



**Council**

**14 November 2016**

**Subject: Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places**

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Purpose / Summary:

To consider the outcome of a recent interim polling district and polling place review

**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

- a) That Members approve the Polling Districts and Polling Places.**
- b) That Members approve delegated powers to the Returning Officer, following consultation with the Chairman and Leader of the Council, to approve changes to polling places occurring during an election period.**

## IMPLICATIONS

**Legal:** None arising from this report.

**Financial :** FIN/17/89 The designation of any additional polling places will have financial implications regarding the hire of premises and polling staff fees.

**Staffing :** The designation of any additional polling places will have staffing implications.

**Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :**

Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the accessibility needs of disabled persons to be taken into account when designating polling places.

**Risk Assessment :** None arising from this report.

**Climate Related Risks and Opportunities :** None arising from this report.

**Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2016.  
<https://www.west-lindsey.gov.uk/my-council/government-in-lincolnshire/boundary-and-polling-district-reviews/>

**Call in and Urgency:**

**Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?**

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

**Key Decision:**

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Council is conducting an interim review of polling districts and polling places for Local Government elections. The review will have regard to the outcome of a review of the Lincolnshire County Council electoral arrangements undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.
- 1.2 The Local Government Boundary Commission for England conducted an electoral review of West Lindsey in 2016 regarding the number of councillors and names, numbers and boundaries of divisions effective from May 2017. The decisions taken during the current review of polling districts and polling places will be incorporated in the register of electors published on **1 February 2016** (please note delayed publication)
- 1.3 In undertaking a review the local authority must:
- a) Publish notice of the holding of a review;
  - b) Consult the (Acting) Returning Officer for every parliamentary constituency which is wholly or partly in its area;
  - c) Enable any such (Acting) Returning Officer to make representations to the authority and publish them in a prescribed manner;
  - d) Seek representations from such persons that it thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability;
  - e) Allow any elector in the authority's area to make representations which could include proposals for alternative polling places.
- 1.4 On completion of a review the authority must give reasons for its decisions in the review and publish such other information as is prescribed in the Act and regulations.
- 1.5 Details of the Returning Officer's proposals regarding polling districts, polling places, electorates and postal voters are set out at Appendix 2.

## **2. POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND POLLING PLACES**

- 2.1 Polling Districts are, in effect, sub divisions of Electoral Wards. Each parish is automatically a polling district in its own right but then that area can be broken down into further polling districts dependent on the size of the parish and the number and location of the electors.
- 2.2 When designating polling districts the local authority must seek to ensure that all the electors in the area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances.
- 2.3 In determining where polling places should be located the Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances and that, so far as is reasonable and practical, polling places chosen are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

### **3. CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN**

- 3.1 Public notice of the interim review was given on 23 September 2016 and full details of the review were placed on the Council's website. The period for representations to be made on the Returning Officer's proposals was from 23 September 2016 to 14 October 2016.
- 3.2 In addition the following specific consultations were undertaken explaining the reason for the interim review and factors which could influence the Returning Officer's proposals regarding the location of polling districts/places:
- a) with all Members of the Council prior to the publication of the Returning Officer's proposals by way of email on 29 September 2016.
  - b) with all Town/Parish Councils and Chairs of Parish Meetings by way of email on 29 September 2016.
  - c) email advising of the review, accessibility and proposals dated 29 September 2016 to:
    - i. Gainsborough Constituency Conservative Association
    - ii. Gainsborough Constituency Labour Party
    - iii. West Lindsey Liberal Democrats
    - iv. United Kingdom Independence Party
    - v. Lincolnshire Independents
  - d) with 21 organisations and persons connected with the Disability Network within the West Lindsey area by way of email on 29 September 2016.

### **4. COMMENTS RECEIVED DURING THE CONSULTATION PROCESS**

- 4.1 A total of 2 responses were received and these are summarised in the schedule set out at Appendix 1. The schedule provides details of the parishes on which comment has been received, observations of the Returning Officer and the name of the person or organisation who has made comments or representations.

### **5. CONCLUSION**

- 5.1 Although there has not been an overwhelming response to the formal consultation process representations from Lissington Parish meeting raised concern about the situation of the polling place within Lissington. However, taking into account all relevant matters the original proposal remains as in Appendix 2.
- 5.2 In addition the Parish Council of Nettleham requested that electors registered within polling district LB be changed to the Old School, Mill

Hill and those electors registered with polling district LC be changed to the Village Hall, Brookfield Avenue. This request has been accepted and has now been incorporated within the final proposals in Appendix 2.

