

**BASSETLAW DISTRICT COUNCIL
REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2019**

SCHEDULE OF POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS DRAFT PROPOSALS DOCUMENT

Polling District Code	Polling Place	Electorate June 2019	Individual / Organisation	Comments / Representations made	Proposal
AA1 Beckingham	The Recreation Room The Green Beckingham	959	Councillor J Sanger MBE Beckingham Ward	No comments. Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
AA2 Saundby	Doncaster DN10 4NL	106			
AA3 Walkeringham	Walkeringham Village Hall Stockwith Road Walkeringham Doncaster DN10 4JF	854			Total – 1,065
BA1 Blyth	Barnby Memorial Hall High Street Blyth	1020			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
LA1 Hodsock (Hodsock Ward)	Worksop S81 8EW	47			
BA2 Scrooby	Scrooby Village Hall Low Road Scrooby Doncaster DN10 6AJ	274	Scrooby Parish Council	The premises suit and serve our village very well given our ageing population.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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				No other comments, considers the building suitable for voting purposes.	
BA3 Styrrup with Oldcotes (part)	Styrrup Village Hall Serlby Road Styrrup Doncaster DN11 8LT	291	Styrrup with Oldcotes Parish Council	The Parish Council are happy to see both Oldcotes and Styrrup Village Halls are to remain as Polling Stations.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
BA4 Styrrup with Oldcotes (part)	Oldcotes Village Hall Maltby Road Oldcotes Worksop S81 8JN	286			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
CA1 Carlton-in-Lindrick	Carlton in Lindrick Civic Centre Long Lane	2,081	Councillor R Carrington-Wilde	They worked well in May. Three of them are well established. The Youth Centre worked well in its first election.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
CA5 Wallingwells	Carlton-in-Lindrick Worksop S81 9AR	26	Carlton Ward		
CA2 Carlton-in-Lindrick	Cleveland Close Community Centre Cleveland Close Carlton in Lindrick Worksop S81 9BG	719			
		Total – 2,107			

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CA3 Carlton-in-Lindrick	Methodist Church and Centre High Road Carlton-in-Lindrick Worksop S81 9EF	965		suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
CA4 Carlton-in-Lindrick	Carlton Youth Centre Lawn Road Costhorpe Worksop S81 9RJ	677			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
DA1 Clarborough	Clarborough Village Hall Main Street Clarborough Retford DN22 9LN	880	Clarborough and Welham Parish Council	No comments. Happy with the facilities and the polling stations and considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
DA2 Clayworth	Clayworth Memorial Hall Town Street Clayworth Retford DN22 9AD	271	Clayworth Parish Council	The facilities are the best option that is available.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
DA4 Wiseton		76			
DA3 Hayton	Hayton Village Hall 2 Church Lane Hayton Retford DN22 9LD	318			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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EA1 Askham	The Parish Room Top Street Askham Newark NG22 0RP	153			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
EA2 Bevercotes EA10 West Markham	Outbuilding at Rear of Manor Farm Main Street Milton Newark NG22 0PP	17			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
EA3 Bothamsall EA7 Haughton	Bothamsall Village Hall Main Street Bothamsall Retford DN22 8DW	174 30 Total - 204			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
EA4 East Markham	East Markham Village Hall Lincoln Road East Markham Newark NG22 0SS	1,019			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
EA5 Eaton EA6 Gamston	Gamston C of E Primary School Stanboard Lane Gamston Retford DN22 0PE	87 215			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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EA8 West Drayton (part)		78			
EA9 West Drayton (part) & Rockley		89			
		Total - 469			
FA1 East Retford East	Albert Hall Grove St. Methodist Church Union Street Retford DN22 6LB	1,208			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
FA2 East Retford East	St. Saviour`s Community Centre Lidget Lane Retford DN22 6QW	1,464			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
GA6 East Retford North		230			
		Total – 1,694			
FA3 East Retford East	Carr Hill Primary School Tiln Lane Retford DN22 6SW	802	John Mann MP	Considering the two fatalities of children outside the school, the additional traffic using this school should be a consideration.	Proposal to follow following further consideration
GA1 East Retford North		358		On traffic safety and child welfare grounds this polling station should be closed and FA3 and GA1	
		Total – 1,160			

