

ANNEX 2 - SCHEDULE OF CONSULTATION REPRESENTATIONS

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Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council	21 August 2026	Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council would like to take this opportunity to comment on Reigate and Banstead Borough Council's Interim Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts. The Parish Council has considered the Initial Proposals and wishes to make representations concerning the naming of the parish wards and, in particular, the identification of the proposed polling districts within Salfords and Sidlow. The Parish Council's proposals do not involve the principles of the proposed polling arrangements. They do seek to ensure that the ward names and polling district identifiers reflect the established identity of the communities of Salfords and Sidlow, are clear and are readily understandable to all concerned, just as proposed everywhere else in the Borough. 1. Parish ward names Salfords and Sidlow Parish Council is concerned that the proposed parish Ward names, Ward 1, Ward 2 and Ward 3, are generic and meaningless. We believe our Ward names should relate to and provide a clear geographical description of the areas concerned. We propose the following changes, as used on the Interactive Map below, for the respective parish Wards:-	The request to rename parish wards is outside the scope of a polling district and polling place review, as parish ward names are determined through either a Community Governance Review (CGR) or Boundary Review rather than through this review. As the Council has recently concluded a CGR, a further review of community governance arrangements in this particular area is not anticipated for ten to fifteen years, in accordance with Government guidance. The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is expected to commence a boundary review sometime after 1 April 2027, during which SASPC may submit its request for new parish ward names during the associated public consultation. The request to amend polling district codes is also outside the scope of this review, as it is an administrative function determined by Electoral Services practitioners. Electoral Services teams in East and West Surrey are currently reviewing the

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		Ward 1 to Salfords North, Ward 2 to Salfords South and Ward 3 to Sidlow 2. Polling district identifiers The Parish Council is also concerned about the proposed polling district identifiers. The "HR" prefixes are inappropriate for Salfords and Sidlow. They give the impression that these polling districts form part of, or are associated with, Horley, which they are not. Salfords and Sidlow is a distinct parish and has its own established identity. It is confusing to use identifiers which are associated with the polling districts for another community. The Parish Council considers HRE1, HRE2 and HRW1, are inappropriate and misleading. In order to provide a simple, logical and recognisable identification, and to avoid any potential confusion with polling districts associated with Horley, we propose changing to the following "SAS" identifiers for Salfords and Sidlow. HRE1 to SAS1, HRE2 to SAS2 and	format of the codes. This separate review intends to: i. resolve any existing duplicate codes across each unitary area; and, ii. reflect the new unitary ward names, ensuring consistency across each unitary area. This therefore takes precedence over the request to align them with parish ward names. The review of polling district codes is expected to be implemented when the revised registers are published on 1 December 2026.

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		HRW1 to SAS3. 3. Consistency and local identity The Parish Council believes that electoral arrangements should, wherever reasonably practicable, use names and identifiers which reflect the communities they serve. Salfords and Sidlow parish has a strong and established local identity. The use of Salfords North, Salfords South and Sidlow as ward names, together with SAS1, SAS2 and SAS3 as polling district identifiers, would make the electoral arrangements recognisable and considerably easier for all concerned to understand. It would also provide consistency between the formal electoral information, the Council's mapping and the names by which the three communities are commonly known. The Parish Council would be grateful if these representations are taken into account when the final proposals are prepared and, where the ward naming issue falls outside the scope of this particular review, that it is referred to the appropriate process or authority for consideration.	
A resident in Meadvale	5 September 2026	They need to more readily reflect where people are rather than where they live. So Polling stations should be in Town Centres	The Council's statutory duty is to designate polling districts and polling

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and St. John's (MSJ4)		and Railway Stations rather than obscure difficult to locate Church Halls. Multiple Wards should use Multiple polling stations with the Council area and not necessarily be restricted to actually being "in their own wards".	places which provide reasonable facilities for voting, so far as is practicable, and to ensure that polling places are accessible to electors. The review must also have regard to the need for polling districts to align with the relevant electoral boundaries so that elections can be administered effectively. The suggestion that polling stations should be located in town centres or railway stations where possible is noted. However, polling places must be assessed against a range of practical considerations, including location, size, availability, accessibility, voter flow, staffing and the ability to manage different ballot papers and registers without creating confusion for electors. No change is recommended to the polling place for MSJ4, currently St John the Evangelist Church Centre, as it is located in the polling district, is within a 15-minute walk for the majority of residents, and has suitable and accessible facilities for voting. No other suitable venues have been identified presently.

