| *Polling District* | ***Current Polling Place*** | *Local**Electorate****October 2023*** | *Absent voters****October 2023*** | *Voters in person****October*** ***2023*** | *Turnout at Polling Place****May 2023*** |  | *Projected growth in dwellings**(hard and soft planning commitments – for 20+ dwellings) –* *2023-2036*  | *Consultation Feedback* | *Returning Officer’s Comments* |
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| **ABBEY** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| A2 polling stations | Sir Herman Gollancz HallClifton Street, Reading, RG1 7YE | 2,211 | 320 | 1,891 | 19.59% |  | 256 |  | Venue OK. No parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| AB2 Polling Stations | Reading Central LibraryAbbey Square, Reading, RG1 3BG | 2,508 | 395 | 2,113 | 17.51% |  | 2786 | With regard to the two Polling Districts A, and AC and AD, we concur with the comments made in Appendix A namely: “no amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed”. With regard to Polling District AB, currently at the Reading Central Library, we would agree that with the closure of the Library and its move to the Civic Offices a new Polling Place will be required, either at the end of 2024 or certainly in 2025. Whilst the new library facilities at Bridge Street may offer the space for a new Polling Station, our preference would be that serious consideration is given to the following alternative locations for this polling station namely: 1. Abbey Baptist Church Hall on Abbey Square, or2. St Laurence Church Hall, next to the Old Town Hall, or3. The Soane Space in the Old Town Hall itself. All these venues, we understand, are fully accessible to wheelchairs and at ground floor level. Our understanding is that the current Central Library will not be closing until towards the end of 2024 and, as such, next year’s Local Elections in May and a probable General Election in October or November should not be affected. However, if the autumn requires a new Polling Station, we would request that urgent attention is given to our alternative sites.  | Venue OK.No parking. The Central Library is proposed to close and move to the Civic Offices. A new polling place will be required for the two Polling stations. |
| AC & AD | Oxford Road Community School146 Oxford Road, Reading, RG1 7PJ | 1,774 | 267 | 1,507 | 18.54% |  | AC – 828AD - 95 |  | Venue OK.Minimal off-street parking. No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **BATTLE** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| B2 polling Stations | Emmanuel Methodist ChurchOxford Road, Reading, RG30 1EE | 3,690 | 564 | 3,126 | 19.15% |  | 152 |  | Venue OK.Some parking.The implications of the BCFE review of Parliamentary Constituencies based on the old ward boundaries will require in a new district and an additional Polling Station being created in Battle ward. The additional polling station will be allocated to Emmanuel Methodist Church. Further details of the properties involved, and the plan of the new proposed District are contained in Appendix B.  |
| BAX2 Polling Stations at 2 Locations for this District | Battle Library420 Oxford Road,Reading, RG30 2ES and **Emmanuel Methodist Church** | 3,871 | 590 | 3,281 | 24.18% |  | 202 |  | Venue OK.Some parking.The implications of the BCFE review of Parliamentary Constituencies based on the old ward boundaries will require in a new district and an additional polling station being created in Battle Ward. The additional polling station will be located at Emmanuel Methodist Church. Further details of the properties involved, and the plan of the proposed District are contained in Appendix B.  |
| **CAVERSHAM** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| C2 polling stations | **Caversham Library**Church Street, Reading, RG4 8AU | 3,652 | 985 | 2,667 | 35.13% |  | 58 |  | Venue OK.No Parking. No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| CA2 polling stations | New Bridge Nursery SchoolMontague Street, Caversham, RG4 5AU | 2,145 | 420 | 2,125 | 30.70% |  | 32 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| CB | **The Weller Centre**Amersham Road, Caversham, RG4 5BP | 1,664 | 281 | 1,383 | 22.10% |  | 22 |  | Venue OK.Security Issues require a security guard in attendance pm.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| D | **Caversham Heights Methodist Church**74 Highmoor Road, Reading, RG4 7BG | 1,540 | 401 | 1,139 | 41.55% |  | 17 |  | Venue OK.On Street Parking No amendments to the current polling arrangements is proposed. |
| DA | Mapledurham PavilionUpper Woodcote Road, Caversham Heights, RG4 7LB | 1,811 | 414 | 1,397 | 46.03% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.New car park.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| DB2 polling stations | St Andrew’s HallAlbert Road, Caversham, RG4 7PW | 2,576 | 609 | 1,967 | 43.18% |  | 7 |  | Venue OKNo amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| DC | Highdown SchoolSurley Row, Emmer Green, RG4 8LR | 1,542 | 333 | 1,209 | 28.65% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.During Covid Pandemic in 2022 the polling station was located in the barn opposite the sixth form centre. In May 2023 the polling station reverted to the sixth form centre.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **CHURCH** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E1 polling stations | Reading Scout & Guide Joint HQ163 Northcourt Avenue, Reading, RG2 7HG | 2,103 | 426 | 1,677 | 24.28% |  | 13 |  | Venue OK.Was a double station previously and could be cramped but now a single polling station.