

**APPENDIX A – MID SUFFOLK DC SCHEDULE OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS - 2018**

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Akenham (A)	Akenham, Claydon and Henley	Village Hall, Claydon	34	No change necessary. Akenham electorate is too small to justify its own polling stations.		
Ashbocking (A)	Ashbocking, Gosbeck, Henley and Hemingstone.	Meeting Room, Suffolk Wildlife Trust, Brooke House, The Green, Ashbocking	249	No change necessary		
Ashfield-cum-Thorpe (A)	Ashfield-cum-Thorpe, Debenham, Kenton and Winston	Community Centre, Ashfield-cum-Thorpe	146	No change necessary		
Aspall (A)	Aspall, Bedingfield, Debenham and Kenton	Dove Cottage, 39 High Street, Debenham	40	No change necessary. Aspall electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Athelington (A)	Athelington, Horham, Southolt and Worlingworth	Old School, Horham	27	No change necessary. Athelington electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Bacton (A)	Bacton, Cotton, Finningham and Wyverstone	Village Hall, Bacton	846	No change necessary		
Badley (A)	Badley and Needham Market	The Lounge, Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market	49	Badley electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Badwell Ash (A)	Badwell Ash, Great Ashfield, Hunston and Walsham-le-Willows	Village Hall, Badwell Ash	586	No change necessary.	Suitable Polling Station in walking distance	No response required
Barham (A)	Barham, Claydon, Coddendam, Hemingstone and Henley	Barham Scout and Guide Hut, Kirby Rise, Barham	996	No change necessary.	Barham unsuitable, It is confusing to have a different polling stations for Claydon & Barham and the Barham location is difficult to find. Both councils should use the Claydon & Barham village hall.	Combining Barham and Claydon would push the electorate to over 2500 and hence a second polling station would be required. Whilst it would be feasible to have two polling stations within the one room at Claydon Village Hall the electorate of Barham at nearly 1000 commands its own polling station. Comments on location noted, signage has to be good and perhaps more external signs are required
Barking (A)	Barking, Battisford, Ringshall and Willisham	Village Hall, Barking	283	No change necessary.		

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Battisford (A)	Battisford, Barking, Great Bricett and Ringshall	Village Hall, Battisford	442	No change necessary		
Baylham (A)	Baylham, Darmsden and Needham Market	Village Hall, Baylham	184	No change necessary		
Bedfield (A)	Bedfield, Monk Soham, Southolt and Worlingworth	Bedfield Sports Pavilion, Long Green, Bedfield	263	No change necessary.		
Bedingfield (A)	Bedingfield, Aspall and Kenton	Village Hall, Bedingfield	185	No change necessary.		
Beyton (A)	Beyton, Tostock and Thurston	White Horse Public House, Beyton	491	No change possible, but keep under review, public house is not a preferred polling station	ARO West Suffolk Council - Agree with Returning Officer's comments that this polling station is not ideal. The only alternative would be to use a temporary polling station such as a portacabin. I agree that this should be kept under review.	No response required
Botesdale (A)	Botesdale, Hinderclay, Redgrave and Rickinghall	Village Hall, Botesdale	549	No change necessary		
Braiseworth (A)	Braiseworth, Stoke Ash and Yaxley	Village Hall, Stoke Ash	53	Electors in Braiseworth previously voted at Thorndon, but as Thorndon is now in the Mendlesham Ward, and Braiseworth is the Palgrave Ward, it is recommended that voters in Braiseworth now go to Stoke Ash		
Bramford (A)	Bramford	Loraine Victory Hall, Bramford	1,739	No change necessary		
Brome and Oakley (A) (W)	Brome and Oakley, Stuston and Thrandeston	Village Hall, Brome	169/182	No change necessary. The parishes are combined.		
Brundish (A)	Brundish, Tannington and Wilby	Village Hall, Brundish	120	No change necessary	Recommended that electors from Tannington will now vote in Brundish	
Burgate (A)	Burgate, Gislingham, Mellis and Wortham.	Community Centre, Wortham	122	Electorate of Burgate is too small to justify continued use of dedicated polling station and thus it is recommended that it be combined with Wortham	ARO West Suffolk Council Where possible, electors should be able to poll within their polling district if a suitable building is available. However I note the Returning Officer's recommendations that electors should poll in the neighbouring parish of Wortham.	This will now be combined with Wortham Community Centre
Buxhall (A)	Buxhall and Rattlesden	Village Hall, Buxhall	287	No change necessary		

