham   | 960        | Wittersham Village Hall Clubroom, The Street | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Kennington | Kennington | Kennington  | Ashford Rural East | KE1 - Kennington Lees | 493        | WI Hall, Faversham Road            | Move Oak Farm, Vicarage Rd, TN 24 9BH to KE1X | Agree          |
| Kennington | Kennington | Kennington  | Ashford Central    | KE1X - Faversham Road | 13         | WI Hall, Faversham Road            | Oak Farm Vicarage Rd, TN24 9BH from KE1       | Agree          |
| Kennington | Kennington | Kennington  | Ashford Rural East | KE2 - Downs View      | 1,305      | St Mary's Church Hall, Church Road | No Change                                     | No Comment     |

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| Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield | Kingsnorth | Bridgefield        | Ashford Rural South | KVB1 - Bridgefield        | 1,062      | Kingsnorth Village Hall, Church Hill                              | No Change | No Comment     |
| Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield | Kingsnorth | Kingsnorth Village | Ashford Rural South | KVB2 - Kingsnorth Village | 703        | Kingsnorth Village Hall, Church Hill                              | No Change | No Comment     |
| Kingsnorth Village and Bridgefield | Kingsnorth | Kingsnorth Village | Ashford Rural South | KVB3 - Stubbs Cross       | 227        | St Francis of Assisi Mission Hall, Magpie Hall Road, Stubbs Cross | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry | Mersham                 |             | Ashford Rural East | MSF1 - Mersham              | 946        | The Mountbatten Hall, The Forstal                            | Subject to the recommendations of the CGR, move properties on the Finberry estate from MSF1 into MSF3.                   | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |
| Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry | Mersham                 |             | Ashford Rural East | MSF2 - Mersham & Finberry   | 262        | Mobile Polling Station, Finberry Primary School, Avocet Way. | Combine polling district MSF2 with polling district MSF3.  | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |
| Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry | Sevington with Finberry | Sevington   | Ashford Rural East | MSF3 – Sevington & Finberry | 745        | Mobile Polling Station, Finberry Primary School, Avocet Way  | Combine with MSF2 and incorporate properties from MSF1 as per Map 1 attached and rename as MSF3 – Sevington and Finberry | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |
| Mersham, Sevington South with Finberry | Sevington with Finberry | Sevington   | Ashford Rural East | MSF4 – Sevington South      | 33         | The Mountbatten Hall, The Forstal                            | Rename polling district MSF2 – Sevington South   | Agree subject to CGR final recommendations |

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| Norman |        |             | Ashford East | NO1 - Hampden    | 1,184      | United Reformed Methodist Church, Cade Road    | No Change | No Comment     |
| Norman |        |             | Ashford East | NO2 - Whitfield  | 890        | Christchurch Community Hall, Christchurch Road | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Park Farm North | Kingsnorth | Park Farm North | Ashford Rural South | PFN1 - Park Farm North | 1,849      | Kingsnorth Recreation Centre, Field View | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Park Farm South | Kingsnorth | Park Farm South | Ashford Rural South | PFS1 - Park Farm South | 1,879      | Kingsnorth Recreation Centre, Field View | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Repton |        |             | Ashford Central | RE1 - Repton     | 3,290      | Repton Connect Repton Avenue | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Rolvenden & Tenterden West | Tenterden | Rolvenden & Tenterden West | Tenterden | RTW1- Tenterden West    | 574        | St Mildred's Church Hall, Church Road | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Rolvenden & Tenterden West | Newenden  |                            | Tenterden | RTW2- Newenden          | 184        | St Peters Church, Rye Road            | Change of polling station to the White Hart Public House, Newenden | Agree          |
| Rolvenden & Tenterden West | Rolvenden | Rolvenden Streyte          | Tenterden | RTW3- Rolvenden Streyte | 916        | Rolvenden Village Hall, Maytham Road  | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Rolvenden & Tenterden West | Rolvenden | Rolvenden Layne            | Tenterden | RTW4- Rolvenden Layne   | 324        | 31 Maytham Road, Rolvenden Layne      | No Change  | No Comment     |

