

Review of Polling District and Polling Places 2023

Proposed changes:

1. Akenham



	<p>Akenham and Henley Community Centre Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils</p>	<p>SCALE: 1:23000</p>		<p>© Crown copyright and database rights 2023 Ordnance Survey Licence number 100023274</p>
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- 1.1. Proposed change: From Claydon and Barham Village Hall to Henley Community Centre
- 1.2. Akenham have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 1.3. Their previous voting place at Claydon and Barham Village Hall featured extended vehicular travel with no direct route.
- 1.4. The new location at Henley Community Centre is more convenient and endorsed by the Ward Councillor.
- 1.5. This location is already being utilised by the District so bears no additional burdens.

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2. Aldham



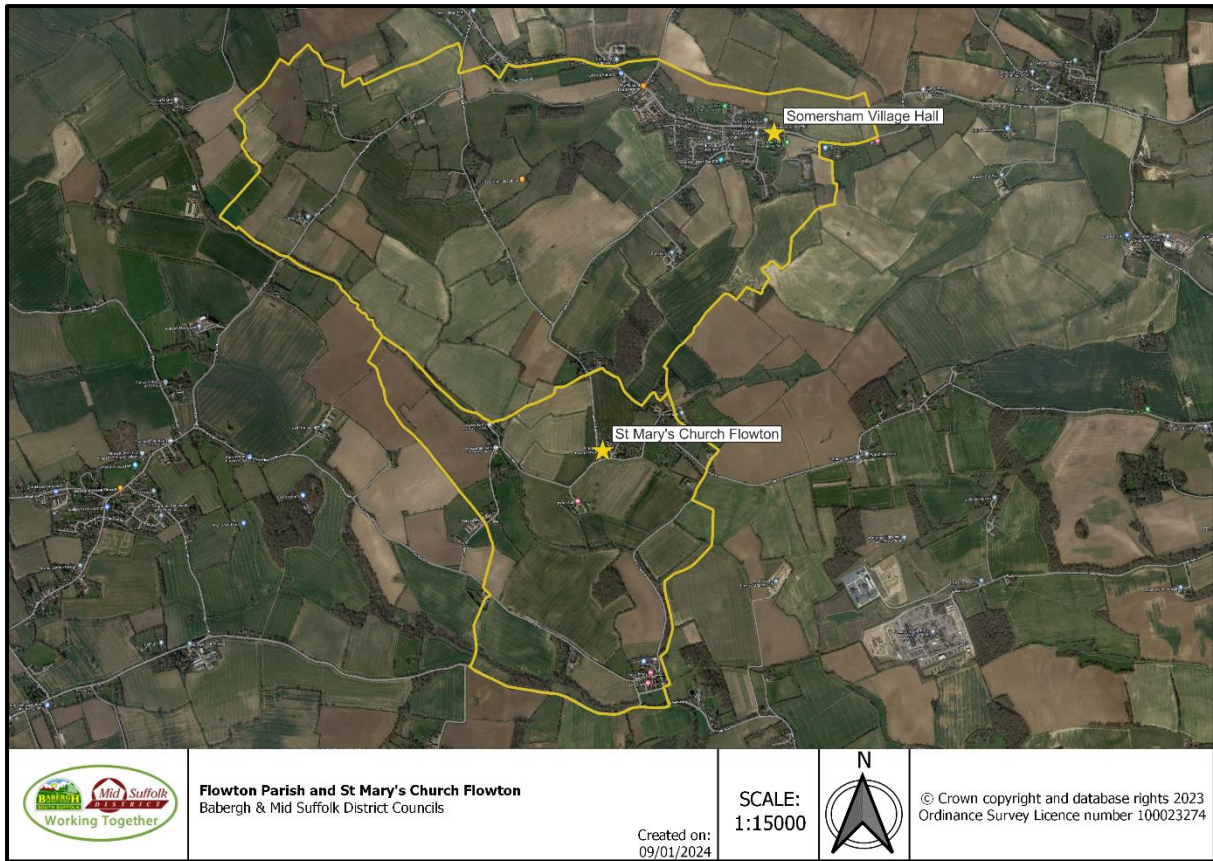
	<p>Aldham Parish and the Parish Room Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils</p>	<p>Created on: 09/01/2024</p>	<p>SCALE: 1:21730</p>	<p>© Crown copyright and database rights 2023 Ordnance Survey Licence number 100023274</p>
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- 2.1. Proposed *Trial* change: From Elmsett & Aldham Village Hall to The Parish Room at St Mary's Church Aldham.
- 2.2. Aldham have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 2.3. Their previous voting place at Elmsett & Aldham Village Hall was considered to be some distance from the electorate.
- 2.4. The new location at The Parish Room was previously used as a polling place for Aldham, however the amenities for Polling Staff and Electors was questioned. The Parish will assist the District in reoperating the Polling place for the upcoming Police & Crime Commissioner Election in May, and a review will be held thereafter to reconsider the Polling place in practise for future elections.
- 2.5. The Ward Councillor was consulted and weighed towards the views of the parishioners.
- 2.6. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.



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3. Flowton



- 3.1. Proposed *Trial* change: From Somersham Village Hall to St Mary's Church Flowton.
- 3.2. Flowton have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are suitably able to vote.
- 3.3. Their previous voting place at Somersham Village Hall was considered to be some distance from the electorate, down a narrow, winding, and hazardous (under adverse weather conditions) road.
- 3.4. The new location at St Mary's Church was previously used as a polling place for Flowton, however the amenities for Polling Staff and Electors was previously in question. The Church has recently undergone renovations providing disabled-friendly facilities, including toilet and kitchen area. The Parish will assist the District in reoperating the Polling place for the upcoming Police & Crime Commissioner Election in May, and a review will be held thereafter to reconsider the Polling place in practise for future elections.
- 3.5. The Ward Councillor was consulted and favours changes to enfranchise parishioners.
- 3.6. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.