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Claydon (A)	Claydon, Akenham, Barham and Henley	Village Hall, Claydon	1,553	No change necessary.		
Coddtenham (A)	Coddtenham, Barham, Gosbeck, Hemingstone	Community Sports Hall, Coddtenham	417	No change necessary		
Combs (A)	Combs' Battisford, Little Finborough and Stowmarket Combs Ford	St Mary's Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Stowmarket	513	No change necessary.	Combs Ford suitable close and accessible with car parking	No response required
Cotton (A)	Cotton, Bacton and Finningham	Village Hall, Cotton	418	No change necessary		
Creeping St Mary (A)	Creeping St Mary, Creeping St Peter and Needham Market	Village Hall, Creeping St Mary	500	No change necessary		
Creeping St Peter (A)	Creeping St Mary, Creeping St Peter and Needham Market	Church Hall, Creeping St Peter	175	No change necessary		
Crowfield (A)	Crowfield, Helmingham, Pettaugh and Stonham Aspal	Village Hall, Crowfield	259	No change necessary		
Darmsden (A)	Darmsden, Baylham and Needham Market	Village Hall, Baylham	25	No change necessary. Darmsden electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Debenham (A)	Debenham, Ashfield-cum- Thorpe, Aspall, Kenton and Winston	Dove Cottage, 39 High Street, Debenham	1,503	No change necessary.		
Denham (A)	Denham, Horham and Hoxne	St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne	151	We have previously used the village hall in Denham but this is currently considered unfit for use and is not available. In the absence of any other suitable facility in Denham it is recommended that electors in Denham vote in Hoxne.		No response Denham will now be combined with Hoxne
Drinkstone (A)	Drinkstone, Hessett and Rattlesden.	Drinkstone Village Hall, Drinkstone	414	No change necessary.		

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Earl Stonham (A)	Earl Stonham, Stonham Aspal and Stonham Parva	Village Hall, Earl Stonham	439	No change necessary	Village hall suitable can walk or drive plenty of parking available	No response required
Elmswell (North) (A)	Elmswell and Woolpit	The Blackbourne Centre, Elmswell	633	No change necessary		
Elmswell (South) (A)	Elmswell and Woolpit	Wesley Hall, School Road, Elmswell	2,036	No change necessary		
Eye (A)	Eye and Occold	Town Hall, Eye	1,544	No change necessary		
Felsham (A)	Felsham, Gedding and Rattlesden	Village Hall, Felsham	352	No change necessary.		
Finningham (A)	Finningham, Bacton, Cotton and Westhorpe	Village Hall, Cotton	318	The polling station in Finningham is currently the back room at the White Horse Public House. This is not considered to be a suitable arrangement. The polling station is cramped and contains a large pool table which is too heavy to move, the stepped access is not suitable for disabled access and all that separates the polling station from the pub is a curtain. If no other facility can be found in Finningham then it is recommended that electors in Finningham vote at Cotton Village Hall.	Thank you for your letter of 6 December 2018. My apologies for the delay in responding.  If Westhorpe Parish Council are not too late, we wish it to be noted that in the event of Finningham not having a Polling Station the nearest and most suitable Polling Station is Westhorpe Village Hall, not Cotton as the table suggests.  ARO West Suffolk -I have noted the Returning Officer's comments and agree with the proposal for electors to poll at Cotton Village Hall as the current arrangement is not satisfactory.	Either Cotton or Westhorpe could be used as a replacement for Finningham. The suitability is largely dependent on where an individual lives. Those in Walsham Road or Westhorpe Road would be better served by Westhorpe. Those in Station Road or Wickham Road would be better served by Cotton. On balance though, given that Westhorpe is a brand new facility, this suggestion is a sound one and the electorate at Finningham can be moved to vote at Westhorpe
Flowton (A)	Flowton, Little Blakenham and Somersham	Village Hall, Somersham	90	The polling station at St Mary's Church, Flowton is not considered to be a suitable facility. Facilities for staff are poor, it is cold, there are no toilet facilities (although there is an arrangement with a local householder to allow staff to use their toilet) and no food preparation facilities. Disabled access is across an uneven churchyard. In the absence of a more suitable facility in Flowton it is recommended that electors in Flowton vote at Somersham Village Hall. Also, the electorate at just 90 does not justify an individual polling station.		No response combine with Somersham