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				<p>relocated to St Saviour's church hall.</p> <p>There is minimal inconvenience to voters in this proposal and the furthest distance for voters to get to the polling station will in fact be reduced.</p>	
<p>FA4 East Retford East</p> <p>IA4 East Retford West</p>	<p>Retford Little Theatre Wharf Road Retford DN22 6EN</p>	<p>761</p> <p>672</p> <p>Total – 1,433</p>	<p>Bassetlaw Action Centre</p>	<p>Could Bassetlaw Action Centre be considered? It has been used previously for polling.</p>	<p>No change, existing arrangements considered suitable with good parking facilities.</p> <p>Continue to use Retford Little Theatre when possible.</p> <p>Amend the IA4 Polling District to move 60 to 93 Thrumpton Lane to IA3.</p>

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FA5 East Retford East	Bracken Lane Primary School Bracken Lane Retford DN22 7EU	1,086	Bracken Lane Primary Academy	<p>As a primary school it causes us and our parents and children much disruption being a polling station.</p> <p>Do you consider the building suitable for voting purposes? <i>No</i></p> <p>If no, please say why and suggest what you would do to improve – <i>Too much disruption to children's learning. Parents and children inconvenienced.</i></p> <p>Do you think there is a more suitable building within the same polling district? - <i>The Elms Hotel, London Road.</i></p>	<p>Trial the Elms Hotel as a polling station at the next election.</p> <p>The Elms Hotel has a large function room with separate access, disabled access and a large carpark.</p> <p>NOTE: A double station would be needed for County Council elections.</p>
GA2 East Retford North	The Craft Room - Conway Gardens Conway Gardens Retford DN22 7YY	736			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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GA3 East Retford North	Hallcroft Methodist Church Hallcroft Road Retford DN22 7LQ	2,133			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
GA4 East Retford North	The Wellspring, The Well Hospital Road Retford DN22 7BD	361			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
GA5 East Retford North	Hallcroft Community Centre Randall Way Retford DN22 7GR	1,237			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
HA1 East Retford South	Westhill Community Centre Cheyne Wak Ordsall Retford DN22 7GA	1,172			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
HA2 East Retford South	3 Welbeck Road Retford DN22 7RP	1,239	Councillor Carolyn Troop East Retford South Ward	Do you have any comments on the Consultation Document? - Appendix, page 7, HA2 East Retford South 3 Welbeck Road,	Proposal to follow following further consideration

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				<p>Ordsall. Shop being used as a barber shop.</p> <p>Do you have any comments on the facilities at the polling stations in the area you represent? – Only 3 Welbeck Road Ordsall – change of use occurring.</p> <p>Do you consider the buildings suitable for voting purposes? – Yes except 3 Welbeck Road</p> <p>Do you think there is a more suitable building within the same polling district? – Ordsall Bridon Cricket Club Pavilion could be considered to replace 3 Welbeck Road. Pavilion located on Edgbaston Drive owned by the cricket</p>	

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				club on BDC Land. Car park available. Access for people with disabilities via a permanent ramp to the pavilion.	
HA3 East Retford South	Ordsall Parish Church Hall Church Lane Ordsall Retford DN22 7TU	1,504			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
IA1 East Retford West	The Butter Market Retford Town Hall Retford DN22 6DB	223	John Mann MP	223 voters from IA1 use this polling station. It has no inconvenience to co-locate it with FA1 at Albert Hall, saving the council money in terms of staffing costs.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable. IA1 and FA1 are in different county areas, if moved two polling stations would be needed at Albert Hall for these elections. Retford Town Hall is used as a ballot box drop off point at close of poll where staff from the station assist.

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					Albert Hall has limited parking.
IA2 East Retford West	St. Joseph's Church Hall Babworth Road Retford DN22 7BP	580			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
IA5 East Retford West		557			
		Total – 1,137			
IA3 East Retford West	Thrumpton Primary School Off Whinney Moor Lane Retford DN22 7AF	814	Thrumpton Primary Academy	<p>Suggestions for alternative locations rather than the school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Sun Inn, Thrumpton Lane • The Elms Hotel, London Road 	<p>Trial the Elms Hotel as a polling station at the next election.</p> <p>The Elms Hotel has a large function room with separate access, disabled access and a large carpark.</p> <p>NOTE: A double station would be needed for County Council elections.</p> <p>Amend the Polling District to include 60 to 93 Thrumpton Lane.</p>