- 5.3 Market Rasen Ward - details of a change of polling station for electors in North Willingham and Sixhills is contained in Appendix 1.
- 5.4 Wold View Ward – details of a change to polling station arrangements at Brookenby Village Hall is contained in Appendix 1.
- 5.5 The Council is aware that in a vast, mainly rural area such as West Lindsey, there are many electors who have to travel some miles in order to vote at their allocated polling station. However, postal voting is available to all electors and is an easier and more convenient method of voting for many electors. The current records show that almost 11,234 electors have already chosen to vote by post on a permanent basis, an increase of over 700 since the last review was undertaken two years ago.
- 5.6 Throughout the interim review process every effort has been made to ensure that electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practical in the circumstances and that, so far as is reasonable and practical, polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.
- 5.7 On occasions designated polling places may become unavailable for use during elections owing to the closure of buildings or premises being used for other events. The Returning Officer requires approval by the Council in order to change polling places at relatively short notice. It is recommended that delegated authority be given to the Returning Officer following consultation with the Chairman and Leader of the Council to approve any such changes during an election period.

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**SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS AND COMMENTS RECEIVED  
as at close of public consultation on 14 October 2016**

**BARDNEY WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**CAISTOR & YARBOROUGH WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**CHERRY WILLINGHAM WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**DUNHOLME & WELTON WARD**

Lissington Parish Meeting requested to re-instate polling station in Lissington LN3 5AE.

The reasons for this are listed as:

- i) Lissington up until 2014 had their own polling station and feel partially disenfranchised and being treated as second class electors
- ii) It is inequitable that a village the size of Lissington do not have their own polling station
- iii) The Church at Lissington and/or the pool room in the White Hart public house could be made available for use as a polling station.

Returning Officer's observations in response the statements above are:

- i) the number of electors registered within the parish of Lissington 116 with 17 issued with postal votes.
- ii) Since 2015 electors from Lissington vote at Wickenby a distance of 1.8 miles and if this proves difficult for some electors then postal voting is available to any elector.
- iii) if a polling station is provided at Lissington this will cost approximately £580 (po plus pc plus travel plus training fees plus hire of premises plus portaloos).
- iv) at an average election say on 50% of the 99 electors would vote equating on average to only 4 electors per hour at a cost per elector of £12.89 per elector.
- v) there is only two polling stations out of the 102 listed in the report with lower electorate figures. These are situated in the more remote areas of the District.

***It light of the above and taking observations and comments into account I am not persuaded to change my original proposal. All eligible electors receive either a poll card or a postal poll card. The poll cards give the elector information as to how and when to apply for a postal vote. My proposal is that the polling place for electors registered in the parish of Lissington continues to be provided at the Wickenby polling station.***

Ward members are currently being consulted on the recommendation detailed above.

**GAINSBOROUGH EAST WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**GAINSBOROUGH NORTH WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**GAINSBOROUGH SOUTH-WEST WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**HEMSWELL WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**KELSEY WOLD WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**LEA WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**MARKET RASEN WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

Local Ward members have been informed that due to the disrepair of St Thomas Church, North Willingham the venue has now been changed to Willingham Fayre, Ashgrove Farm, Main Street, North Willingham.

**NETTLEHAM WARD**

Nettleham Parish Council submitted a request to move polling district LB from the Village Hall, to the Old School and polling district LC from the Old School to the Village Hall.

***Taking these observations into account I feel justified in changing the polling districts as requested.***

Ward members are currently being consulted on the recommendation detailed above.

**SAXILBY WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**SCAMPTON WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**SCOTTER & BLYTON WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**STOW WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**SUDBROOKE WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**TORKSEY WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**WADDINGHAM & SPITAL WARD**

No written responses or comments received.

**WOLD VIEW WARD**

Brookenby has moved from the Market Rasen Wolds Division to the North Wolds Division. Stainton-le-Vale and Kirmond-le-Mire remain in the Market Rasen Wolds Division.

As a result of this, there will now be two polling stations at the Village Hall, Brookenby – see appendix 2.

No written responses or comments received to date.