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Framsden (A)	Framsden, Helmingham and Pettaugh	Mission Hall, Framsden	228	No change necessary		
Fressingfield (A)	Fressingfield, Metfield, Weybread and Wingfield	Sancroft Hall, Fressingfield	787	No change necessary		
Gedding (A)	Gedding, Felsham and Rattlesden	Village Hall, Felsham	85	No change necessary. Gedding electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Gipping (A)	Gipping, Old Newton and Stowupland	Village Hall, Old Newton	53	No change necessary. Gipping electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Gislingham (A)	Gislingham, Burgate, Mellis and Thornham Magna.	Village Hall, Gislingham	789	No change necessary		
Gosbeck (A)	Gosbeck, Ashbocking, Coddensham and Hemingstone	Village Hall, Gosbeck	162	No change necessary		
Great Ashfield (A)	Great Ashfield, Badwell Ash and Hunston	Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield	272	No change necessary	It is recommended that Hunston electors will now vote at Great Ashfield	No alternative due to boundary changes
Great Blakenham (A)	Great Blakenham, Little Blakenham, Nettlestead and Somersham	Great Blakenham Parish Room, Stowmarket Road, Great Blakenham	1,274	No change necessary	.	
Great Bricett (A)	Great Bricett, Battisford, Offton and Ringshall	Village Hall, Great Bricett	412	No change necessary		
Great Finborough (A)	Great Finborough, Combs, Little Finborough and Onehouse	Pettward Hall, Great Finborough	565	No change necessary		
Harleston (A)	Harleston, Onehouse and Shelland	Community Centre, Forest Road, Onehouse	109	No change necessary. Harleston electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Haughley (A)	Haughley, Old Newton and Wetherden	Village Hall, Haughley	1,135	No change necessary		

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Helmington (A)	Helmington, Crowfield, Framsden and Pettaugh	The Mission Hall, Framsden	108	No change necessary. Helmington electorate is too low to justify its own polling station		
Hemingstone (A)	Hemingstone, Ashbocking, Barham and Coddensham	The Hut, Hemingstone	150	Keep under review, low electorate, could be moved to Coddensham		
Henley (A)	Henley, Ashbocking, Barham and Claydon	Community Centre, Henley	403	No change necessary		
Hessett (A)	Hessett and Drinkstone	Village Hall, Hessett	334	No change necessary		
Hinderclay (A)	Hinderclay, Botesdale, Redgrave and Rickinghall	Village Hall, Hinderclay	243	No change necessary		
Horham (A)	Horham, Athelington, Denham and Hoxne	Old School, Horham	227	No change necessary.		
Hoxne (A)	Hoxne, Denham and Horham	St Edmunds Hall, Hoxne	604	No change necessary		
Hunston (A)	Hunston, Badwell Ash, Great Ashfield and Langham	Lord Thurlow Village Hall, Great Ashfield	84	Electors in Hunston currently vote at Stowlangtoft. But as Hunston is now in the Walsham ward, and Stowlangtoft in the Thurston ward, it is recommended that electors in Hunston now vote at Great Ashfield		No alternative due to boundary changes
Kenton (A)	Kenton, Aspal, Bedingfield and Debenham	Caravan near former Kenton Station, Kenton	160	No viable alternative to caravan but keep under review. Caravan is not an ideal polling station and there may be a case for combining electorate with Bedingfield	The parish acknowledge no change is currently proposed. The parish will be reviewing options for a community centre. The residents view at the meeting is that due to the size of Kenton a standalone community centre is not viable at this time Currently the Church is the only option available to the community but has no welfare facilities. The parish Meeting will approach and work with the Kenton Parochial Church Council (PCC) to investigate the options of installing welfare facilities in the church.  The question I have been asked to seek an answer too is - Would the Parish Church be acceptable as a polling station venue if welfare facilities were added to it?	Due to DDA requirements we will be looking in the future for an alternative polling place and will be working with the Parish council on this.
Langham (A)	Langham, Badwell Ash and Hunston	Village Hall, Badwell Ash	70	No change necessary. Langham electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		

