



**DUDLEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**Review of polling districts and polling places**

**Background Information, the Returning Officer's proposals, submissions received and final recommendations**

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Representation of the People Act 1983  
Electoral Administration Act 2006  
The Review of Polling District & Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

### **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011 – why?**

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council has divided its area into polling districts and designated a polling place for each polling district. At elections, polling stations are located within the polling place.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed by the end of 2007. A full review must then be carried out every four years. Since the last review in 2007, polling places have been kept under review with minor changes having taken place due to closure of premises or comments received from members and electors.

### **What does the review involve?**

The review must be carried out to make sure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

On commencing the review a notice will be published on the council's website. This will give details of the review, including when and where comments or representations can be made.

Any elector in the constituency may make a representation in relation to the size and boundaries of polling districts and the location and suitability of polling places. The council also welcomes comments or representations from any Councillors in the area, past or present candidates, local political parties and indeed any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

Any person or body making representation should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

It should be noted that this review does not cover the review of ward or parliamentary constituency boundaries – these are carried out by the Boundary Commission for England. The last ward boundary review was carried out in 2002/03 and the parliamentary boundary review is currently underway.

On completion of the review the council will publish all correspondence sent and received, details of the results of the review including any issues raised and any changes which have been approved, giving the reasons for its decisions.

## **Guidelines**

The following factors have been taken into consideration when allocating electors to polling districts and polling places. The first two of these factors are prescribed by electoral law:

- The council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- The council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- Ideally the polling place should be in its own polling district
- Polling places should be logical – that is no elector should not have to pass another polling place to get to their own.
- Where possible natural boundaries should be used, e.g major roads, railways, canals etc.
- Where possible no polling place should be shared by two wards.
- All properties in a minor road or estate should, ideally, be in the same polling district.
- Ideally there should be no more than 2,500 electors allocated to a polling station. This target is achieved by taking into consideration the total number of postal voters and by the use of multiple polling stations within the polling place.
- Any proposals for the creation of new polling districts must identify a publicly available building within the proposed polling district for use as a polling station.

## **The Role of The Electoral Commission**

While legislation provides no role for the Commission in the review process, it does provide a role for the Commission after the conclusion of the review.

Once the local authority has published the results of its review, specified interested parties – including any group of 30 or more electors – may make representations to the Commission to reconsider any polling districts and polling places.

If, on receipt of such representations, the Commission finds that a local authority's review did not:

- Meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them, or
- Take sufficient account of the accessibility for disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place

Then it may direct the authority to make any alterations to the polling places that the Commission thinks necessary and if the alterations are not made within two months may make the alterations itself.

## Definition of terms

**Parliamentary Constituencies:** these cannot be changed by the review. The division of these constituencies into polling districts and places is the subject of the review.

**Polling district:** the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

**Polling place:** the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

**Polling station:** the room or building where the poll takes place. Chosen by the Returning Officer for the election and publicised on the Notice of Poll or the Notice of Situation of Polling Stations and communicated via poll card after the Notice of Election.

## The Returning Officer's Proposals

This report contains the proposals for the new scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Dudley Metropolitan Borough. In the preparation of these proposals feedback, by the means of questionnaires on the suitability of premises, has been sought from staff employed to carry out election duties. In addition, where necessary, officers have made visits to assess the suitability of polling places.

The scheme of polling districts and polling places within Dudley Metropolitan Borough by and large ensures that electors have reasonable facilities for voting. Furthermore every attempt has been made to ensure that polling stations are accessible to electors who are disabled. Therefore, the proposals for change in this review have been kept to a minimum.

The following tables show each ward listed separately, detailing the existing arrangements. The first column shows the polling district, the second the number of electors as at 1<sup>st</sup> September 2011 (including postal voters), the third shows the polling place, and the fourth whether there is level or suitable disabled access including where this is achieved by use of a temporary ramp.