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**SUMMARY OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES  
AS RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL ON 14 NOVEMBER 2016**

**BARDNEY & CHERRY WILLINGHAM DIVISION**

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
AA Apley	Stainfield & Apley Village Hall	67	(15)
AI Stainfield		93	(7)
		<b>160</b>	<b>(22)</b>
AB Bardney	Bardney Village Hall	<b>1533</b>	<b>(188)</b>
AC Bullington	Restaurant Annex, Thornes Beehives, Rand	27	(2)
AD Fulnetby		10	(2)
AE Goltho		62	(15)
AF Holton-cum-Beckering		101	(23)
AG Rand		36	(11)
		<b>236</b>	<b>(53)</b>
AH Southrey	Southrey Village Hall	<b>178</b>	<b>(24)</b>
CA Barlings	The Memorial Hall, Langworth	381	(60)
CG Newball		34	(4)
CI Stainton-by-Langworth		72	(20)
		<b>487</b>	<b>(84)</b>
CB Cherry Willingham No 1	The Church Hall, Cherry Willingham	1481	(249)
CC Cherry Willingham No. 2		868	(98)
CD Cherry Willingham No.3		939	(156)
		<b>3288</b>	<b>(503)</b>
CE Fiskerton	Fiskerton Village Hall	<b>1008</b>	<b>(176)</b>
CF Greetwell	Conservatory, 25 Westfield Avenue, North Greetwell	<b>679</b>	<b>(130)</b>
CH Reepham	The Methodist Schoolroom, Reepham	<b>778</b>	<b>(144)</b>

**GAINSBOROUGH HILL DIVISION**

Polling District	Polling Place	Electorate	Postal Voters
EA Gainsborough No. 1	St George's Church Hall, Gainsborough	1616	(228)
EB Gainsborough No. 2		895	(60)
		<b>2511</b>	<b>(288)</b>
EC Gainsborough No. 3	New Life Christian Fellowship Church, Gainsborough	<b>991</b>	<b>(140)</b>
ED Gainsborough No. 4	Uphill Community Centre, Gainsborough	1921	(193)
EE Gainsborough No. 5		9	(0)
		<b>1930</b>	<b>(193)</b>
FA Gainsborough No. 6	West Lindsey Leisure Centre, Gainsborough	<b>1667</b>	<b>(268)</b>

**GAINSBOROUGH RURAL SOUTH DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
JA Kexby	The Village Hall, Kexby	<b>292</b>	<b>(32)</b>
JB Knaith	The Village Hall, Knaith Park	<b>284</b>	<b>(45)</b>
JC Lea	The Village Hall, Lea	<b>870</b>	<b>(187)</b>
JD Upton	Methodist Schoolroom, Upton	<b>396</b>	<b>(56)</b>
NA Aisthorpe	BSA Village Hall, Aisthorpe	87	(10)
NB Brattleby		99	(12)
NF Scampton No.1		169	(31)
NH Thorpe-in-the-Fallows		17	(6)
		<b>372</b>	<b>(59)</b>
NC Cammeringham	The Village Hall, Ingham	107	(15)
NE Ingham		740	(119)
		<b>847</b>	<b>(134)</b>
ND Fillingham	The Village Hall, Fillingham	<b>183</b>	<b>(25)</b>
NG Scampton No.2	Vulcan Families Club, RAF Scampton	<b>808</b>	<b>(114)</b>
PA Stow	St Mary's Church, Stow	<b>280</b>	<b>(42)</b>
PB Sturton-by-Stow	The Village Hall, Sturton-by-Stow	<b>1212</b>	<b>(150)</b>
PC Willingham	The Village Hall, Willingham-by-Stow	<b>513</b>	<b>(48)</b>
RA Brampton	Hume Arms, Torksey	59	(14)
RG Torksey		730	(249)
		<b>789</b>	<b>(263)</b>
RB Fenton	The Village Hall, Kettlethorpe	352	(88)
RD Kettlethorpe		363	(55)
		<b>715</b>	<b>(143)</b>
RC Gate Burton	The Village Hall, Marton	41	(4)
RE Marton		589	(97)
		<b>630</b>	<b>(101)</b>
RF Newton-on-Trent	St Peter's Church, Newton-on-Trent	<b>306</b>	<b>(38)</b>

**GAINSBOROUGH TRENT DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
FB Gainsborough No. 7	Mercer's Wood Academy, Gainsborough	904	(90)
FC Gainsborough No. 8		532	(92)
FD Gainsborough No. 9		1020	(98)
		<b>2456</b>	<b>(280)</b>
FE Gainsborough No. 10	Sea Scout Headquarters, Gainsborough	<b>1155</b>	<b>(138)</b>
GA Gainsborough No.11	United Reform Church Hall, Gainsborough	<b>1116</b>	<b>(102)</b>
GB Gainsborough No. 12	Trinity Arts Centre, Gainsborough	<b>986</b>	<b>(111)</b>
GC Gainsborough No.13	Benjamin Adlard County Primary School, Gainsborough	1172	(195)
GD Gainsborough No. 14		669	(57)
		<b>1841</b>	<b>(252)</b>