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Laxfield (A)	Laxfield, Brundish and Stradbroke	The Village Hall, Laxfield	707	No change necessary		
Little Blakenham (A)	Little Blakenham, Great Blakenham and Somersham	Village Hall, Little Blakenham	188	No change necessary		
Little Finborough (A)	Little Finborough, Combs, Great Finborough, Stowmarket (Combs Ford)	St Mary's Church Hall, Poplar Hill, Stowmarket	40	No change necessary. Little Finborough electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Mellis (A)	Mellis, Burgate, Gislingham, Thornham Parva and Wortham	Memorial Hall, Mellis	370	No change necessary		
Mendham (A)	Mendham, Metfield and Weybread	Mendham & Withersdale Village Hall, Mendham	319	No change necessary		
Mendlesham (A)	Mendlesham and Wetheringsett- cum-Brockford	Old School Room, Mendlesham	985	No change necessary	Mendlesham Parish Council supports the current arrangements and proposals for Mendlesham Ward ie the Old School Room, Old Market Street, Mendlesham	Neutral comment
Metfield (A)	Metfield, Fressingfield, Mendham and Weybread	Metfield Village Hall, Skinners Lane, Metfield	290	No change necessary	Suitable good parking, easy access especially for disabled good conditions for staff manning station	No response required
Mickfield (A)	Mickfield, Stonham Aspal and Stonham Parva	Village Centre, Mickfield	153	Low electorate keep under review could combine with Stonham Aspal		
Monk Soham (A)	Monk Soham, Bedfield, and Worlingworth	Bedfield Sports Pavilion, Long Green, Bedfield	116	No change necessary. Monk Soham electorate is too small to justify its own polling station		
Needham Market (North) (A)	Needham Market, Badley, Creting St Peter, Creting St Mary	The Lounge, Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market	1,224	No change necessary	suitable	No response required

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Needham Market (South) (A)	Needham Market, Darmsden and Baylham	The Green Room, Needham Market Community Centre, School Street, Needham Market	1,965	No change necessary		
Nettlestead (A)	Nettlestead Somersham and Little Blakenham	Village Hall, Somersham	61	No change necessary. Nettlestead electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Norton (A)	Norton, Thurston, Tostock and Stowlangtoft	Village Hall, Norton	732	No change necessary		
Occold (A)	Occold, Eye and Redlingfield	Occold New Village Hall, Occold	381	No change necessary		
Offton (A)	Offton, Great Bricett, Ringshall and Willisham	New Village Hall, Lower Coney Road, off Castle Road, Offton	282	No change necessary		
Old Newton with Dagworth(A)	Old Newton with Dagworth, Gipping, Haughley and Stowupland	Village Hall, Old Newton	780	No change necessary.		
Onehouse (A)	Onehouse, Great Finborough Harleson, and Shelland.	Community Centre, Forest Road, Onehouse	611	No change necessary.		
Palgrave (A)	Palgrave, Stuston and Thrandeston	Community Centre, Palgrave	639	No change necessary		



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Pettaugh (A)	Pettaugh, Crowfield, Framsden and Stonham Aspall	Village Hall, Crowfield	148	Previously the polling station in Pettaugh was at St Catherine's Church which is not considered to be suitable. Facilities for staff are poor, it is cold, there are no toilet facilities (although there is an arrangement with a local householder to allow staff to use the toilet). The polling station is dark and disabled access is poor. Access on foot is along the busy A1120 road. Given the lack of alternative facilities in Pettaugh it is recommended that electors in Pettaugh vote at Crowfield Village Hall. The low electorate does not justify an individual polling station.	<p data-bbox="1448 300 1938 331"><a href="#">Letter from Pettaugh Polling Review.pdf</a></p> <p data-bbox="1448 1024 2139 1182">Suitable st Catherine is the only public building in the village that is easily accessible. Apart from private homes there are no other accessible buildings that are within walking distance. Having to drive to vote is not an option</p>	<p data-bbox="2169 300 2873 993">St Catherines Church is not a suitable polling station. The Council has a duty of care to staff and when spending 15 hours in a polling station they should be provided with adequate facilities. These do not exist at the church. Disabled access is also poor. It would be preferable to find another facility within Pettaugh but none has been found, and in the absence of such it is recommended that the Pettaugh electorate vote in Crowfield. It has been commented that the road to Crowfield Village Hall (Ipswich Way) is unsuitable for pedestrians, but the main A1120 road in Pettaugh is somewhat less favourable. If any person feels they are unable to attend the polling station then there is no restriction on who can be granted either a postal or a proxy vote so those alternative options are available. It has also been commented that a caravan would be preferable to a move to Crowfield, but similar problems exist at caravans in terms of disabled access and staff facilities. We have gradually reduced the number of caravans used and are currently down to just one (at Kenton, where we are contemplating moving the electorate to Bedingfield)</p> <p data-bbox="2169 1024 2427 1056">See above comment</p>
Rattlesden (A)	Rattlesden, Buxhall, Drinkstone, Felsham and gedding	Village Hall, Rattlesden	654	No change necessary	Many thanks for the e-mail (below) and attachments. Rattlesden Parish Council has no comment given that no changes are proposed for Rattlesden itself. The status quo is considered to be entirely satisfactory.	Neutral comment
Redgrave (A)	Redgrave, Botesdale and Hinderclay	Redgrave Activities Centre, Playing Field, Redgrave	441	No change necessary		
Redlingfield (A)	Redlingfield, Eye and Occold	Occold New Village Hall	84	Electors in Redlingfield currently vote at Horham. As Redlingfield is now in the Eye Ward, and Horham is now in the Hoxne/Worlingworth Ward, it is recommended that electors in Redlingfield now vote in Occold.		Due to boundary changes electors in Redlingfield will now vote in Occold