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| Roman | Kingsnorth | Roman       | Ashford Rural South | ROM1 - Westhawk     | 1,010      | Mobile Polling Station, Millbank Road, Adjacent To Augustus Walk | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Roman | Stanhope   | The Limes   | Ashford South       | ROM2 - The Limes    | 165        | Mobile Polling Station, Millbank Road, Adjacent To Augustus Walk | Change of polling station to the Limes Community Garden Building | Agree          |
| Roman | Kingsnorth | Roman       | Ashford Rural South | ROM3 - Brisley Farm | 997        | Mobile Polling Station, Land at Merino Way                       | No Change  | No Comment     |

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| Singleton East | Great Chart with Singleton | Singleton East | Ashford South      | SGE1 - Singleton East | 1.803      | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close | No Change | No Comment     |
| Singleton East | Great Chart With Singleton | Singleton East | Ashford Rural West | SGE1X- Chilmington    | 21         | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Singleton West | Great Chart with Singleton | Singleton West | Ashford Rural West | SGW1 - Singleton West | 2,014      | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Stanhope | Stanhope | Central     | Ashford South | STA1 - Stanhope  | 1,918      | Stanhope Parish Rooms, Otterden Close | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Tenterden North | Tenterden | Tenterden North | Tenterden | TN1 - Homewood   | 1,049      | Trinity Baptist Church Hall, Ashford Road, Tenterden | No Change | No Comment     |
| Tenterden North | Tenterden | Tenterden North | Tenterden | TN2 - East Cross | 441        | Trinity Baptist Church Hall, Ashford Road, Tenterden | No Change | No Comment     |
| Tenterden North | Tenterden | Tenterden North | Tenterden | TN3 - West Cross | 513        | St Mildred`s Church Hall, Church Road                | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Tenterden South | Tenterden | Tenterden South | Tenterden | TS1 - Tenterden South | 2,088      | Rainbow Room, Tenterden Leisure Centre, Recreation Ground Road | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Tenterden St Michael's | Tenterden | Tenterden St Michaels | Tenterden | TSM1 – St Michael's | 2,112      | St Michael's Hall, Grange Road, St Michaels | No Change | No Comment     |



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| Upper Weald | Hothfield    |               | Ashford Rural West | UW1 - Hothfield                       | 638        | Hothfield Village Hall, Park Drive            | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Upper Weald | Pluckley     |               | Ashford Rural West | UW2 - Pluckley                        | 841        | Pluckley Village Hall, Fir Toll, Station Road | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Upper Weald | Little Chart |               | Ashford Rural West | UW3 - Little Chart                    | 205        | Little Chart Village Hall, The Street         | No Change  | No Comment     |
| Upper Weald | Little Chart |               | Ashford Rural West | UW3X - Little Chart<br>Hurstford Lane | 3          | Little Chart Village Hall, The Street         | Combine with polling district UW3 and delete polling district UW3X | Agree          |
| Upper Weald | Charing      | Charing Heath | Ashford Rural West | UW4 - Charing Heath                   | 361        | Charing Heath Village Hall, Church Hill       | No Change  | No Comment     |

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| Victoria |        |             | Ashford Central | VI1 - Barrow Hill | 941        | The Scout Hall, Forge Lane             | No Change | No Comment     |
| Victoria |        |             | Ashford South   | VI2 - Watercress  | 810        | Mobile Polling Station, Ford Way       | No Change | No Comment     |
| Victoria |        |             | Ashford South   | VI3 - Town Centre | 927        | Ashford Parish Rooms, The Church Yard  | No Change | No Comment     |
| Victoria |        |             | Ashford South   | VI4 - Station     | 2,093      | Ashford Community Church, Francis Road | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Washford | Great Chart with Singleton | Washford         | Ashford South       | WA1 - Singleton South     | 596        | Singleton Village Hall, Hoxton Close                                | No Change | No Comment     |
| Washford | Kingsnorth                 | Washford Farm    | Ashford Rural South | WA2 - Washford Farm       | 1,121      | Mobile Polling Station, Junction of Langney Drive and Stanhope Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Washford | Stanhope                   | Speldhurst Close | Ashford South       | WA3 - Stanhope Speldhurst | 343        | Mobile Polling Station, Junction of Langney Drive and Stanhope Road | No Change | No Comment     |