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			However, it is worth noting that the Electoral Commission recently reported on flexible voting pilots undertaken during the May 2026 elections elsewhere in the country. This included a pilot of voting at a centralised hub on polling day (having the option to vote at a centralised hub rather than the polling station you are registered to vote at). Further pilots of flexible voting arrangements are anticipated in 2027. Whilst the outcome of the 2027 pilots and the Government's response remains to be seen, it may potentially lead to the provision of central voting hubs (in addition to traditional polling places), as suggested in this representation.
Acting Returning Officer for the Dorking and Horley parliamentary constituency	24 August 2026	MVDC RO is happy with the proposed changes to our part of the constituency, as set out in the report.	The (A)RO for the Dorking and Horley parliamentary constituency is supportive of the initial proposals. Therefore, no further change is recommended to the polling places currently proposed within Annex 1.
A resident in Nork (NOR3)	1 September 2026	Unsuitable in evenings when dark. Dangerous for pedestrians crossing very busy Reigate road,	We are not proposing to close the polling station at St Paul's Church on Warren Road, it remains as the polling station for

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		with traffic merging and most vehicles ignoring speed limit. Why close Warren Rd place? You appear to want voters to drive or use postal voting? Why can voters, previously using Warren Road, no longer vote there, as it was more convenient? I realise boundary changes will have affected this. My observations were personal on safety and accessibility grounds.	the NOR1 Polling District. The onsite evaluation of Nork Community Centre last conducted by the Electoral Services team in September 2023 found that there was external lighting around the approach to the building. Pedestrians within NOR3 would have been required to cross Reigate Road when NOR3 was previously designated to vote at St Paul's Church on Warren Road. No suitable alternative polling places have been identified within the NOR3 polling district that would avoid pedestrians having to cross Reigate Road. An interim polling place and district review was conducted in 2023/24 to implement changes arising from a review of parliamentary constituency boundaries in 2023. The Council agreed during that review to divide NOR1 (containing 5,400 electors) along Reigate Road, with the western partition becoming NOR3. Nork Community

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			Centre was determined as an appropriate polling place for NOR3, as it wasn't considered suitable for St Paul's Church to continue to support 5,400 electors from both NOR1 and NOR3, particularly during high turnout elections. It is proposed that the polling station for the Polling District of NOR3 will remain at Nork Community Centre in Nork Way.
Horley Town Council	4 September 2026	Thank you for inviting Horley Town Council to comment on the above Interim Polling Districts and Polling Places Review. We understand the review proposes a number of changes in East Surrey, affecting the Horley East, Horley West, Salfords & Sidlow wards. Its purpose is to align polling district boundaries with the parish boundary changes arising from the R&B Community Governance Review (CGR) and to implement proposed amendments to some polling places, in advance of the town and parish council elections in May 2027. We have carefully considered the consultation proposals and timetable accordingly, in line with Borough Council arrangements for considering the outcome of the review before reaching its final determination. It is further noted that this decision will follow consideration in September of the proposed arrangements for currently unparished areas by the East Surrey Shadow Authority, to include minor boundary	The representations from Horley Town Council support the substantive polling place changes and the operational matters raised will be addressed through the Returning Officer's normal polling station planning, including venue risk assessments, liaison with venue managers, poll card information and local signage. Horley Library was used as a polling place in May 2026 for polling district HRC3. The library wasn't required to close for the day, as we were able to use the emergency exit door next to the meeting room as the entry/exit. No further change is recommended to the polling places currently proposed

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		changes relating to Horley Town Council. We are pleased to set out our comments below, in relation to the Horley wards, under the following set criteria: Electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable As far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to all electors having regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons It should be noted that some of our comments reflect our views raised during the previous Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places in January 2025. 1. HORLEY EAST: Polling Districts: HRC1, HRC2, HRC3, HRC4, HRE3, HRE5 HTC Response: We note the proposals are to split HRC2 into two polling districts (HRC2A and HRC2B) and HRC2B would move from Horley Community Centre to Horley Library. In addition, HRC4 would be split into two polling districts (HRC4A and HRC4B) and HRC4A voters would use Tanyard Barn Community Centre instead of St Francis Church; and HRE5 would move from Tanyard Barn to the Edmonds Hall, Albert Road. Horley Town Council is supportive of these proposals as they	within Annex 1.