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Rickinghall Inferior (A)	Rickinghall, Botesdale and Hinderclay	Village Hall, Rickinghall Inferior	347	No change necessary. There is no obvious division between the parishes.		
Rickinghall Superior (A)	Rickinghall, Botesdale and Hinderclay	Village Hall, Rickinghall Inferior	582	No change necessary. There is no obvious division between the parishes.		
Ringshall (A)	Ringshall, Barking, Battisford, Great Bricett and Offton	Village Hall, Ringshall	461	No change necessary		
Rishangles (A)	Rishangles and Thorndon	Thorndon Village Hall	64	Electors in this parish currently vote at Bedingfield. As Bedingfield is in the new Debenham Ward, and Rishangles is in the new Mendlesham Ward it is recommended that electors in Rishangles now vote at Thorndon.		Due to the boundary changes electors will now vote in Thorndon
Shelland (A)	Shelland, Harleston and Onehouse	Community Centre, Forest Road, Onehouse	38	No change necessary. Shelland electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Somersham (A)	Somersham, Flowton, Little Blakenham and Nettlestead	Village Hall, Somersham	525	No change necessary.	It is recommended that the Flowton electorate now vote in Somersham	
Southolt (A)	Southolt, Athelington, Bedfield and Worlingworth	Community Centre, Worlingworth	47	No change necessary. Southolt electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Stoke Ash (A)	Stoke Ash, Thwaite and Braiseworth	Village Hall, Stoke Ash	154	No change necessary.		
Stonham Aspal (A)	Stonham Aspal, Crowfield, Mickfield, Pettaugh and Stonham Parva	Village Hall, Stonham Aspal	392	No change necessary		
Stonham Parva (A)	Stonham Parva, Mickfield, Earl Stonham and Stonham Aspal	Baptist Church Hall, Stonham Parva	246	No change necessary		

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Stowlangtoft (A)	Stowlangtoft, Norton and Thurston.	Norton Village Hall	152	The polling station in Stowlangtoft was previously at the sheltered housing scheme at St George's Road. As that is no longer available, and as there is no other suitable facility in Stowlangtoft, it is recommended that electors in Stowlangtoft vote at Norton Village Hall.	<p>The Stowlangtoft community room is being used by MSDC and the parish for meetings. With the a number of OAP in the village (Stowlangtoft Hall Nursing Home and the old sheltered accommodation in St Georges road ) I feel It would be sensible to continue to use the Community room in St Georges road</p>	<p>The common room at St George's will not be available long term. The Council's intention (subject to planning permission) is to convert this to residential occupation, possibly providing an additional bedroom for the flats either side of it. It may still be there May 2019 but it is not envisaged that it will be there for subsequent elections. This coupled with the fact that the electorate from Hunston will no longer vote in Stowlangtoft (following Boundary Commission changes the two parishes will be in different wards) means a new facility is required for the Stowlangtoft electorate and in the absence of suitable facilities in Stowlangtoft it is recommended that the electorate votes at Norton Village Hall. There are no restrictions on who can apply for either a postal or a proxy vote and if any elector feels unable to visit the polling station then those options are available to them.</p>
					<p>We believe it would be a retrograde step to stop using the room in Stowlangtoft as a Polling Station. There are many older folk in the villages using this facility - some without transport. We suggest you consider the environmental impact of the extra cars on the road. Also some people may feel disenfranchised as they are unable to reach a polling station.</p>	<p>See above comment</p>
					<p>I would strongly reiterate the remarks made by my fellow councillors.</p>	<p>See above comment</p>
					<p>Having seen the proposed change to our polling station, I would like to request that Stowlangtoft continues to use the St George's Road Meeting Room. Under the Returning Officer's comments, it says that this venue is no longer available. As the Chairman of the Stowlangtoft Parish Council, that is news to me. We regularly use the room for our meetings and so far as I am aware, it remains a community asset administered by Mid Suffolk.</p> <p>We do have a number of elderly residents in Stowlangtoft who I fear would be discouraged from voting if forced to go to Norton.</p> <p>Please advise me of your decision via our Parish Clerk (cc line)</p> <p>ARO West Suffolk - I have noted the Returning Officer's comments and agree with the proposal for electors to poll at Norton Village Hall.</p>	<p>See above comment</p>