The Returning Officer's proposals – and any necessary comments – are shown after each table, along with details of any submissions received during the consultation. This is followed by the Returning Officer's comments on the submissions and details of the final proposed arrangements

Ward maps showing polling districts and the location of polling places are available for inspection during normal office hours at Electoral Services, Kudos House, 3 Ednam Road, Dudley, West Midlands, DY1 1HL.

## Amblecote Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
S01	2284	Withymoor Primary School, Gayfield Avenue, Brierley Hill	Accessible
S02	1251	Mount Pleasant Primary School, Mount Pleasant, Quarry Bank	Accessible
S03	2655	Petershill Primary School, Petershill Road, Brierley Hill	Accessible
S04	1354	Amblecote Primary School, School Drive, Amblecote	Accessible
S05	637	Amblecote Wordsley Methodist Church, High Street, Amblecote	Accessible
S06	2299	Amblecote Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Amblecote	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
No change to the existing arrangements

## Belle Vale Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
O01	1427	Overend Methodist Schoolroom, Banners Street, Halesowen	Accessible
O02	237	Methodist Schoolroom, Attwood Street, Halesowen	Accessible
O03	1147	Mobile Classroom, adj to Newfield Park Primary School, Whittingham Road, Halesowen	Accessible
O04	1113	Mobile Classroom, adj to Newfield Park Primary School, Whittingham Road, Halesowen	Accessible
O05	716	Caravan at Coombswood Cricket Ground, Coombs Wood, Halesowen	Accessible
O06	934	Common Room, Beulah Court, Stourbridge Road, Halesowen	Accessible
O07	1049	Methodist Schoolroom, Attwood Street, Halesowen	Accessible
O08	1411	Room A3, Windsor High School, Richmond Street, Halesowen	Accessible
O09	1473	Huntingtree Snr Men's Leisure Centre, Wall Well, Halesowen	Accessible
O10	781	Halesowen C of E Primary School, High Street, Halesowen	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
<p>The electors of Polling District O02 have voted together with the electors of Polling District O07 at the polling station within the Methodist Schoolroom, Attwood Street, Halesowen, for numerous years.</p> <p>The Polling District O02 has a small electorate of 237 with 34 of these electors voting by post. The Polling District O07 has an electorate of 1049 with 143 of these electors voting by post.</p> <p>The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Polling Districts O02 and O07 should be merged together to form one Polling District with a total electorate of 1286, 178 of these electors being postal voters.</p>

<b>Submissions</b>		
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Returning Officer's Comments</b>
Cllr Jennie Dunn, Ward Member for Belle Valle Cllr Bob James, Ward Member for Belle Vale	The proposed arrangements are acceptable	
Cllr Jill Nicholls, Ward Member for Belle Vale	Relating to Polling District O05 – notification that the site at Coombswood Cricket Ground will no longer be available due to residential development.	Officers have visited polling district O05 and have established that it may be possible to site a caravan on the car park of The Light House Public House in Coombs Road, however there is currently a 'To Let' sign on the public house, consequently it may be more appropriate to review the area again in January 2012.
Hilary Bills, resident of Halesowen Donella Russell, resident of Belle Vale Ward	Relating to Polling District O01 and the accessibility of the polling station for residents of Highfield Crescent and neighbouring roads, suggested that a further polling station could be located within the polling place Providence Methodist Church, Windmill Hill. This polling place already serves the residents of polling district T07 which is located within the Cradley & Foxcote Ward	Officers have visited the polling district O01 and fully concerns raised. However there is no suitable alternative venue located within the polling district. The suggested alternative falls within the Stourbridge Constituency whereas Belle Vale Ward forms part of the Halesowen Constituency.

**Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officers proposals with regard to polling districts O02 and O07 should be adopted and that a further review of polling district O05 should be carried out in January 2012.



