

APPENDIX B – Representations

Summary of responses to the Interim Polling District and Polling Places Review:

Twenty representations were received from nineteen persons to the Interim Polling District and Polling Places Review, these are detailed below.

Number	Respondent	Method of Response	Polling District(s) / Polling Station(s)	Polling District comment	Polling Station comment
1	Resident of North Herts	Email	Graveley Village Hall, High Street H-GW-GRA		The Village Hall is good and convenient.
2	District Councillor	Email	All polling stations in Royston N-RMR-3, N-RMR-4	Since the CRG in 2025, both polling districts are now in the same ward/division at every level.	Suggestion to co-locate polling stations for these polling districts to reduce the number of different polling places required in Royston Town Centre.
3	District Councillor	Email	Museum at One Garden City N-LSW-2		Electors who live in Meadow Way and surrounding areas (including the top of Spring Road) should be able to vote at Letchworth Museum. Request to change the polling place back to Avenue 1 (Letchworth Museum).
4	Ashwell Parish Council	Email	Ashwell Parish Room N-AR-ASH		Ashwell Parish Council are happy with the existing arrangement for Ashwell.
5	District Councillor	Online form and email	N-BW-3, N-BW-CL Baldock Community Centre	Supports existing polling arrangements	Polling districts for Baldock could be significantly simplified as they are fragmented after the most recent boundary changes

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6	Resident of North Herts	Email	Baldock East: N-BE-1, N-BE-BYW, N-BE-CL Baldock West: N-BW-1, N-BW-2, N-BW-3, N-BW-CL Hitchin Bearton: H-HBE-1, H-HBE-2, H-HBE-3, H- HBE-4, H-HBE-5, H-HBE-5B Letchworth Wilbury: N-LWI-1, N-LWI-1B, N-LWI-2, N-LWI-3	No changes to be made except where necessary (for parish elections). Suggested mergers will be problematic prior to the introduction of the new unitary authorities. It would be a mistake to create N-BE-CL that includes N-BW-CL (geographically separated from the other two parts) but not the old N-BE-CL.	
7	Resident of North Herts	Email	H-HWA-1 H-HWA-2 Baldock East: N-BE-1, N-BE-BYW, N-BE-CL Baldock West: N-BW-1, N-BW-2, N-BW-3, N-BW-CL Hitchin Bearton: H-HBE-1, H-HBE-2, H-HBE-3, H- HBE-4, H-HBE-5, H-HBE-5B Royston Heath: N-RHE-1, N-RHE-2, N-RHE-3, N- RHE-4, N-RHE-5	The road Billing Place [Hitchin Walsworth ward] would be better moved from polling district H-HWA-1 to H-HWA-2. Mergers suggested would be problematic prior to moving to new unitary authorities.	Billing Place is much closer to the normal H-HWA-2 polling station (the New Testament Church of God, located at the same end of Hampden Road as Billing Place) than to the normal H-HWA-1 polling station (the Walsworth Community Centre on Woolgrove Road).

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8	District Councillor	Online form	H-CA-ICK Ickleford Village Hall and the respective parish wards	The polling district boundaries are considered suitable.	The CGR created a new parish ward for Lavender Grange. The nearest polling station for residents is still unacceptably far away in Ickleford village. However, there is no suitable building to use as a polling station within the ward.
9	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Royston Polling Districts N-RHE-1, N-RHE-2, N-RHE-3, N-RHE-4, N-RMR-1, N-RMR-2, N-RMR-3, N-RMR-4, N-RPA-1, N-RPA-2	The polling district boundaries are considered suitable.	[This resident suggested to cancel the polling district review and redirect funds towards “ <i>better services</i> ” including fixing pot holes, reducing council tax bills, to improve the lives of residents.]
10	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Royston Leisure Centre But also N-RHE-1, N-RHE-2, N-RHE-3, N-RHE-4, N-RMR-1, N-RMR-2, N-RMR-3, N-RMR-4, N-RPA-1, N-RPA-2		The Leisure Centre polling station and all the other Royston polling stations need to be kept in Royston as they are all conveniently placed for all Royston Residents.
11	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Baldock Community Centre - Large Hall		Baldock Community Centre is the most suitable venue the elector has used in [all the electors’] years of voting in several counties.
12	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Tapps Garden Centre		The area is cramped with chairs stacked up near the booths. The booths are too close together and small. There is a security camera in the room and seems to be facing the booths. Suggested alternative: One of the schools or the library.

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13	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Knebworth Village Hall		The place (Knebworth Village Hall) works perfectly as a polling station. Don't change it.
14	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Royston Museum The Old School House N-RHE-3, N-RHE-4		Old Schoolhouse or Market Hill Rooms for N-RHE-4 Royston Heath 4 as it is closer and in a much more logical location for central town shopping etc. while the Museum is somewhat out of the way in comparison.
15	Resident of North Herts	Online form	St Johns Community Centre H-HHI-2		Fairly recently our polling station moved from Whitehill Junior School to St John's Community Centre. I can understand that the school might not want the disruption (and sympathise with staff) that polling causes but Whitehill was a more convenient location than St John's for Wymondley Road area voters.
16	Resident of North Herts	Online form	The Cloisters, Barrington Road N-LSW-3		The response to the online form agreed with all statements regarding the suitability of this polling place and had no opinion whether there were suitable facilities (i.e. toilets) or a separate room available for checking Voter ID.

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17	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Clulow Room, St George's Hall, Common View, SG6 1DA N-LNR-1, N-LNR-1B, N-LNR-2, N-LNR-2B, N-LNR-3, N-LNR-3B	Pedestrian pavements and crossings need improved	<p>For residents based in Ashfield Drive - Madden Gardens development - this seems like it would be a far walk for some with disabilities. Pedestrian crossings aren't great from this residential area to this location and it is a 20 min walk. Norton Allotments has a trading store building and I think it's council owned - why has this not been considered as a polling station location? Also it appears there's only a few community halls or churches in this area, forcing people to walk further or take a car for transport. Could the Allotment Building be considered for a polling station? If that's not possible, I think it should be considered improving community hall provision for this area of Letchworth so people don't need to walk as far. There are instances where the residents would like to meet in person but we basically have to travel away from where we live to do it and this seems to apply also to the polling station location.</p> <p>Suggested alternatives: Norton Allotments Trading Store</p>
18	Wymondley Parish Council	Online form	Great Wymondley Village Hall H-GW-GTW, H-GW-LTW, H-GW-WTG		<p>There is no polling facility at Little Wymondley, which means the residents from the larger community of Little Wymondley need to vote at Great Wymondley where there is no parking and limited public transport. There needs to be polling facilities in Little Wymondley.</p> <p>Suggested alternative location: Wymondley JMI School or the Baptist Church if either were possible. There is no village hall in Little Wymondley.</p>

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19	Resident of North Herts	Online form	Preston Village Hall H-HWO-PRE		The response to the online form agreed to the majority of statements regarding the suitability of this polling place but disagreed over the suitable provision of disabled parking at the polling place.