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Stowmarket Chilton (Part 1) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Bowls Committee Room, Mid Suffolk Leisure Centre, Gainsborough Road, Stowmarket	685	No change necessary		
Stowmarket Chilton (Parts 2 and 3) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Chilton Fields Sports Club, Chilton Way, Stowmarket	1,653 / 722	No change necessary		
Stowmarket St Peters (Parts 1 and 2) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Rookery Bowls Club, Finborough Road, Stowmarket	1,374	No change necessary		
Stowmarket St Peters (Part )	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Stowmarket Scout Centre, Milton Road North, Stowmarket	990	No change necessary		
Stowmarket St Peters (Part 4) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	The Old Library, Red Gables, Stowmarket	1,031	No change necessary	Suitable, very close to where I live and on the way into town	No response required
Stowmarket Thorney (Part 1) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	NRG Fitness, Creting Road West	555	No change necessary	suitable with easy access, parking available	No response required
Stowmarket Thorney (Part 2) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Cedars Park Community Centre, Pintail Road, Stowmarket	1,876	No change necessary		
Stowmarket Thorney (Part 3) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Suffolk County Football Association HQ, Kestrel Drive, Stowmarket	1,190	No change necessary		
Stowmarket Combs Ford (Part 1) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Boys Brigade Hall, Combs Ford, Stowmarket	1,633	No change necessary		
Stowmarket Combs Ford (Part 2) (W)	Stowmarket (All Wards)	Milton Room, Community Centre, Hillside, Stowmarket	1,719	No change necessary		

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Stowupland (A)	Stowupland, Haughley and Old Newton	Village Hall, Stowupland	1,406	No change necessary		
Stradbroke (A)	Stradbroke, Laxfield and Wilby	Stradbroke Sports & Community Centre, Stradbroke	1,080	No change necessary		
Stuston (A)	Stuston, Brome & Oakley and Palgrave	The Community Centre, Palgrave	138	No change necessary		
Syleham (A)	Syleham, Fressingfield, Wingfield, Weybread	Village Hall, Syleham	148	No change necessary		
Tannington (A)	Tannington, Brundish and Wilby	Village Hall, Brundish	75	Electors in this parish currently vote in Worlingworth. As Tannington is in the new Stradbroke/Laxfield Ward, and Worlingworth is in the new Hoxne/Worlingworth Ward it is recommended that electors in Tannington now vote in Brundish.		No comments recieved Due to boundary changes Tannington will now vote at Brundish
Thorndon (A)	Thorndon, Rishangles and Wetheringsett- cum-Brockford	Village Hall, Thorndon	502	No change necessary.	It is recommended that the Rishangles electorate now vote in Thorndon	Due to boundary changes
Thornham Magna (A)	Thornham Magna, Gislingham, Thornham Parva and Wickham Skeith.	Village Hall, Thornham Magna	139	No change necessary.		
Thornham Parva (A)	Thornham Parva, Mellis and Thornham Magna.	Village Hall, Thornham Magna	40	No change necessary. Thornham Parva electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		