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| EA | St Barnabas Church Hall Elm Road, Reading, RG6 5TS | 1,520 | 346 | 1,174 | 19.32% |  | 13 |  | Venue OK.Adequate parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| EB | **South Reading Community Hub**252 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7QA | 1,640 | 228 | 1,412 | 15.65% |  | 13 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| EC2 polling stations | Whitley Park Primary & Nursery SchoolBasingstoke Road, Reading, RG2 7RB | 2,983 | 561 | 2,422 | 13.56% |  | 13 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| Coley |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | Coley Primary SchoolWolseley Road, Reading, RG1 6NJ | 1,497 | 248 | 1,249 | 25.05% |  | 60 |  | Venue OK.Parking at School.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| FA2 polling stations | All Saints HallDownshire square, Reading, RG1 6NJ | 2,382 | 363 | 2,019 | 29.24% |  | 60 |  | Venue OK. No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| FB2 polling stations | Coley Park Community Centre140 Wensley Road, Coley Park, Reading, RG1 6DW | 3,118 | 636 | 2,482 | 23.15% |  | 96 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| EMMER GREEN |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| G2 polling stations | Emmer Green Youth & Community CentreGrove Road, Emmer Green, RG4 8LN | 3,145 | 874 | 2,271 | 34.36% |  | 266 | **Comments in respect of G, GA and GB**The following proposal has been raised in relation to Emmer Green ward: That any addresses in the range 37-91 (odds) Lowfield Road that are not in polling district GB are transferred to that polling district To correct an anomaly whereby a few people are in a different polling district from their immediate neighbours and have an unacceptably long journey to the polling station. | Venue OK.Some parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| GA2 polling stations | The Milestone CentreNorthbrook Road, Caversham Park Village, RG40 0PF | 2,753 | 495 | 2,258 | 29.87% |  | 10 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| GB | Micklands Primary SchoolMicklands Road, Caversham, RG4 6LU | 1,714 | 405 | 1,309 | 32.79% |  | 35 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| KATESGROVE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H2 polling stations | Katesgrove Primary SchoolDorothy Street, Reading,RG1 2NL | 3,691 | 596 | 3,095 | 23.75% |  | 114 |  | Venue OK.Polling station in new building off Katesgrove Lane and from Orchard Street but long route involving a slope.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| HA1 polling station | Christchurch CentreMilman Road, Reading, RG2 0AY | 1,880 | 292 | 1,588 | 30.03% |  | 21 |  | Venue OK.Very restricted parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| HB | The Palmer Academy Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7PP | 1,791 | 296 | 1,495 | 20.83% |  | 275 | An immediate comment I have is based on voter experiences at the 2022 election (reported at the time, so this comment may be redundant). In the 2022 election, the access to the Palmer Academy from the west was restricted for the first few hours as the gates to Lincoln Rd/Surrey Rd were locked. I presume this was accidental, and I hope that processes are in place to avoid it happening again. No such problems were reported in 2023, so it may be that the problem is solved. Nevertheless, it is worth considering, as the majority of the polling district approach from the west, and the alternative route is a sizable detour. | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| HC | Coley Primary SchoolWolseley Road, Reading, RG1 6NJ | 235 | 30 | 205 | 19.62% |  | 89 |  | Venue OK.Parking at School.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| KENTWOOD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| I2 polling stations | St Mary Magdelene HallRodway Road, Tilehurst,RG30 6EQ | 2,097 | 416 | 1,681 | 32.31% |  | 28 |  | Venue OK.On street parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| IA | United Reformed Church HallPolsted Road, Tilehurst, RG31 6HP | 1,556 | 298 | 1,258 | 36.14% |  | 64 |  | Venue OK.Parking to the side of Polling station on unmade up road.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| IB | Meadow Park AcademyNorcot Road, Tilehurst, RG30 6BS | 1,552 | 345 | 1,209 | 29.75% |  | 5 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| IC | Norcot Community CentreLyndhurst Road,Tilehurst, RG30 6UB | 1,468 | 316 | 1,152 | 24.06% |  | 5 |  | Venue OK. Some parking available.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **NORCOT** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| J2 polling stations | St George’s Church HallSt George’s Road, Reading, RG30 2RG | 3,328 | 572 | 2,756 | 24.38% |  | 44 |  | Venue OK.Need additional lighting in the Polling Booths.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| JA1 polling station | St Michael’s Primary SchoolDee Road, Tilehurst, RG30 4AS | 2,072 | 439 | 1,633 | 18.01% |  | 230 |  | Venue Ok.Some parking. The implications of the BCFE review of Parliamentary Constituencies based on the old ward boundaries will require in a new district and an additional polling station being created in Norcot ward. Further details of the properties involved, and the plan of the new proposed District are contained in Appendix B.  |