**MARKET RASEN WOLDS DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
KA Legsby	Legsby County Primary School	<b>189</b>	<b>(35)</b>
KB Linwood	The Festival Hall, Market Rasen	92	(24)
KC Market Rasen No.1		1437	(189)
KD Market Rasen No. 2		1865	(327)
KF Middle Rasen No. 2		769	(107)
		<b>4163</b>	<b>(647)</b>
KE Middle Rasen No. 1	The Church Hall, Middle Rasen	928	(128)
KM West Rasen		60	(7)
		<b>988</b>	<b>(135)</b>
KG North Willingham	Willingham Fayre, North Willingham	118	(13)
KJ Sixhills		39	(8)
		<b>157</b>	<b>(21)</b>
KH Osgodby	The Village Hall, Osgodby	<b>494</b>	<b>(77)</b>
KI Owersby	St. Martin's Church, North Owersby	<b>242</b>	<b>(34)</b>
KK Tealby	The Memorial Hall, Tealby	<b>481</b>	<b>(57)</b>
KL Walesby	The Village Hall, Walesby	<b>208</b>	<b>(39)</b>
SA Bishop Norton	The Village Hall, Bishop Norton	<b>252</b>	<b>(25)</b>
SB Caenby	The Village Hall, Glentham	58	(5)
SC Glentham		375	(45)
		<b>433</b>	<b>(50)</b>
SD Normanby-by-Spital	County Primary School, Normanby-by-Spital	308	(42)
SE Owmbly		274	(52)
SF Saxby		32	(0)
SI West Firsby		26	(0)
		<b>640</b>	<b>(94)</b>
SG Snitterby	The Village Hall, Snitterby	<b>218</b>	<b>(23)</b>
SH Waddingham	The Jubilee Hall, Waddingham	<b>519</b>	<b>(51)</b>
TB Claxby	The Village Hall, Claxby	152	(26)
TF Normanby-le-Wold		47	(8)
		<b>199</b>	<b>(34)</b>
TD Kirmond le Mire	The Village Hall, Brookenby	28	(7)
TH Stainton le Vale		50	(19)
		<b>78</b>	<b>(26)</b>

**NETTLEHAM & SAXILBY DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
LA Grange-de-Lings	The Village Hall, Nettleham	33	(10)
LC Nettleham No. 2		996	(150)
		<b>1029</b>	<b>(160)</b>
LB Nettleham No. 1	The Old School, Nettleham	1127	(175)
LD Nettleham No. 3		1012	(172)
LE Riseholme		258	(75)
		<b>2397</b>	<b>(422)</b>
MA Broadholme	The Village Hall, Saxilby	88	(34)
MB Broxholme		70	(13)
ME Hardwick		38	(14)
MG Saxilby-with-Ingleby No. 1		1834	(251)
MH Saxilby-with-Ingleby No. 2		1568	(278)
		<b>3598</b>	<b>(590)</b>
MC Burton No. 1	The Estate Club, Burton	<b>148</b>	<b>(18)</b>
MD Burton No. 2	The Woodcocks, Burton	<b>607</b>	<b>(136)</b>
MF North Carlton	St Luke's Church, North Carlton	151	(30)
MI South Carlton		80	(10)
		<b>231</b>	<b>(40)</b>