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Thrandeston (A)	Thrandeston, Brome and Palgrave.	Palgrave Community Centre	113	Electorate of Thrandeston is too small to justify continued use of dedicated polling station and should be combined with Palgrave.	<p>The Parish Council is concerned that yet another facility is being removed from Thrandeston and that this does not encourage local people to partake in elections. However, it does understand that financial constraints have meant that this decision is inevitable. The alternative polling station at Palgrave is not acceptable to the Parish Council and its preference would be to use the one at Mellis.</p> <p>I have received the following comments via the clerk of Palgrave Parish Council. They were written by David Long, who is a Palgrave parish councillor. I realise that you will be consulting directly with parish councils and that you may therefore receive these same comments from the horse's mouth in due course; but just in case, I thought there is no harm in letting you have them this way as well.</p> <p>Whilst Palgrave itself is unaffected I notice that it is proposed that Thrandeston electors will poll at Palgrave. The grounds for this are that Thrandeston is too small to justify a polling station of its own. I find this difficult to comprehend as Thrandeston has a perfectly good village hall on Little Green which is convenient for most Thrandeston residents. Thrandeston Parish Council may have objections to this idea and if so I think we should support them. The proposed arrangement would mean that Thrandeston electors would have to travel some distance across a busy A road to cast their votes - something which may not have much appeal to elderly voters. This seems to be an erosion of local democracy and a diminution of services in a rural area once again. The proposal does little for increasing turnouts, something that should be encouraged, and in all probability will have the opposite effect.</p> <p>The situation that Stuston electors also poll at Palgrave may make the situation complex in the case of District / Parish Council elections with different sets of ballot papers having to be issued dependent on which parish the elector lived (except Stuston which has a Parish meeting ). Explaining this to confused electors is all very time consuming and for the sake of retaining Thrandeston's long standing polling arrangements could be easily avoided.</p> <p>Doubtless Mid Suffolk will ignore local views as they usually do !</p>	<p>It is difficult to find an alternative polling station for Thrandeston. As the Parish Council acknowledges, it is inevitable that the low electorate at Thrandeston will eventually have to vote elsewhere. At the two elections in 2016 turnout was 14 (less than one per hour) and 81. It is agreed that ideally the electorate should move to Mellis but that is no longer an option as, following Boundary Commission changes, the two parishes are now in different wards. As other respondents have observed, the proposal to move the electorate to Wortham gives rise to the difficulty of crossing the A143, the main route between Diss and Bury St Edmunds. Hence it is recommended that, in the short term, Thrandeston retains its polling station at the village hall but that this be subject to regular review</p> <p>See above comment</p>

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					<p>Further to the recent review issued regarding polling stations, we would like to express our concerns.</p> <p>The consultation document proposes that Thrandeston electors will in future poll at Palgrave Community Centre and that Thrandeston 'is too small to justify having a polling station of its own'.</p> <p>Whilst this does not affect us in Palgrave, it affects all of the residents in Thrandeston who will have to travel to Palgrave in order to cast their votes. It would appear to be a further erosion of local democracy - a further loss of services in the rural area as well as being inconvenient for residents of Thrandeston and adding to further carbon emissions when we are all supposed to be trying to curtail pollution.</p>	See above comment
					<p>I am contacting you to object to the short notice for the response to the Review of Polling Districts, Polling Stations and Polling Places. Thrandeston Parish Council meets every other month (next meeting 7 January 2019) and with this covering the Christmas period it will be difficult to call a special meeting to discuss it.</p>	Mr Freeman was advised that he can feed comments into the consultation process after the Parish Council meeting
Thurston (East) (A)	Thurston, Beyton, Norton, Tostock	Cavendish Hall, Church Road, Thurston	905	No change necessary	Suitable good parking	No response required
Thurston (West) (A)	Thurston, Beyton, Norton, Tostock	New Green Centre, off Station Hill, Thurston	1307	No change necessary		
Thwaite (A)	Stoke Ash, Braiseworth, Thwaite and Yaxley	Village Hall, Stoke Ash	99	No change necessary. No suitable venue in Thwaite.		
Tostock (A)	Tostock, Beyton, Norton and Thurston	Village Hall, Tostock	349	No change necessary		
Walsham-le- Willows (A)	Walsham-le- Willows, Badwell Ash and Wattisfield	Memorial Hall, Walsham-le- Willows	920	No change necessary		
Wattisfield (A)	Wattisfield and Walsham-le- Willows	Community Centre, Wattisfield	348	No change necessary		