## Brierley Hill Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
H01	1188	Red House Glass Cone, High Street, Wordsley	Accessible
H02	649	Brook Primary School Nursery Unit, Ent from Oak Park Road, Wordsley	Accessible
H03	1195	Brook Primary School Nursery Unit, Ent from Oak Park Road, Wordsley	Accessible
H04	1506	Community Room, Hawbush Primary School, Entrance in Bull Street, Brierley Hill	Accessible
H05	1651	Community Room, Hawbush Primary School, Entrance in Bull Street, Brierley Hill	Accessible
H06	872	The Sports & Social Centre, Hillcrest Avenue, Brierley Hill	Accessible
H07	920	Nine Locks Community Centre, Hill Street, Brierley Hill	Accessible
H08	1446	Civic Hall, Bank Street, Brierley Hill	Accessible
H09	724	St Mary's R C Primary School, Mill Street, Brierley Hill	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
<p>The following roads to be moved from H02 to H01 – Alwen Street, Audnam, Bridge Street, Camp Hill, John Street and Sutton Street – the electors within these streets would then vote at Red House Glass Cone. This would increase the electorate of Polling District H01 to 1497 with 152 of these electors voting by post.</p> <p>The electors of Polling District H02 have voted together with electors from Polling District H03 at the Polling Station within Brook Primary School for numerous years. The removal of the above streets from Polling District H02 will reduce the electorate to 340 with 53 of these electors voting by post. The Polling District H03 has a total electorate of 1195 with 152 of these electors voting by post. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Polling Districts H02 and H03 should be merged together to form one polling district with an electorate of 1595 with 205 of these electors voting by post.</p> <p>Polling District H09 – the Returning Officer is of the opinion that Level Street should be moved from this polling district into Polling District H07, given the fact that the location of the polling station for H07 is closer to Level than that of the polling station for H09.</p>

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
That the Returning Officer's proposals should be adopted for this ward.

## Brockmoor & Pensnett Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
J01	1473	Fens Pool Community Centre, Tennyson Street, Pensnett	Accessible
J02	2337	St Mark's C of E Primary School, High Street, Pensnett, Brierley Hill	Accessible
J03	1423	Neighbourhood Centre at Pensnett School, Tiled House Lane, Pensnett	Accessible
J04	1263	The Bromley-Pensnett Primary School, Bromley, Pensnett	Accessible
J05	650	Unit 1 Wallows Industrial Estate, Fens Pool Avenue, Brierley Hill	Accessible
J06	1197	Brockmoor Community Centre, Pensnett Road, Brockmoor, Brierley Hill	Accessible
J07	1451	Brockmoor Primary School, Belle Isle, Brockmoor	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Castle & Priory Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
A01	1151	Foxyards Primary School, Foxyards Road, Tipton	Accessible
A02	514	Caravan, Forest Road, Dudley	Accessible
A03	267	Sea Cadet HQ, Tipton Road, Dudley	Accessible
A04	872	Ward Room, Priory Hall Training Centre, Dudley	Accessible
A05	2499	Priory Primary School, Entrance in Cedar Road and Limes Road, Dudley	Accessible
A06	1112	Reception Block, Bishop Milner RC School, Burton Road, Dudley	Accessible
A07	1362	Midlands Co-op, Milking Bank Estate, Dudley	Accessible
A08	518	Sycamore Centre, Sycamore Green Primary School, Sycamore Green, Dudley	Accessible
A09	2095	Wrens Nest Primary School, Entrance Foxglove Road & Marigold Crescent	Accessible
A10	364	Caravan, Donkey Pool Car Park, Priory Road, Dudley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Coseley East Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
B01	1416	Rainbow Centre, Rainbow Street, Coseley	Accessible
B02	944	Summerhill Community Centre, Summerhill Road, Coseley	Accessible
B03	689	Wallbrook Primary School, Bradley's Lane, Coseley	Accessible
B04	1022	Coseley Youth Centre, Clayton Park, Old Meeting Road, Coseley	Accessible
B05	984	Foundation Years Unit, Christ Church Primary School, Church Road, Coseley	Accessible
B06	1403	Roseville Methodist Church Hall, Bayer Street, Coseley	Accessible
B07	953	The Archives Centre, Mount Pleasant Street, Coseley	Accessible
B08	1314	Hurst Hill Primary School, Paul Street, Coseley	Accessible
B09	953	Hurst Hill Community Centre, Hollywell Street, Coseley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Cradley & Wollescote Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
T01	1868	Netherend Neighbourhood Centre, Mogul Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
T02	1038	Cradley C of E Primary School, Church Road, Halesowen	Accessible
T03	1332	Colley Lane Primary School, Colley Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
T04	606	Tanhouse Estate Office, Chaucer House, Severn Road, Halesowen	Accessible
T05	2101	Wollescote Primary School (Infants Building) Drummond Road, Wollescote	Accessible
T06	1995	The Community Centre, Wassell Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge	Accessible
T07	1032	Providence Methodist Schoolroom, Colley Orchard, off Windmill Hill, Halesowen	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
No change to the existing arrangements

