

Borough Council of King's Lynn & West Norfolk

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places & Polling Stations 2023

Responses from Public Consultation – Date Order

Polling District: SJ6 – Castle Acre (Massingham with Castle Acre Borough Ward)

17th October 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Helen Breach

Dear Andrew Barrett

Polling District Review

On behalf of Castle Acre Village Hall, I am pleased to read in the review that Castle Acre Village Hall will continue to host polling days.

The hall has recently been decorated and the kitchen refurbished, an even better facility for polling officers.

Thanks again

Kind regards

Helen

Polling District: PC2 - Gaywood North Bank (Gaywood North Bank Borough Ward)

27th October 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Adrian Simpson

Good afternoon,

Over the last few years, I have used the Kings Lynn Masonic Centre on Hamburg Way, Kings Lynn.

It is a great venue for a polling station due to its location, easy parking (they have their own car park) and general size.

Best regards

Adrian

Polling District: PC2 - Gaywood North Bank (Gaywood North Bank Borough Ward)

27th October 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Jim Gill

I find the Masonic Centre at Kings Lynn convenient with ample car parking space.

Regards, Jim Gill.

Polling District: RW1 – North Wootton (The Woottons Borough Ward)

27th October 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Lynne Gill

Dear Sir/madam,

My local polling station is at North Wootton Village Hall. It is easily accessible by foot for even elderly people, with just about sufficient car parking for those who drive in. If this facility were to be closed down, meaning people would have to travel further, it would be a hardship for many. It would also add to traffic on our roads and everything that implies.

One wonders why it is necessary to change the number and access of polling stations. One hopes fervently that there is not some political agenda behind it.

Sincerely,

Lynne Gill

Polling District: WT7 – Denver (Denver Borough Ward), WM1 – Denver (Denver Borough Ward), TM6 – Upwell (Upwell & Delph Borough Ward) and TL6 – Upwell (Upwell & Delph Borough Ward)

30th October 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Maurice Leeke

I would like to make the following comments on the Polling District Review.

1. There is a separate Polling District for two, currently unoccupied, dwellings by Denver Sluice. I have no idea why it was a separate polling district in the first place, but suggest that now, while they are unoccupied, is a good time to merge them into the Denver polling district.

Recommendation: remove polling district WT7 and merge it with WM1.

2. There appears to be a change in the boundary between two of the polling districts in Upwell parish which will split Lot's Bridge by having the boundary running along the B1094 road. At

present all of these properties, on both sides of the road, appear to be in TM6. This makes much more sense. The only Lot's Bridge property in TL6 at present appears to be Rheims Lodge, Main Road. I would suggest a boundary to the north of Rheims Lodge would mean that all of Lot's Bridge used the same polling station at Lakesend. Recommendation: move the boundary between TL6 and TM6 to the north of Rheims Lodge and the B1094 so that Rhiems Lodge and all the properties along the B1094 are included in TM6.

I am very happy to discuss these recommendations if it would be helpful.

Maurice Leeke

Polling District: RH6 – Burnham Market (Burnham Market & Docking Borough Ward)

15th November 2023 – By Email.

Respondent: Caroline Boyden

Good afternoon,

Burnham Market Parish Council are happy with the current polling arrangements but you would like to reduce the size of the Parish Council, due to reduced resident numbers and the fact that 50% of homes are either second homes or furnished holiday lets with no interest in the parish council.

We would like to reduce the numbers of councillors from 11 to 7 asap.

Best regards

Caroline Boyden

Parish Clerk

Burnham Market Parish Council

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