| JB | Dee Space Community Centre Thurso Close, Tilehurst, RG3 4YH | 2,167 | 385 | 1,782 | 17.58% |  | 153 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **PARK** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| K2 polling stations | New Town Primary SchoolSchool Terrace, Reading, RG1 3LS | 2,784 | 490 | 2,294 | 35.92% |  | 97 |  | Venue OK.Limited on-street parking.Polling Place in cafeteria accessed from Cholmeley Road. |
| KA2 polling stations | Alfred Sutton Primary School148 Wokingham Road, Reading, RG6 1JR | 4,186 | 711 | 3,475 | 36.20% |  | 45 |  | Venue OK.Good parking at School.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| REDLANDS |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| L | Wesley Church HallQueen’s Road/ Watlington Street, Reading, RG1 4BW | 1,585 | 203 | 1,382 | 26.30% |  | 19 |  | Venue OK. No free on street parking. No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| LA | Museum of English Rural LifeThe University of Reading, Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5EX | 1,580 | 335 | 1,245 | 33.70% |  | 58 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| LB2 polling stations | St Luke’s Church HallErleigh Road, Reading, RG1 5LU | 2,622 | 281 | 2,341 | 30.10% |  | 127 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| LC | Hexham Community Centre1A Bamburgh Close, Whitley, RG2 7UD | 1,227 | 269 | 958 | 26.53% |  | 37 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| LD | Park Lounge**Windsor Hall**University of Reading, Upper Redlands Road, Reading, RG1 5JL | 1046 | 42 | 1,004 | 10.47% |  | 19 |  | Venue OK.Some parking. The implications of the BCFE review of Parliamentary Constituencies based on the old ward boundaries will require St Georges Hall and Wantage Hall being moved from District LD into district LA. The odd Numbers 1,3,5,7,9 of Whitley Park Lane will need to be moved from District LC into District LD. Further details of the properties involved, and the plan of the new proposed District are contained in Appendix B.  |
| SOUTHCOTE |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| M | Southcote Primary SchoolSilchester Road, Southcote, RG3 3EJ | 2,081 | 446 | 1,635 | 28.32% |  | 6 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| MA | Manor Primary School110 Ashampstead Road,Southcote, G30 3LJ | 2,155 | 453 | 1,702 | 18.94% |  | 25 |  | Venue OK.Uneven ground between Ashampstead Road and the polling station requires more external lighting and a clear route to the polling station being marked. |
| MB | Southcote Community HubCoronation Square, Southcote, Reading, RG30 3QP | 1,612 | 294 | 1,318 | 18.59% |  | 6 |  | Venue OK.Limited parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| MC | **YMCA**Parkside Road, 34 Parkside Road, RG30 2DD | 1,879 | 407 | 1,472 | 23.70% |  | 52 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **THAMES** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| N | **New Hope Community Church Centre**York Road, Reading, RG1 8DU | 2,086 | 341 | 1,745 | 26.93% |  | 1467 |  | Venue OK.No parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| NA | **St John & St Stephen Parish Centre**Orts Road, Reading, RG1 3JN | 1,810 | 316 | 1,494 | 21.93% |  | 1139 |  | Venue OKLimited on Street ParkingNo amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| NB | Thameside Primary SchoolWolsey Road, Caversham, ReadingRG4 8BY | 1,938 | 366 | 1,572 | 30.56% |  | 20 | We are happy to continue being a polling site  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| TILEHURST |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| O2 polling stations | Moorlands Primary SchoolChurch End Lane, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 4UN | 2,872 | 572 | 2,300 | 20.15% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| OA2 polling stations | Tilehurst British Legion Downing Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5BB | 3,289 | 685 | 2,604 | 22.84% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.Good parking. Need to improve lighting in one of the polling stations. No amendments to the current polling arrangements is proposed. |
| OB | Tilehurst Village HallVictoria Road, TilehurstRG31 5AB | 1,019 | 186 | 833 | 32.86% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| **WHITLEY** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P | **Kennet Island Community Centre**The Meeting Point (Kennet Island), The Piazza, Whale Avenue, Reading, RG2 0GY | 1,734 | 303 | 1,431 | 17.83% |  | 691 |  | Venue OKParking restrictions in place.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| PA2 Polling Stations | Christ the King Church Hall408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8RN | 2,759 | 561 | 2,198 | 12.96% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| PB | Whitley Wood Community CentreSwallowfield Drive, Reading, RG2 8JD | 1,814 | 307 | 1,507 | 17.10% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| PC | 100 Longwater AvenueGreen Park, Reading, RG2 6GP | 592 | 157 | 435 | 23.96% |  | 1045 | No comments to submit from me  | Venue OK.Good parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed. |
| PD | **South Reading Leisure Centre**Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8DH | 857 | 166 | 691 | 18.15% |  | 7 |  | Venue OK.Good parking.No amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed.  |

**Total electorate (local) – 117,203 (October 2023)**

Ward average: 7,325

Electoral Commission ceiling per polling station – 2,500 electors who vote at polling station

*Comments in italics: made separately and outside the consultation period*