## Gornal Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
C01	1127	Straits School, Longfellow Road, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C02	1304	Ellowes Hall School, Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C03	893	Ellowes Hall School, Stickley Lane, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C04	542	Five Ways Methodist Church, Ruiton Street, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C05	364	Roberts Primary School, Roberts Street, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C06	811	Memorial Hall, Temple Street, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C07	539	Gornal Athletic F.C. Clubhouse, Garden Walk	Accessible
C08	653	Red Hall Primary School, Zoar Street, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C09	1264	Senior Citizens Club, Abbey Street, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C10	1726	Methodist Church Sunday School, Himley Road, Lower Gornal	Accessible
C11	1325	St Andrew's District Church, The Straits, Sedgley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Halesowen North Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
P01	1354	Community Centre, 33 Malt Mill Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
P02	1476	Hurst Green Family Church, Beaumont Road, Halesowen	Accessible
P03	1460	Hurst Green Methodist Church Hall, Narrow Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
P04	2366	Halesbury School, Feldon Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
P05	1436	Halesbury School, Feldon Lane, Halesowen	Accessible
P06	1473	Olive Hill Primary School, Springfield Road, Halesowen	Accessible
P07	45	Caravan at Coombswood Cricket Ground, Coombs Road, Halesowen	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
<p>The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Maple Road should be moved from Polling District P06 to P01, enabling the electors to vote at the Community Centre in Malt Mill Lane which is more conveniently located for these electors.</p> <p>The Returning Officer is of the opinion that numbers 1-23 odd and 2-12 even Summerfields Avenue, should be moved from Polling District P04 to Polling District P03 enabling the electors to vote at Hurst Green Methodist Church Hall in Narrow Lane which is more conveniently located for these electors.</p>



<b>Submissions</b>		
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Returning Officer's Comments</b>
Cllr Jill Nicholls, Ward Member for Belle Vale	Relating to Polling District P07 – notification that the site at Coombswood Cricket Ground will no longer be available due to residential development.	Officers have visited polling district P07 and have established that it may be possible to site a caravan on the car park of The Light House Public House in Coombs Road. However there is currently a 'To Let' sign on the public house, and consequently it may be more appropriate to review the area again in January 2012.
Cllr Jennie Dunn, Ward Member for Belle Vale	Relating to polling district P07 suggesting that a caravan could be possibly be sited on car park at Makro.	The electorate of polling district P07 have previously voted within the same location as the electorate of polling district O05 within the Belle Vale Ward. There is a total of 45 electors within the polling district and 5 of these electors vote by post. It would therefore be more realistic to seek a new location that will be suitable to the needs of both polling districts.

**Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officer's proposals with regard to polling districts P01, P03 P04 and P06 should be adopted and that a further review of polling district P07 should be carried out in January 2012.