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IA6 East Retford West	Babworth Road Sports & Social Club Babworth Road Retford DN22 7NJ	928			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
JA1 Everton	Everton Village Hall Church Street Everton	726			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
JA4 Scaftworth	Doncaster DN10 5BB	43			
		Total - 769			
JA2 Gringley-on-the-Hill	Gringley-on-the-Hill Community Centre High Street Gringley-on-the-Hill Doncaster DN10 4RT	677	Councillor M Watson Everton Ward Gringley-on-the-Hill Parish Council Clerk	The Community Centre has its own car park. Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes. I wish to point out that in the Review it states that Gringley Community Centre only has on-street parking. This is incorrect as there is a car park at the rear of the premises, accessed from Baker Avenue.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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JA3 Misson	Misson Community Centre Vicar Lane Misson Doncaster DN10 6EG	571	Misson Parish Council	No comments. Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
KA1 Harworth & Bircotes KA2 Harworth & Bircotes KA5 Harworth & Bircotes	Devonshire Road Community Centre 2 Devonshire Road Harworth Doncaster DN11 8JF	1,336 1,308 377 Total – 3,021	Councillor J Evans Harworth Ward	I agree with the comments relating to Harworth and Bircotes; I believe that they are relevant and meet the needs of the current population.	Proposal to follow following further consideration
KA3 Harworth & Bircotes	Harworth Village Institute Main Street Harworth Doncaster DN11 8LB	915			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
KA4 Harworth & Bircotes	Harworth & Bircotes Town Hall The Information Centre Scrooby Road Bircotes Doncaster DN11 8JP	608			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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KA6 Harworth & Bircotes	Harworth Methodist Church Hall 6 Waterslack Road Bircotes Doncaster DN11 8DW	1,085			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
KA7 Harworth & Bircotes	Community Room Westmorland House Cumberland Close Milne Road Bircotes Doncaster DN11 8BY	563			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
LA2 Hodsock (Langold ward)	Langold Village Hall - Committee Room Markham Road Langold Worksop S81 9SW	1,907			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
MA1 Misterton	Misterton Methodist Church Hall High Street Misterton Doncaster DN10 4BP	1,770			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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MA2 West Stockwith	Gertrude Morris Hall Main Street West Stockwith Doncaster DN10 4HA	265	West Stockwith Parish Council	No comments to make. Considers the facilities satisfactory and the building suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
NA1 Cottam	Treswell Village Hall Main Street Treswell	74	Treswell with Cottam Parish Council	No comments. Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
NA8 Treswell	Retford DN22 0EG	193			
		Total - 267			
NA2 Grove	Headon-cum- Upton Village Hall Church Street	110			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
NA3 Headon-cum-Upton	Headon Retford DN22 0RD	172			
		Total - 282			
NA4 Rampton	Rampton Village Hall Manor Grounds Rampton	497	Local resident	Rampton Village Hall is clean and has very good facilities. It is ideal for local people.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
NA7 Stokeham	Retford DN22 0JU	37		Woodbeck Community Centre is ok but a bit tired looking.	
		Total - 534			
NA5 Woodbeck	Woodbeck Community Centre Woodbeck Retford DN22 0JS	203		Do you consider the buildings suitable for voting purposes? –	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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				<p>Rampton yes, Woodbeck ??</p> <p>If no, please say why and suggest wat you would do to improve – Woodbeck sometimes has no handwash or paper towels in the loos, just a dirty old communal hand towel. Access is ok if the door with the ramp is open.</p> <p>Woodbeck Community Centre has tack ‘love shack’ signs, witches broom sticks and ‘beer ‘o clock’ wall clocks.</p> <p>If the former children’s nursery at Rampton Hospital could be used this is much more modern and better accessible building.</p>	

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NA6 South Leverton	South Leverton Memorial Institute Town Street South Leverton Retford Notts DN22 0BT	417	South Leverton Parish Council	No comments. Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
OA1 Mattersey	Mattersey All Saints Church Hall Church Lane Mattersey Doncaster DN10 5DU	325			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
OA2 Mattersey Thorpe	The Community House Cunningham Close Mattersey Thorpe Doncaster DN10 5EN	251			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
OA3 Ranskill	St. Barnabas Church North Road Ranskill	1,103			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
OA4 Torworth	Retford DN22 8NL	208			
		Total – 1,311			
PA1 Bole	Bole School Room Ducie Lane Bole	115			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
PA5 West Burton	Retford DN22 9EY	12			
		Total - 127			

