

Representations Received

Name	Date	Organisation	Comments	Returning Officer Comments
Mrs A J Jones	04/05/07	Resident	Letter regarding the use of Horsell Village School as a polling station.	It is proposed to use the Horsell Evangelical Church, High Street as the polling place for EA (Horsell West) for future elections
Cllr B Hunwicks	19/07/07	Ward Councillor for Horsell West	<p>There seem to be too few people using the Horsell West Polling station at The Brewery Road Methodist Church as many in that area have postal votes.</p> <p>On the other hand there are too many of the ward going to the First School on Church Hill where the actual room is very small.</p> <p>Could there be a re-distribution of electors so that there are more going to the Methodist Church.</p> <p>On another point it does seem rather bad that we are still having to use a school when there is inevitable disruption to the children and to the school itself. I had comments on this from parents as I went to doors in the ward. In many areas of the country there is a move to find alternative venues to avoid this. I know wheelchair access is an issue if we use the Village Hall but should we not be addressing this and not allowing the situation to drag on.</p>	<p>The Horsell West polling districts are split as follows:</p> <p>EA (Horsell West) 4,334 electors, 627 of whom are postal voters (current polling place Horsell Village School).</p> <p>EB (Horsell Park) 1,001 electors, 161 of whom are postal voters (current polling place Trinity Methodist Church).</p> <p>In May 2007, the turnout for EA was 38% (1683 electors voting at two polling stations) The turnout for EB was 41% (413 electors voting at one polling station). Of the 788 (14%) registered postal voters, 654 (82%) postal votes were included in the count.</p> <p>It is proposed to redistribute the electors between EA and EB, so that there is a more even split between the two polling districts.</p> <p>The possibility of using Horsell Evangelical Church, High Street as the polling place for EA (Horsell West) for future elections is being investigated.</p>
Cllr P Goldenberg	25/07/07	Ward Councillor for Brookwood	<p>I would like to suggest a separate Polling Station for the Percheron Drive area, either as a mobile facility or in somebody's garage.</p> <p>This is because it is a very segregated and separate area, and always has a lower turnout than the rest of Brookwood.</p>	There are 171 properties in the Percheron Drive area, with 340 electors. It is not considered cost effective to create a further polling district and allocate a separate polling place in this area.

Jackie Sotheran	30/07/07	Byfleet, West Byfleet and Pyrford Residents' Association	<p>At our Committee meeting last Friday we considered the polling stations at Pyrford, West Byfleet and Byfleet.</p> <p>There were representatives of all villages present.</p> <p>There were no criticism of the polling stations nor any concerns expressed on disabled access.</p>	
Rosemary McCrum	30/07/07	Woking Liberal Democrats	<p>Regarding access to Polling Stations for voters, I am happy with present arrangements and have not had any reports of difficulties at particular Polling Stations. I would, however, like to raise two matters of concern about Polling Stations.</p> <p><u>Kingfield & Westfield</u> We wonder if it is really necessary to have 3 polling places in what is an average sized, 2 councillor ward, especially now that all voters can get postal votes. It seems rather a waste of resources and involves closing 2 schools. It is our view that use of schools as polling places should be avoided if at all possible.</p> <p><u>Tellers</u> I appreciate that it is not always possible to allow tellers to sit indoors if the polling place does not have a suitable entrance or hall-way. It would be a great help if agents could be informed at the start of an election campaign of any polling places where tellers are likely to have to stand or sit outdoors. All political Parties these days rely heavily on elderly tellers, who are available during the working day, and you will appreciate that we cannot ask them to stand or sit outside if the weather is at all cold or wet. If we know which polling places are certain to be comfortable for them and which are not, we can make arrangements accordingly.</p>	<p>The Kingfield and Westfield polling districts are split as follows:</p> <p>KA (Barnsbury) 769 electors, of whom 67 are postal voters (current polling place: Barnsbury Primary School)</p> <p>KB (Westfield) 1,367 electors, of whom 79 are postal voters (current polling place: Moorcroft Centre)</p> <p>KC (Kingfield) 1,752 electors, of whom 178 are postal voters (current polling place: Kingfield Infant School).</p> <p>In 2007, the turnout in polling stations in KA was 35%, KB 36% and KC 36%. Of the 324 (8%) registered postal voters, 250 (77%) were included in the count.</p> <p>The current arrangements ensure that a polling place is within easy reach for most electors. For example, if the Barnsbury (KA) Polling District was merged with Westfield (KB), the residents of Barnsbury would not have an easily accessible polling station (the Moorcroft Centre).</p> <p>The suitability of alternative venues to using local schools in Kingfield and Westfield is being investigated.</p>

				<p>With regard to tellers, when the plans for the polling places are finalised, we will advise all political parties where tellers will be able to be located at the polling station.</p>
Cllr S Brown	15/08/07	Ward Councillor for Kingfield and Westfield	To rename the ward 'Kingfield, Westfield and Barnsbury'.	<p>Currently, the changing of the name of a ward would have to be done as part of a Further Electoral Review, which is undertaken by the Boundary Committee for England, a statutory committee of the Electoral Commission. Unfortunately, this falls beyond the remit of the current review of polling districts and polling places being carried out at the moment.</p> <p>A recommendation to simplify the re-naming process recommendation has been incorporated into the 'Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Bill', which is being considered by Parliament at the moment.</p> <p>This issue will be considered in the future.</p>