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Westhorpe (A)	Westhorpe, Finningham and Wyverstone	Village Hall, Westhorpe	139	No change necessary		
Wetherden (A)	Wetherden and Haughley	Village Hall, Wetherden	374	No change necessary		
Wetheringsett- cum-Brockford (A)	Wetheringsett- cum-Brockford, Mendlesham and Thorndon	Village Hall, Wetheringsett	487	No change necessary		
Weybread (A)	Weybread, Fressingfield, Mendham and Metfield	Village Hall, Weybread	314	No change necessary		
Whitton (A)	Whitton and Claydon	Village Hall, Claydon	58	No change necessary. Whitton electorate is too small to justify its own polling stations.		
Wickham Skeith (A)	Wickham Skeith, Gislingham, and Thornham Magna.	Village Hall, Wickham Skeith	258	No change necessary		
Wilby (A)	Wilby, Brundish and Stradbroke	Coronation Hall, Wilby	193	No change necessary		
Willisham (A)	Willisham, Barking, Offton and Ringshall	Village Hall, Barking	177	No change necessary. No suitable venue in Willisham.		
Wingfield (A)	Wingfield, Fressingfield and Syleham	Wingfield Barns (Studio 1), Church Road, Wingfield	247	No change necessary.		
Winston (A)	Winston, Ashfield-cum- Thorpe and Debenham	Dove Cottage, 39 High Street, Debenham	110	No change necessary. Winston electorate is too small to justify its own polling station.		
Woolpit (A)	Woolpit	Cathy Prior Room, Woolpit Village Hall, Woolpit	1,486	No change necessary		
Worlingworth (A)	Worlingworth, Athelington, Bedfield, and Southolt.	Community Centre, Worlingworth	631	No change necessary.		
Wortham (A)	Wortham, Burgate and Mellis.	Community Centre, Wortham	552	No change necessary		
Wyverstone (A)	Wyverstone, Bacton and Finningham	Village Hall, Wyverstone	279	No change necessary		



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Yaxley (A)	Yaxley, Braiseworth, Brome and Oakley	Community Centre, Yaxley	387	No change necessary	Suitable its conveniently local, and can be easily reached by all living in Yaxley	No response required
GENERAL						<p>Looking at the option of combining electorates from the smaller parishes in not a new concept. I can understand that many of the smaller parishes feel this is an attempt to remove a facility from their village but it is more a case of taking a common sense approach to the running of an election. The costs to the public purse have to be considered and where one hires a premises and employs two staff to sit in a polling station where they may see an average of 5 people per hour over the course of 15 hours has to be questioned. They are, to all intents and purposes unemployed for 90% of the time. The following parishes already vote elsewhere - Akenham, Aspall, Athelington, Badley, Braiseworth, Darmsden, Gedding, Gipping, Harleston, Helmingham, Hunston, Langham, Little Finborough, Monk Soham, Nettlestead, Redlingfield, Rishangles, Shelland, Southolt, Stuston, Tannington, Thornham Parva, Thwaite, Winston, Boxted, Chattisham, Chelsworth, Erwarton, Higham, Shelley, Somerton, Wenham Magna, Wenham Parva</p> <p>One also has to adapt to circumstances - it is no longer acceptable to appoint staff to a polling station that is cold, dark or lacking in facilities. One should also look for a venue that is quiet, neutral and accessible, and hence we should be looking to remove polling stations from venues such as public houses, private dwellings and caravans. That which was once perceived as quaint or quirky may no longer be considered suitable for use.</p>

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Disability Forum						<p>A member of staff visited the January meeting of the Mid Suffolk Disability Forum to advise that the polling station review was taking place and to enquire as to any problems that voters with disabilities faced at the polling stations.</p> <p>No specific issues were raised but it was requested that the forum members disseminate the information to any other interested parties within their sphere of influence.</p> <p>It was also an opportunity to highlight the facts that postal and proxy votes were now available to any person, and that a companion is permitted to assist a person with a disability when casting their vote. It was highlighted that the staff in the polling station are also permitted to assist a person with a disability and the forum felt that this could perhaps be made clearer – e.g. a poster stating that if you need help with the voting process then please ask a member of staff.</p> <p>Following the meeting, communications are ongoing with an advocacy group in Mid Suffolk to consider how those with learning disabilities can be assisted through the voting process</p>