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PA2 North Leverton/Habblesthorpe	North Leverton Methodist Church Sturton Road North Leverton Retford DN22 0AB	802	Councillor J Naish Sturton Ward	I've reached out to all the PCs in my ward and there are concerns about using the Methodist Chapel in North Leverton as a polling place because (i) there is no off-road parking, and (ii) it is close to very busy crossroads. It has been suggested that the nearby school could be used as a safer alternative.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
PA3 North and South Wheatley	North and South Wheatley Village Hall Sturton Road South Wheatley Retford DN22 9DH	525			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
PA4 Sturton-Le-Steeple	Sturton Village Hall Brickings Way Sturton-Le Steeple Retford DN22 9HY	421			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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QA1 Babworth	Ranby Village Hall Blyth Road Ranby Retford DN22 8HZ	487			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
QA2 Barnby Moor	Barnby Moor Village Hall Kennel Drive Barnby Moor Retford DN22 8QU	217			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
QA3 Lound	Lound Village Hall Town Street Lound Retford DN22 8SA	411			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
QA4 Sutton	Sutton-cum-Lound Village Hall Town Street Sutton Retford DN22 8PT	576			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
RA1 Darlton RA2 Dunham-on-Trent RA4 Fledborough RA8	Dunham & District Millenium Centre Low Street Dunham-on-Trent Newark NG22 0UD	96 328 39 69	Dunham on Trent with Ragnall, Fledborough and Darlton Parish Council	Considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes. If the issue with the postcode for the building could be	Following consultation with GIS the postcode be amended to NG22 0FJ.

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Ragnall		Total - 532		resolved, this would be of benefit to all electors.	
RA3 East Drayton	East Drayton Village Hall Top Street East Drayton Retford DN22 0LG	208	East Drayton Parish Council	No comments on the consultation document and considers the buildings suitable for voting purposes. Do you have any comments on the facilities at the polling stations in the area you represent? – In the previous review we asked that “disabled access” be added. Please add this now.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
RA5 Laneham	Laneham Memorial Hall Main Street Laneham Retford DN22 0NG	343			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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RA6 Marnham	Normanton-on-Trent Village Hall South Street	78			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
RA7 Normanton-on-Trent	Normanton-on-Trent Newark NG23 6RQ	312 Total - 390			
RA9 Tuxford	Tuxford Working Mens Club 13 Eldon Street Tuxford NG22 0LB	928			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
RA10 Tuxford	Temporary Polling Station End-Gilbert Avenue Tuxford Newark NG22 0JB	1,129			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
SA1 Carburton	Clumber Park Social Club Hardwick Village	61			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
SA2 Clumber and Hardwick	Clumber Park Worksop S80 3BQ	61 Total - 122			
SA3 Norton and Cuckney	Norton & Cuckney Village Hall Cuckney Mansfield NG20 9LP	284			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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SA4 Elkesley	Elkesley Memorial Hall High Street Elkesley Retford DN22 8AU	617			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable. Amend postcode to DN22 8AJ
SA5 Holbeck SA7 Welbeck	Education Room Harley Gallery Welbeck S80 3LW	143 14 Total – 157			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
SA6 Nether Langwith	Nether Langwith Village Hall Queens Walk Nether Langwith Mansfield NG20 9EW	363			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
TA1 Worksop East	Sir Edmund Hillary Primary School Kingsway Kilton Worksop S81 0AN	1,302			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
TA2 Worksop East	Oasis Community Centre Longfellow Drive Worksop S81 0DE	1,929			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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TA3 Worksop East	Kilton Forest Community Centre Larwood Avenue Worksop S81 0DA	1,063			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
TA4 Worksop East	Scofton Village Hall Scofton Worksop S81 0UE	57	John Mann MP	It is of minor inconvenience to relocate this polling station to Ranby village hall for 57 voters again saving the council money.	No change, existing arrangements considered suitable. Ranby Village Hall serves a different District (Sutton) and County area, if moved two polling stations would be needed. Ranby Village Hall is also some distance from Scofton.
TA5 Worksop East	Rayton Spur Community Centre Rayton Spur Worksop S81 0HF	679			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
UA1 Worksop North UA5 Worksop North UA6 Worksop North	Norbridge Academy Stanley Street Worksop S81 7HX	343 592 511			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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		Total – 1,446			
UA2 Worksop North	Balmoral Community Centre Sandringham Crescent Worksop S81 7ET	1,184			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
UA3 Worksop North	Conference Room North Worksop Children's Centre Raymoth Lane Worksop S81 7LU	1,921			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
UA4 Worksop North	Gateford Park Primary School Amherst Rise Gateford Park Worksop S81 7RG	2,403			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
VA1 Worksop North-East	St. Joseph's Parish Hall Wingfield Avenue Worksop S81 0SF	891			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
VA2 Worksop North-East	Prospect Hill Junior School Maple Drive Worksop Worksop S81 0LR	1,191			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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VA3 Worksop North-East	Thievesdale Lane Community Centre Thievesdale Lane Worksop Notts S81 0XS	2,151			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
VA4 Worksop North-East VA5 Worksop North-East	The Retreat North Notts College Carlton Road Worksop S81 7HP	389			The College no longer allow access to the polling station from Carlton Road. Amend the address to 'access off Blyth Road'. Include a note on poll cards to draw electors attention to the change
WA1 Rhodesia	Rhodesia Village Hall Tylden Road Rhodesia Worksop S80 3HL	744			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
WA2 Shireoaks	Shireoaks Village Hall Shireoaks Road Shireoaks Worksop S81 8LX	1,198			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.