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| Weald Central | Great Chart With Singleton | Great Chart with Singleton North | Ashford Rural West | WC1 - Great Chart Village | 648        | Great Chart Village Hall, The Street        | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald Central | Great Chart With Singleton | Chilmington Green                | Ashford Rural West | WC2 - Chilmington Green   | 414        | Great Chart Village Hall, The Street        | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald Central | High Halden                | High Halden                      | Tenterden          | WC3 - High Halden         | 1,377      | High Halden War Memorial Hall, Ashford Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald Central | Bethersden                 |                                  | Ashford Rural West | WC4 - Bethersden          | 1,370      | Bethersden Village Hall, Forge Hill         | No Change | No Comment     |

| New Ward    | Parish  | Parish Ward | County             | Polling District | Electorate | Polling Place                                     | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|-------------|---------|-------------|--------------------|------------------|------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Weald North | Egerton |             | Ashford Rural West | WN1 - Egerton    | 876        | The Games Barn, Rock Hill Road                    | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald North | Smarden |             | Ashford Rural West | WN2 - Smarden    | 1,222      | Hop Pocket, Smarden Charter Hall, Chessenden Lane | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward        | Parish      | Parish Ward | County              | Polling District  | Electorate | Polling Place                             | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Weald South | Orlestone   |             | Ashford Rural South | WS1 - Orlestone   | 1,260      | Victory Hall, Ruckinge Road               | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald South | Warehorne   |             | Ashford Rural South | WS2 - Warehorne   | 278        | Warehorne Village Hall, Church Road       | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald South | Shadoxhurst |             | Ashford Rural South | WS3 - Shadoxhurst | 1,072      | Shadoxhurst Village Hall, Hornash Lane    | No Change | No Comment     |
| Weald South | Woodchurch  |             | Ashford Rural South | WS4 - Woodchurch  | 1,714      | Woodchurch Village Hall Annex, Front Road | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward          | Parish | Parish Ward | County       | Polling District      | Electorate | Polling Place  | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|---------------|--------|-------------|--------------|-----------------------|------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| Willesborough |        |             | Ashford East | WIL1 - Aylesford      | 755        | The Scout Hut, Breadlands Road   | No Change | No Comment     |
| Willesborough |        |             | Ashford East | WIL2 - Hythe Road     | 2,475      | Christchurch Hall, Albemarle Road  | No Change | No Comment     |
| Willesborough |        |             | Ashford East | WIL3 - William Harvey | 1,471      | Mobile Polling Station, Junction of Blackwall Road South and Kennington Road | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward              | Parish            | Parish Ward | County             | Polling District        | Electorate | Polling Place                   | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|-------------------|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|-------------------------|------------|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| Wye with Hinxhill | Wye with Hinxhill |             | Ashford Rural East | WY1 - Wye with Hinxhill | 1,860      | Wye Village Hall, Bridge Street | No Change | No Comment     |

