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Response Ref	Polling Place	Borough ward(s)	Please provide your comments on the proposed arrangements	Please provide any suggestions for alternative arrangements	Response from the Electoral Review Working Group
1	Binfield Memorial Hall	Binfield North	<p>Very happy with these arrangements as we are able to walk to the polling station. For those who can't there is parking nearby.</p> <p>Very concerned that a consultation period started on Wednesday 18 October 2023 - before half term and the first I became aware of it was on Tuesday 7 November 2023 (one week left to comment) when I found a link on Binfield Parish Council website.</p> <p>I didn't understand the abbreviation. I read the local paper Bracknell News and I look at the Bracknell Forest Council website. Nothing under news on Bracknell Forest Council website.</p> <p>How can this be meaningful consultation?</p>	<p>Consultation mechanisms need to be improved.</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>Leading up to and throughout the review process information has been shared regularly on the Bracknell Forest Council website here:</p> <p>Electoral reviews Bracknell Forest Council (bracknell-forest.gov.uk)</p> <p>The team will review additional methods for sharing information about future consultations.</p>
2	Whitegrove Community Centre	Binfield North and Warfield West + Whitegrove	<p>The existing arrangements are overall good. Clearer signage on which way to turn at the roundabout on</p>		<p>Thank you for your comments. We will liaise with the Bracknell Forest Council Highways Department</p>

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			the Tesco site would help those new to the area.		around improved and appropriate signage at the roundabout.
3	Whitegrove Community Centre	Binfield North and Warfield West + Whitegrove	Excellent	None	Thank you for your comments.
4	Farley Wood Centre, Turnpike Road	Binfield South and Jennetts Park	Works well, plenty of parking for those that need it, but easy for us to walk to.	The closest existing alternative is Binfield Memorial Hall but it is a bit further for us to walk and parking is not great.	Thank you for your comments.
5	Bullbrook Community Centre	Bullbrook	Very happy with this location and its suitability. Please don't change it.	If you absolutely have to, the nearby school is probably ok. But I'd prefer you to stay with community centre, and its less disruptive for the school anyway.	Thank you for your comments.
6	Bullbrook Community Centre	Bullbrook	It is great as it is. Easy to walk to, good parking.	None	Thank you for your comments.
7	Sandhurst Town Council Offices	Central Sandhurst	Works well, easy to walk to. Plenty of parking for those less mobile.		Thank you for your comments.
8	Sandhurst Town Council Offices	Central Sandhurst	Just to note that notices to public of where the polling station is situated are not always easy to see and not necessarily in the easy to see places. For central Sandhurst the provision of the hall is good for easy access for most people.		Thank you for your comments. We will ensure that additional signage is provided to the polling station team and located appropriately so that access to the site is clear for all attending.

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9		Crowthorne	<p>Crowthorne Parish Council have considered your request for comments on the Polling arrangements in the ward and I am responding on their behalf.</p> <p>In particular we have given consideration as to whether there is a need for an extra polling station in Bucklers Park.</p> <p>We have reached the following conclusions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • there are currently only 400 properties • there is an increasing trend to postal voting • thus, for the number of voters likely to benefit it would be an unjustifiable extra cost on Crowthorne PC • we do not want to emphasise the idea of Bucklers Park being a satellite of Crowthorne 	Therefore the Parish Council is satisfied with the current arrangements	Thank you for your comments.
10	Wildridings Primary School	Easthampstead and Wildridings	Using schools are disruptive to pupils, parents and	Gospel Hall, Netherton, Bracknell RG12 7DX.	Thank you for your comments and suggested alternatives.

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			carers. Consequentially should be avoided.	<p>St Michael & St Mary Magdalene Church hall, Crowthorne Rd, Easthampstead, Bracknell RG12 7EH</p> <p>The Green Man, public house, Crowthorne Rd, Bracknell RG12 7DL</p>	<p>The council aims to avoid the use of schools as polling places wherever possible.</p> <p>As such, Wildridings Primary School was decommissioned as a polling location in 2021 with voting relocated to The Open Learning Centre.</p> <p>There are no current plans to re-establish a polling place at the school.</p> <p>With respect to the suggestions made the council has investigated each and either due to lack of availability or capacity, it is felt that the arrangements in place at The Open Learning Centre provide the best ongoing experience for voters.</p>
11	Wildridings Primary School	Easthampstead and Wildridings		Wildridings school is more central to the area than alternatives	Thank you for your comments. The council aims to avoid the use of