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		address a number of concerns we raised previously in relation to Horley East, particularly through the creation of polling district HRC2B. Having a new polling place at Horley Library for the new polling district HRC2B and moving some voters away from Albert Road are sensible measures and improves the geographical spread of polling facilities. We would question if the usual access and security checks for the Library will still be carried out and is it planned to close library facilities on polling days; or will only part of the building be used? We wish to point out that polling place HRC2 at Horley Town Council, Albert Road RH6 7HZ has been refurbished with a small rear and side extension together with an increased car park of 20 spaces. The Town Council has notified RBBC Electoral Services that, ahead of polling day in May 2027 for the local elections, a full risk assessment of the venue will be required with a copy furnished to HTC. We note that there is no change to the polling station for HRC2A at Horley Community centre. As such, this does not eliminate confusion for some voters, caused previously, over having two different polling places on Albert Road. Polling Stations HRC4A and HRE5 at Tanyard Barn Community Centre can be difficult to find and better street signage should be provided to guide voters to the correct location along with adequate parking facilities. 2. HORLEY WEST, SALFORDS & SIDLOW:	

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		Polling Districts: HRE1, HRE2, HRE4, HRW1, HRW2, HRW3, HRW4 HTC Response: We note the proposals are to move polling district HRE4 from Tanyard Barn Community Centre to St Wilfrid's Church; and no other polling place changes are proposed for HRW2 (Pathfinder Scout Hall) and HRW4 (Westvale Park Neighbourhood Hall). We further note that HRE1, HRE2 and HRW1 will remain within the Salfords & Sidlow Parish Council area; and HRE4 and HRW2- will remain within the Horley Town Council area. Horley Town Council welcomes and supports the proposed changes to the polling arrangements within Horley West, Salfords & Sidlow. The Council supports the proposal to relocate polling district HRE4 from Tanyard Barn Community Centre to St Wilfrid's Church. This change will help simplify polling arrangements by reducing the number of polling stations and electoral registers required at Tanyard Barn Community Centre, thereby making the voting process clearer and more straightforward for electors. The proposal also provides greater consistency during Horley Town Council elections, as both HRE4 and HRW2 fall within the Horley North West Town Council ward. Having electors from the same Town Council ward voting at the same polling place represents a logical and practical arrangement that should reduce confusion and improve the overall voter	

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		experience. In addition, the Council remains supportive of the polling provision at Westvale Park, recognising that the introduction of HRW4 at Westvale Park Community Centre has significantly enhanced accessibility and convenience for residents within this rapidly growing area. The retention of a polling place within Westvale Park ensures that electors have access to a well-located and convenient polling venue close to where they live. Conclusion: In summary, Horley Town Council considers these proposals to be reasonable improvements that will simplify electoral administration, improve accessibility for voters and provide polling arrangements that better reflect local communities and town/parish ward boundaries. We recognise that certain polling districts being divided into smaller districts are appropriate to match the proposed new Horley Town Council ward structure. We further support the intended changes to simplify election administration and support the new town/parish council arrangements, expected for the May 2027 elections. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of the Interim Review in due course.	
Acting	13 August 2026	There were no issues identified regarding the effectiveness of	The (A)RO for the East Surrey

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Returning Officer for the East Surrey parliamentary constituency		the arrangements at the last Parliamentary General Election. As the (Acting) Returning Officer for the East Surrey Parliamentary Constituency, I therefore support the proposals for the Polling Districts which fall within the constituency (HMN1-7) and their respective Polling Places.	parliamentary constituency is supportive of the initial proposals. Therefore, no further change is recommended to the polling places currently proposed within Annex 1.