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WA3 Worksop North-West	St. John`s Church Hall Overend Road Worksop S80 1QG	603			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
WA4 Worksop North-West	Crown Place Community Centre Sandy Lane Worksop S80 1TS	1,125			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
WA5 Worksop North-West	Temporary Polling Station at Tesco Store Gateford Road Worksop S81 7AP	534			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
WA6 Worksop North-West	Temporary Polling Station Kingfisher Walk Gateford Worksop S81 8TQ	1,695			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
XA1 Worksop South	St. Anne`s Church Hall Newcastle Avenue Worksop	1,766			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
XA2 Worksop South	S80 3BZ	1,156			
	(Double station)	Total – 2,922			

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XA3 Worksop South	St. Anne`s Scout Headquarters 10/12 Slack Walk Worksop S80 1UT	1,114			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
XA4 Worksop South	Venetian Room Worksop Town Hall Potter Street Worksop S80 2AH	1,025			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
XA5 Worksop South	The Salvation Army Hall Newcastle Avenue Worksop S81 0DL	626			No change, existing arrangements considered suitable.
YA1 Worksop South-East	The Centre Place Abbey Street Community Centre Abbey Street Worksop S80 2LA	588			Proposal to follow following further consideration.
YA2 Worksop South-East	MantonSports Retford Road Worksop S80 2PU	1,476	Councillor J Shephard Worksop South East Ward	The recent election resulted in many people from Furnival Street (and that area) being turned away from the polling station	Proposal to follow following further consideration.
YA4 Worksop South-East		580			
		Total – 2,056			

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			Councillor J Potts Worksop South East	<p>they used to have – St Pauls Church Hall and Manton Community Centre – and instead directed to a new polling station, Manton Sports Club, that was further away so many didn't bother to vote. Please ensure that streets vote at the nearest polling station and be wary of changes.</p> <p>There were issues at the last election -some streets that were allocated to Manton Sports Club were closer to St Pauls Church, Centre Place or Centre for Sport and Learning.</p> <p>Look at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Lincoln View, Clinton 	

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			John Mann MP	<p>Street and some of Lincoln Street to The Centre Place.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moving Radford Street, some of Lincoln Street and Yeoman Close to the Centre for Sport and Learning. • Moving south Avenue to Kingston Close Community Centre. <p>This polling station should be retained, but streets adjoining Shrewsbury Road reallocated to the Centre for Sport and Learning.</p> <p>Some voters have to walk past Manton</p>	

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			Local resident	<p>Parish Hall on their way to vote.</p> <p>Voter allocation to polling stations needs rationalising to avoid this.</p> <p>Put voting back to St Pauls Church for people who live nearby instead of having to go elsewhere.</p>	
YA3 Worksop South-East	Manton Parish Hall 2a Cavendish Road Worksop S80 2PG	1,067			Proposal to follow following further consideration.
YA5 Worksop South-East	The Old Abbey School Priorswell Road Worksop S80 2BU	845			Proposal to follow following further consideration.
YA6 Worksop South-East	Kingston Close Community Centre Kingston Road Worksop S80 2UH	585			Proposal to follow following further consideration.