**NORTH WOLDS DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
BA Brocklesby	The Village Hall, Great Limber	92	(6)
BE Great Limber		236	(30)
		<b>328</b>	<b>36</b>
BB Cabourne	Caistor Town Hall	64	(5)
BC Caistor No. 1		1288	(184)
BD Caistor No. 2		1060	(150)
		<b>2412</b>	<b>(339)</b>
BF Keelby No. 1	The Village Hall, Keelby	882	(120)
BG Keelby No. 2		793	(100)
		<b>1675</b>	<b>(220)</b>
BH Riby	St. Edmund's Church, Riby	<b>99</b>	<b>(9)</b>
IA Bigby	The Village Hall, Bigby	262	(54)
IE Somerby		39	(15)
		<b>301</b>	<b>(69)</b>
IB Grasby	The Village Hall, Grasby	395	(52)
ID Searby-cum-Owmbly		169	(35)
		<b>564</b>	<b>(87)</b>
IC North Kelsey	The Village Hall, North Kelsey	<b>826</b>	<b>(126)</b>
IF South Kelsey	The Village Hall, South Kelsey	<b>514</b>	<b>(75)</b>
TA Brookenby	The Village Hall, Brookenby	534	(64)
TJ Swinhope		134	(54)
TL Thorganby		40	(17)
		<b>708</b>	<b>(135)</b>
TC Holton-le-Moor	Moot Hall, Holton-le-Moor	<b>153</b>	<b>(18)</b>
TE Nettleton	Nettleton Village Hall	<b>567</b>	<b>(74)</b>
TG Rothwell	The Village Hall, Rothwell	175	(21)
TK Thoresway		89	(15)
		<b>264</b>	<b>(36)</b>
TI Swallow	Swallow Village Hall	<b>189</b>	<b>(25)</b>

**SCOTTER RURAL DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
HA Blyborough	Conservatory, Hillside, Blyborough	88	(9)
HD Grayingham		120	(33)
		<b>208</b>	<b>(42)</b>
HB Corringham	The Village Hall, Corringham	<b>410</b>	<b>(54)</b>
HC Glentworth	The Village Hall, Glentworth	<b>263</b>	<b>(36)</b>
HE Harpswell	The Village Hall, Hemswell	48	(12)
HG Hemswell		277	(35)
		<b>325</b>	<b>(47)</b>
HF Heapham	The Village Hall, Springthorpe	98	(28)
HI Springthorpe		127	(29)
		<b>225</b>	<b>(57)</b>
HH Hemswell Cliff	Hemswell Court, Hemswell Cliff	<b>548</b>	<b>(66)</b>
HJ Willoughton	The Village Hall, Willoughton	<b>280</b>	<b>(32)</b>
OA Blyton	The Memorial Hall, Blyton	983	(176)
OG Pilham		54	(13)
		<b>1037</b>	<b>(189)</b>
OB East Ferry	Ferry Farm, East Ferry	96	(17)
ON Wildsworth		71	(12)
		<b>167</b>	<b>(29)</b>
OC East Stockwith	Grosvenor House Care Home, East Stockwith	187	(25)
OM Walkerith		67	(17)
		<b>254</b>	<b>(42)</b>
OD Laughton	Methodist Schoolroom, Laughton	<b>328</b>	<b>(50)</b>
OE Morton	Morton Village Hall	1154	(195)
OL Thonock		26	(4)
		<b>1180</b>	<b>(199)</b>
OF Northorpe	The Village Hall, Scotton	106	(24)
OK Scotton		551	(66)
		<b>657</b>	<b>(90)</b>
OH Scotter No. 1	The Village Hall, Scotter	1389	(252)
OI Scotter No. 2		1097	(189)
		<b>2486</b>	<b>(441)</b>
OJ Scotter No. 3	Barlings House Farm, Susworth	<b>95</b>	<b>(11)</b>

**WELTON RURAL DIVISION**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Electorate</b>	<b>Postal Voters</b>
DA Buslingthorpe	The Memorial Hall, Faldingworth	55	(14)
DD Faldingworth		334	(47)
		<b>389</b>	<b>(61)</b>
DB Cold Hanworth	The Village Hall, Hackthorn	28	(2)
DF Hackthorn		138	(16)
		<b>166</b>	<b>(18)</b>
DC Dunholme	The Village Hall, Dunholme	1665	(237)
DH Snarford		45	(7)
		<b>1710</b>	<b>(244)</b>
DE Friesthorpe	Broadbent Theatre, Wickenby	42	(6)
DG Lissington		116	(17)
DI Snelland		61	(18)
DN Wickenby		195	(25)
		<b>414</b>	<b>(66)</b>
DJ Spridlington	The Village Hall, Spridlington	<b>175</b>	<b>(21)</b>
DK Toft Newton	Toft Newton Village Hall Association, New Toft	<b>384</b>	<b>(45)</b>
DL Welton No. 1	The Village Hall, Welton	1504	(272)
DM Welton No. 2		1904	(230)
		<b>3408</b>	<b>502</b>
QA Scothern	The Village Hall, Scothern	<b>713</b>	<b>(117)</b>
QB Sudbrooke	The Village Hall, Sudbrooke	<b>1419</b>	<b>(279)</b>

<b>TOTAL ELECTORATE</b>	<b>74,609</b>	<b>11,234</b>
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