

Parish	Date of response	Respondent name and capacity	Polling station comment	Polling district comment	change to initial proposals
Crediton Hamlets	29/09/23	Rachel Hodder, Parish Clerk	It is not clear where the boundary between Yeoford East and Yeoford West lies; and we expect that this will discourage voters living in the east of the Parish from voting as Yeoford is further away than the Boniface Centre and more difficult to get to, especially on public transport. In order to achieve maximum turnout we suggest that arrangements remain as they are now, with Yeoford East residents voting at the Boniface Centre.		All Crediton Hamlets voters to keep same polling station as currently
Crediton Hamlets	13/10/23	Nick Way, Alderman	Although I am a postal voter am I just wanted to make the point I hope Landscore school will be our polling station? The Boniface Centre must be at least a mile away.		All Crediton Hamlets voters to keep same polling station as currently
Cullompton	27/07/23	James Buczkowski	In regard to the Cullompton polling stations, I think the move to the JTC for Padbrook Ward is sensible, as is St. Andrews Ward remaining at the Town Hall. I would suggest that an alternative location is sought for Cullompton Vale, given the rural nature of the Ward it is likely that residents will travel by car to vote, so a polling station with attached parking would preferable.		Cullompton Vale to vote at John Tallack Centre instead of Town Hall
Cullompton	28/07/23	Sue Robinson, MDDC Councillor	I think that JTC Hall would be big enough for 2 Padbrook booths, and 1 Vale.		Cullompton Vale to vote at John Tallack Centre instead of Town Hall
Cullompton	24/10/23	Matt Fletcher, MDDC Councillor	As district councillor for Cullompton Vale, I wanted to reiterate the point from James, and agree that the Cullompton Vale polling station should be moved to accommodate residents travelling from the rural areas that make up the ward.		Cullompton Vale to vote at John Tallack Centre instead of Town Hall
Culmstock	26/09/23	Melanie Shore-Quinain	At our meeting last week no concerns were raised regarding the current arrangements for Culmstock		

Kentisbeare	01/08/23	Melanie Shore-Quinain	<p>Following up on our telephone conversation last week – we covered this at our last Parish Council meeting recently. It was considered that ideally Blackborough residents should voice their opinion and we understand that the public consultation will start shortly.</p> <p>It was however considered that if possible, the current arrangements should stay in place. The Parish Council felt that a change may discourage people from voting for various reasons; some people may not be able to take more time off to travel to vote for perhaps work reasons (agricultural workers, people working from home etc., in the village of Blackborough) and the Parish Council would not like to see anyone discouraged from voting.</p>		Keep Blackborough polling station
Kentisbeare	03/10/23	Malcolm Lewis-Jones	Elderly population. Many of whom do not drive. Covers a large area outside the village. Kentisbeare Village Hall over 2 miles away with a very long steep hill to climb. No public transport. So please retain the polling station in the village.		Keep Blackborough polling station
Kentisbeare	09/10/23	Edd Southerden	I strongly object to the proposed change of abolishing the Blackborough polling station and forcing residents to vote in Kentisbeare. This would effectively disenfranchise all residents who do not have ready access to a car as it is a 5 mile ,2 hour round trip on foot, with a 450ft climb. Anyone disabled, elderly or just without a driving licence in particular would be disadvantaged. Blackborough has had a polling station for many years which is well used. In the last GE there were 76 votes or 75% of the electorate, indicating it is well used by residents.		Keep Blackborough polling station
Kentisbeare	09/10/23	Sarah	Working from home it is much more convenient for me to have our village hall as a polling station. Otherwise I may struggle some times to vote. There are a number of elderly villagers that would struggle to travel to Kentisbeare to vote. Being on the village hall committee, we also appreciate the income generated from providing the hall as a polling station. For a small village, this is vital.		Keep Blackborough polling station
Kentisbeare	24/10/23	Heather Bingham	I understand you are thinking of closing blackborough polling station. I was told to email here if I want to keep it open, which I do.		Keep Blackborough polling station
Kentisbeare	29/10/23	Andrea Glover, MDDC Councillor	Please could we add our names to asking for the future of the polling station at Blackborough to remain open.		Keep Blackborough polling station

Sandford	11/10/23	Malcolm Vallance, Parish Clerk	As the Parish Council only met after your deadline (1st October) for submissions we are only just responding. Polling Area Sandford Polling Station Beacon Church New Buildings Sandford is one of the largest rural Parishes in Mid Devon. The suggestion that in future Parishioners from New Buildings travel to Sandford Parish Hall as thier Polling Station is unacceptable. There are current approx 172 names on the Register of Electors. This is far more than some small parishes in Mid Devon. For both of these reasons the Parish Council wish to object. We will be contacting the Parishioners at New Buildings to ask them to lodge their comments with you to meet your deadline of 12th November.		Keep Beacon Church polling station
Tiverton (Bolham)	23/10/23	Carol Rogers, resident	My husband and I are concerned about the proposal to have the voting station for Bolham residents in Cove village hall. It is only really accessible by car and parking is difficult. We understand that it is better for the school to to be used. However we have been happy using the van and the rooms at the Hartnoll hotel.		Keep Bolham polling station
Uffculme	27/07/23	John Poynton, MDDC Councillor	I an unconvinced by the collision argument, the Village hall is well sited with easy access for older people via Markers, parents go to and from school, and in the evening with people wandering down. I do not think people will bother walking to Magelake or even drive or encourage increased voting. It is psychological, but Magelake is out of the village in people's mind.		Don' t change to Magelake
Uffculme	15/09/23	Gemma Cole, Parish Clerk	I do not foresee any potential issues with this change.		Agree to change to Magelake

all areas	07/11/23	Derek Hearl, Liberal Democrats		<p>There is one small point I would like to make concerning the proposed new two- and three-part polling district letters.</p> <p>We agree that it is very sensible to use easily memorised two-letter codes for each of the three constituencies and for the various District wards within them. However, we do not like the idea of using letters for the third element where it exists. In our view it looks clumsy and inelegant and takes up more space. We would prefer a number suffix attached to the ward letters instead. Not only would this be tidier but it would be in line with practice elsewhere.</p> <p>For example, TM-CS1 instead of TM-CS-A for CA Bampton. TM-CS2 instead of TM-CS-B for CB Bampton (Shillingford). TM-CS3 instead of TM-CS-C for CV Morebath. or HS-HA1 instead of HS-HA-A for CF Butterlerigh and so on. It's a small point but one which I hope you will consider.</p>	Agree
Tiverton and Minehead Constituency	20/10/23	Duncan Sharkey, Acting Returning Officer Tiverton and	The ARO does not have any comments on the changes proposed	The ARO does not have any comments on the changes proposed	