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					<p>schools as polling places wherever possible.</p> <p>The Open Learning Centre, while not as central to the polling district as Wildridings Primary School, is still easily accessible and avoids any potential disruption to children, parents and teachers.</p>
12	Wildridings Primary School	Easthampstead and Wildridings	I like voting here it is very quick and convenient I was able to walk there.	This was swapped for the last two local elections to the Learning centre in Rectory Lane however this was not as convenient for me. It is a much longer walk which led me to take the car.	<p>Thank you for your comments. The council aims to minimise the use of schools as polling places as this can cause significant disruption to the school community.</p> <p>This was the case with Wildridings Primary School which needed to close every time it was used for an election.</p> <p>This is not the case with The Open Learning Centre which is still reasonably accessible to electors while ensuring the</p>

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					continued operation of the school.
13	Bracknell Open Learning Centre	Easthampstead and Wildridings	<p>I attended this polling station as Wildridings school was not used at the local election. I agree with not using schools as a polling station to minimise disruption to pupils and parents.</p> <p>However I observed voters confusion as the Open Learning Centre is close to the polling station at Easthampstead and Wildridings Community Centre.</p> <p>I would prefer a polling station within Wildridings to cater for the voters in that estate.</p>	<p>Gospel Hall Netherton</p> <p>St Michael's Church Hall</p> <p>The Green Man Pub</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments.</p> <p>At an election all registered electors will receive a poll card that details their polling station and if they are unsure or have lost their poll card they can check the address online by entering their postcode.</p> <p>While we recognise the two polling places listed are in close proximity which could cause some confusion, each location is a short walk from the other and polling station staff would be able to assist if necessary.</p> <p>With respect to the suggestions made the council has investigated each and either due to lack of availability or capacity, it is felt that the arrangements in</p>

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14	<p>Wildridings School Bracknell Open Learning Centre</p> <p>(Two places)</p>	Easthampstead and Wildridings	<p>I thought that I would email you after completing the survey for Wildridings School and the Open Learning Centre.</p> <p>Let me introduce myself, I am currently a Town Councillor for Wildridings and Bracknell Town Mayor. I have had the opportunity to see the polling stations at work as a candidate and a polling clerk.</p> <p>I observed voter confusion at The Open Learning Centre caused by the closeness of the polling station at Wildridings and Easthampstead Community Centre.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me if you need any further information.</p>	<p>My feedback for Wildridings School is that we should avoid the disruption caused by closing a school but find an alternative within Wildridings. My favourite alternative would be the Gospel Hall as it is very close to the school.</p>	<p>Thank you for following up on your earlier comments. The response can be found above under item 13.</p> <p>With respect to the suggestion made the council has investigated and the venue has confirmed that they are unable to host a polling place.</p>
15	Sandhurst School Sports Centre,	Owlsmoor and College Town	Poor sign posting. We had not been there before and couldn't find where to go.	Put out some signs	Thank you for your comments. We will ensure that additional

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	Owlsmoor Road, Owlsmoor, GU47 OSP				signage is provided to the polling station team and located appropriately so that access to the site is clear for all attending.
16	Sandhurst and Yateley Methodist Church	Sandhurst	Parking instructions aren't clear	Clearer parking instructions	Thank you for your comments. We will provide additional signage and instructions to polling station staff at elections so that access to the car park is clearer.
17	Bracknell Library	Town Centre and The Parks	Too far to walk	Please can you change the central Bracknell polling station back to the Kerith centre, haven't voted since it went to library as too far to walk	<p>Thank you for your comments. Unfortunately, the Kerith Centre is unable to take bookings for election work so it is not possible to re-establish a polling place there.</p> <p>Please contact the elections team at Bracknell Forest Council to discuss some potential options that may help you cast a vote at future elections such as postal or proxy arrangements.</p>

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18	North Ascot Community Centre	Winkfield and Warfield East	Parking available, people ready to assist less able voter, always a smiley face to greet us		Thank you for your comments.
19	The Carnation Hall, Chavey Down Road	Winkfield and Warfield East	Easy to access for local residents	Too far, out of the area. Not walkable for Chavey Down residents	<p>Thank you for your comments. We recognise that polling places may not always be easily walkable for residents especially where they cover a rural, large geographic area, as is the case for this particular polling district.</p> <p>Wherever possible we will aim to ensure that polling places can be easily accessed by electors on foot but, due to the reasons stated above this is not always possible and a balance must be struck.</p> <p>If an elector has any specific accessibility requirements they can contact the elections team at any time to discuss different methods of casting their vote at election time</p>

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