## Folkestone & Hythe Parliamentary Constituency

| Ward     | Parish       | Parish Ward | County             | Polling District      | Electorate | Polling Place                             | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|----------|--------------|-------------|--------------------|-----------------------|------------|---|-----------|----------------|
| Bircholt | Brook        |             | Ashford Rural East | BLT1 - Brook          | 260        | Brook Village Hall, The Street            | No Change | No Comment     |
| Bircholt | Hastingleigh |             | Ashford Rural East | BLT2 - Hastingleigh   | 196        | Evington Hall, Hastingleigh               | No Change | No Comment     |
| Bircholt | Brabourne    |             | Ashford Rural East | BLT3 - Brabourne      | 348        | Brabourne Village Hall, Lees Road         | No Change | No Comment     |
| Bircholt | Brabourne    |             | Ashford Rural East | BLT4 - Brabourne Lees | 705        | Brabourne Baptist Church Hall, Plain Road | No Change | No Comment     |
| Bircholt | Smeeth       |             | Ashford Rural East | BLT5 - Smeeth         | 716        | Brabourne Baptist Church Hall, Plain Road | No Change | No Comment     |

| Ward        | Parish                 | Parish Ward | County              | Polling District      | Electorate | Polling Place  | Proposal  | ARO Submission |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------|--|-----------|----------------|
| Saxon Shore | Aldington & Bonnington | Aldington   | Ashford Rural East  | SAX1 - Aldington      | 1,105      | The Fraser Room, Aldington Village Hall, Goldwell Lane | No Change | No Comment     |
| Saxon Shore | Aldington & Bonnington | Bonnington  | Ashford Rural East  | SAX2 - Bonnington     | 102        | The Fraser Room, Aldington Village Hall, Goldwell Lane | No Change | No Comment     |
| Saxon Shore | Bilsington             |             | Ashford Rural South | SAX3 - Bilsington     | 256        | Bilsington Village Hall, Newchurch Road                | No Change | No Comment     |
| Saxon Shore | Ruckinge               |             | Ashford Rural South | SAX4 - Ruckinge       | 251        | Ruckinge Village Hall, Hamstreet Road                  | No Change | No Comment     |
| Saxon Shore | Ruckinge               |             | Ashford Rural South | SAX5 - Upper Ruckinge | 381        | Bromley Green Hall, Bromley Green Road                 | No Change | No Comment     |

## Appendix 2

### 2022 Interim Polling Districts and Polling Places Review Consultation Responses

| John Leeves<br>Clerk<br>Newenden Parish<br>Council       | The new village hall in Newenden is still under construction. The project has exhausted all of its funding and the Parish Council is exploring ways to rescue the situation but a not inconsiderable sum is required to complete it. There is probably little chance of it being complete by the time of elections in May next year. This therefore means that you should plan on using St Peter's church as a polling station.  |                             |                 |                             |              |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |
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| Cllr Lyn Suddards<br>Beaver Ward<br>Polling Stations     | Thank you for consulting with me over this matter. I am concerned that reducing the number of polling booths would have a negative impact on the turn out to the election. Therefore I would oppose the reduction of polling stations and would ask that we continue to use Beaver Green School. However it may be that we need a Portacabin or temporary booth in the grounds. We do need to minimise the problems for the school.  |                             |                 |                             |              |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |
| County Cllr Dirk<br>Ross Beaver Ward<br>Polling Stations | <p>I note the comments made by Cllr Lyn Suddards and would welcome an update from Ashford Borough Council.</p> <p>We had elections in Beaver in 2019 as planned for full ABC elections. 2021 was KCC elections and a by election in Beaver ward.</p> <p>What was the polling booth tally and listing of venues for those years?</p> <p>What is the proposed polling booth remit for 2023 as the next planned ABC elections?</p> <p>I can then make a judgement and look with our borough councillors to ensure we have adequate facilities across the area to vote.</p> <p>I would welcome information to know the proposed outcomes.</p> <p><b>Response from Paul Libreri</b></p> <p>The voting figures for Beaver Ward in 2019 and 2021 were as follows:</p> <table><tr><th>Polling District</th><th>Polling Station</th><th>Polling Station Voters 2021</th><th>Turnout 2021</th><th>Polling Station Voters 2019</th><th>Turnout 2019</th></tr><tr><td>BE1</td><td>Beaver Green School</td><td>1279</td><td>241</td><td>1297</td><td>244</td></tr><tr><td>BE2</td><td>South Ashford Baptist Church</td><td>1799</td><td>288</td><td>1660</td><td>274</td></tr><tr><td>BE3/BE3X</td><td>St Francis Church Cryol Road</td><td>1072</td><td>188</td><td>1092</td><td>216</td></tr></table> | Polling District            | Polling Station | Polling Station Voters 2021 | Turnout 2021 | Polling Station Voters 2019 | Turnout 2019 | BE1 | Beaver Green School | 1279 | 241 | 1297 | 244 | BE2 | South Ashford Baptist Church | 1799 | 288 | 1660 | 274 | BE3/BE3X | St Francis Church Cryol Road | 1072 | 188 | 1092 | 216 |
| Polling District   | Polling Station  | Polling Station Voters 2021 | Turnout 2021    | Polling Station Voters 2019 | Turnout 2019 |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |
| BE1  | Beaver Green School  | 1279                        | 241             | 1297                        | 244          |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |
| BE2  | South Ashford Baptist Church   | 1799                        | 288             | 1660                        | 274          |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |
| BE3/BE3X   | St Francis Church Cryol Road   | 1072                        | 188             | 1092                        | 216          |                             |              |     |                     |      |     |      |     |     |                              |      |     |      |     |          |                              |      |     |      |     |