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4. Kenton

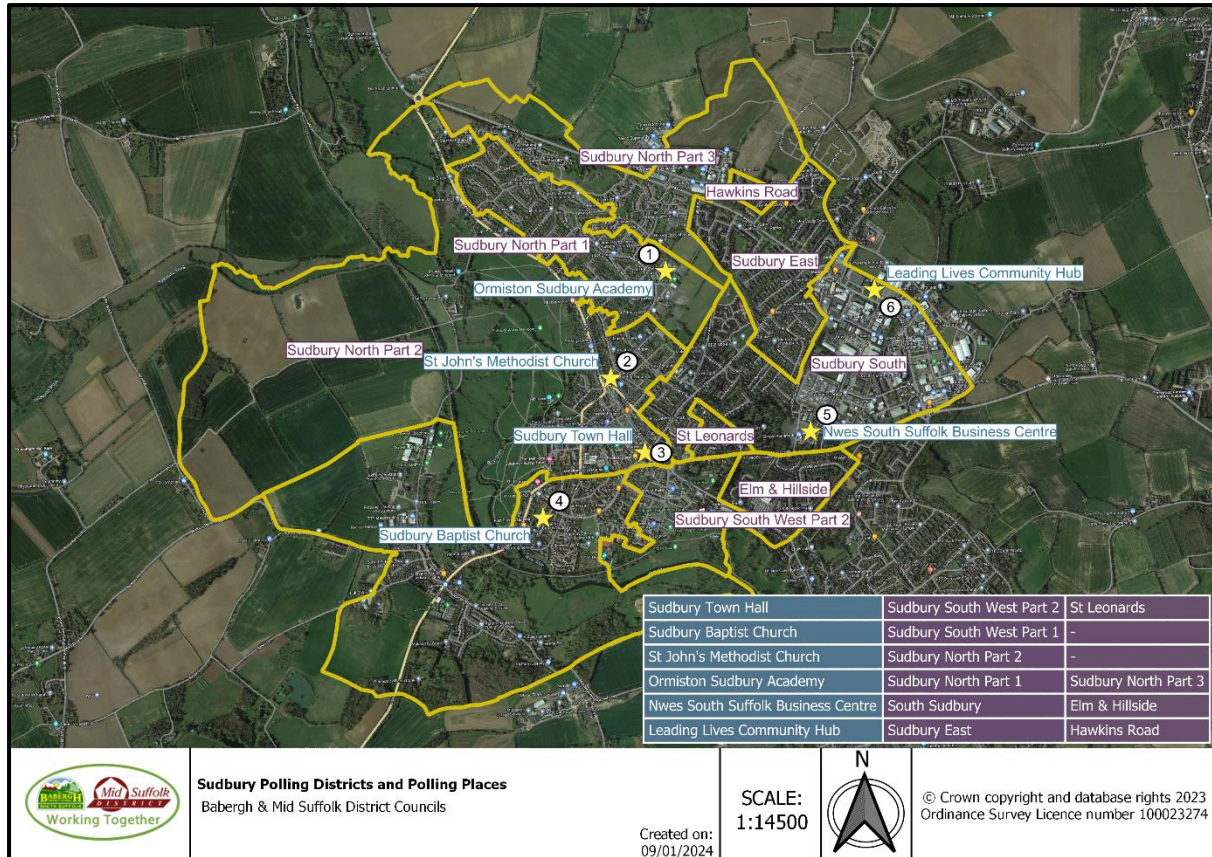


	<p>Kenton Parish and Bedingfield Village Hall Babergh & Mid Suffolk District Councils</p> <p>Created on: 09/01/2024</p>	<p>SCALE: 1:38000</p>	 <p>© Crown copyright and database rights 2023 Ordnance Survey Licence number 100023274</p>
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- 4.1. Proposed change: From Dove Cottage Debenham to Bedingfield Village Hall.
- 4.2. Kenton have consulted with the District to ensure that electors are able to vote at their desired location.
- 4.3. Their previous voting place at Dove Cottage was considered to have been allocated without consultation and that the original change from their historic caravan use was to Bedingfield Village Hall. This change is thus a restorative change to re-empower the parishioners.
- 4.4. This location is already being utilised by the District so bears no additional burdens.

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5. Sudbury



5.1. Proposed changes: **St Leonards** from Elizabeth Court to Sudbury Town Hall.

5.1.1. As the District is closing use of Elizabeth Court as a polling place, the Town Hall is the closest alternative.

5.1.2. Sudbury Town Hall is already utilised as a Polling place, so it reflects no additional burdens.

5.2. Proposed changes: **Sudbury East** and **Hawkins Road** from the Ormiston Sudbury Academy to Leading Lives Community Hub.

5.2.1. The electorate and representatives have requested a change of venue, the Leading Lives Community Hub has been newly established to meet this need.

5.2.2. This location would be an additional location and bears some additional new burdens and provisions the District must be aware of.

5.3. Proposed changes: **Sudbury South** and **Elm & Hillside** from Elizabeth Court and Sudbury Town Hall (respectively) to Nwes South Suffolk Business Centre.

5.3.1. Both Polling Districts have been consulted to have had extended distances to their previous Polling places.

5.3.2. Nwes South Suffolk Business Centre is a newly established Polling place. This represents a transfer from the closing a previous Polling place, however, the cost burdens will be higher as the place is a private venue as opposed to the previous Council owned venue.

5.3.3. The new Polling place is centrally located for both Polling districts and is considered a better fit.

5.4. Sudbury Town Council and the Ward Councillors for Sudbury North East and Sudbury South East were consulted and have endorsed the changes.