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YA7 Worksop South-East	Centre for Sport and Learning - Manton Community Way Off Shrewsbury Road Worksop S80 2TX	547			Proposal to follow following further consideration.

General Comments

Local resident:

Can someone please explain to me the reasoning behind Rampton, an outlying village of Retford, being put under Newark & Sherwood Ward? Absolutely NOTHING comes from the ward, not even the Bloomin MP!?! ALL our services, shops, Drs, dentists, chemists etc are in Retford & when I contact my alleged MP's office, they don't even know we exist?
Can we please come back under the umbrella of Bassetlaw?

Local resident:

I note that you, Bassetlaw Council, are still listing schools as polling stations. This is not acceptable any longer. There is disruption to children's education. The closure of schools causes problems for working parents who have to find alternative child care or take time off work, lose wages and as a consequence causes problems for their employers.

I also noted that you have used a shipping container as a polling station in Tesco's car park at the Elections for the European Parliament. When I asked why you are still closing schools for the day when a Portokabin could be used as an alternative the response was:

"Temporary polling stations are not ideal from an access point of view, are open to vandalism and do not provide polling staff with great facilities."

I find this response laughable. A bit of thought could easily overcome these issues which are very minor compared to the disruption caused by closing schools. Do you know how many children attend these schools? Are you aware of the inconvenience to parents that you are causing?

I note that currently you list at least seven schools that are listed as potential polling stations. You should be making every effort to get this figure down to zero.

It is only by chance having raised a freedom of information request that I became aware that there is a compulsory review of polling stations which must be carried out within each local authority area within 16 months of 1st October 2018.

Can I ask, "What have you done to bring this review to the attention of the general public so that they can have their input?" A response would be appreciated. It is not a rhetorical question.

Lets have a bit of lateral thinking, blue sky thinking, or even out of the box thinking but do some thinking and come up with some alternatives to using schools. If you have to, resort to using portakabins or shipping containers, but don't muck teachers, parents and children around anymore.

I would also like to request a revised list of the Polling Stations following the review.

I have copied in John Mann my MP and hope he takes up this issue with the education ministers and I've also included the Daily Mail letters page as I feel this is an issue that needs the oxygen of publicity to focus the minds.

Local resident:

In the last few years we seem to have had a steady stream of political decisions to make.

It has seemed to me and others that today's political polling system is unduly labour, time and resource intensive and therefore increasingly expensive. It is a system years out of date and fails to take advantage of new technology. It is well overdue for a complete overhaul and I hope you will pass on that view to authorities in Westminster.

My second point concerns the number of polling stations - far too many. We are now a much more mobile population, no more corner shops, no post office nearby and fewer banks. We have to move about for all our services or access them online. I am 73 but I can comfortably walk to

6 different polling stations from my home. We simply don't need them. All homes will probably access a supermarket. I'm sure the stores would all allow a mobile polling unit to take a corner of their carparks.

My third point concerns the use of schools for polling. Powers which bring about whole school closures should be revoked. The hardship caused to families is huge. Loosing a day of education is far too high a cost of casting a vote and sometimes just for the benefit of a very few people. It's an easy answer for the authorities to choose schools to hit. Alternatives should be found.

Clearly some sort of complete online/postal system would be a vast improvement. Registration to vote is done that way now with passwords and code numbers. Casting a vote could surely be a simple addition to the process.

A prime polling station is Retford Town Hall. A central position which everybody knows, served by good public transport and car parks. A public building with good flat access and spacious accommodation with all facilities on hand. Used currently but only for a minuscule number of possible voters. It could easily deal with thousands.

Returning to my point about schools, two particular schools (Thrumpton and Bracken Lane) which are very close together could be saved any disruption by the use of the function room behind the Elms Hotel on London Rd. This is well known venue in the area with good public transport and a massive car park. The room has separate flat access and provides enough space for a major joint polling station.

Local resident:

Voting should be digital, more people would vote with an app.

Local resident:

I agree with the app its ok having a postal vote option but not everyone can get out to post it in the first place.