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|   | <p>The provision of polling stations for 2023 will depend on the outcome of this review process. Our preferred option would be to use the school.</p> <p><b>Response from Cllr Dirk Ross</b></p> <p>Many thanks for the data and to include me in any future updates. My division takes in the whole of Beaver ward so I want to of course make sure this area has adequate voting facilities – otherwise it will deter people to vote if too far.</p>   |
| Cllr Geoff Meaden   | <p>I note in the introduction to the above review that comments are welcome that relate to the naming of Districts or Parishes. A small comment to make concerns polling area DN1. This area is named "Dane Street and Shottenden". In fact about 85% of the built up area would comprise of the only small town in Downs North, i.e. Chilham, and the Parish is named Chilham Parish Council. A name change is recommended for DN1. I would suggest "Chilham and Shottenden". Dane Street is just a very small cluster of houses.</p>   |
| Acting Returning Officer<br>Folkestone & Hythe District Council | <p>The Acting Returning Officer for Folkestone &amp; Hythe District Council has no comments on the review.</p>   |
| Chris Morley<br>Kennington Community Council                    | <p>With the development of new housing at Conningbrook Lakes, the eastern part of Conningbrook and Little Burton Farm Ward is poorly served.</p> <p>I suggest that a Polling Station is provided to serve this estate, possibly at the Julie Rose stadium.</p>   |
| Alan Cooper<br>Chair of Kennington Community Council            | <p>I am writing to comment on the interim review as it affects two wards falling within the area of the Kennington Community Council, of which I am Chair, though I make these comments in a personal capacity.</p> <p><b>Conningbrook and Little Burton Ward</b></p> <p>The map of this ward is out of date as it does not show the substantial number of new housing units which have been constructed or are under construction on land adjacent to the Julie Rose Stadium. Further construction is planned in the area between those houses and the railway line. On grounds of both growth in the number of electors (risking overcrowding at the sole polling station during peak voting hours) and of carbon consumption, a second polling station should be planned, if practical, at the Stadium, which would be within walking distance for many electors and on the route home from work for others.</p> <p><b>Bybrook Ward</b></p> <p>It is unfortunate that the polling station at St Mary's Community Centre is situated far away from the most economically disadvantaged electors in the polling district. I believe that it is policy not to make use of school halls as polling stations these days but the Borough Council should actively explore other options in the vicinity of the Phoenix School, pending construction of a</p> |

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|  | new community facility on the site at the junction of Bybrook Road and Belmont Road. |
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