## Halesowen South Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
Q01	567	United Church Hall, Hagley Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q02	1460	Hasbury C of E Primary School, Hagley Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q03	526	Tenterfields Primary School, Tenterfields, Halesowen	Accessible
Q04	857	Manor Way Primary School, Brier Mill Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q05	1194	Lapal Primary School, Priory Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q06	38	Caravan on land adjoining Black Horse, Illey	No
Q07	1697	Lapal Primary School, Priory Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q08	2155	Howley Grange Primary School, Howley Grange Road, Halesowen	Accessible
Q09	1544	Leasowes Lodge, Leasowes High School & Community College, Kent Road, Halesowen	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Hayley Green & Cradley South Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
R01	1286	Caslon Primary School, Beeches View Avenue, Halesowen	Accessible
R02	808	Common Room Holloway Court, Beecher Place Halesowen	Accessible
R03	1941	Huntingtree Park Centre, Huntingtree Road, Halesowen	Accessible
R04	1735	Lutley Primary School, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen	Accessible
R05	2154	Lutley Primary School, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen	Accessible
R06	809	Lutley Primary School, Brookwillow Road, Halesowen	Accessible
R07	679	Hasbury C of E Primary School, Hagley Road, Halesowen	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
<p>The Returning Officer is of the opinion that numbers 1-9 Alma Street should be moved from Polling District R02 to R01 enabling these electors to vote at Caslon Primary School in Beeches View Avenue which is more conveniently located for these electors.</p> <p>The Returning Officer is of the opinion that numbers 25-45 Albrighton Road should be moved from Polling District R04 to Polling District R03 enabling the electors to vote at Huntingtree Park Centre which is more conveniently located for these electors.</p>

<b>Submissions</b>		
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Returning Officers Comments</b>
Cllr Ray Burston Ward Member for Hayley Green & Cradley South Ward	Relating to polling district R03, suggested that the polling station should now be established in the newly-built 'Healthy Hub' building which is immediately adjacent to the current polling station located within Huntingtree Park Centre.	Officers have visited the location and have found that the 'Healthy Hub' building would be a suitable alternative.

**Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officer's proposals in relation to R02 and R01 should be adopted. That the polling station for polling district R03 should be moved to the 'Healthy Hub' building. No changes to the existing arrangements throughout the other districts within the Ward.

## Kingswinford North & Wall Heath Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
K01	1461	Wall Heath Community Centre, Enville Road, Wall Heath	Accessible
K02	1193	Maidensbridge Primary School, Beachcroft Road, Wall Heath	Accessible
K03	1158	The Church of the Ascension Primary School, Entrance from New Street, Wall Heath	Accessible
K04	844	The Church of the Ascension Primary School, Entrance from New Street, Wall Heath	Accessible
K05	1355	Dawley Brook Primary School, Dubarry Avenue, Kingswinford	Accessible
K06	577	Kingswinford Christian Centre, Summer Street, Kingswinford	Accessible
K07	1306	St Mary's C E (VC) Primary School, Queen Street, Kingswinford	Accessible
K08	1048	Blanford Mere Primary School, Mimosa Walk, Kingswinford	Accessible
K09	1324	Calvary Church, Stallings Lane, Kingswinford	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
No change to the existing arrangements

## Kingswinford South Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
L01	873	Summerhill School, Lodge Lane, Kingswinford	Accessible
L02	1650	Glynne Primary School, Cot Lane, Kingswinford	Accessible
L03	1339	Glynne Primary School, Cot Lane, Kingswinford	Accessible
L04	1357	Fairhaven Primary School, Barnett Lane, Wordsley	Accessible
L05	2416	Communtiy Centre, High Street, Kingswinford	Accessible
L06	1410	Bromley Hills Primary School, Granville Drive, Kingswinford	Accessible
L07	1337	Crestwood Park Primary School, Lapwood Avenue, Kingswinford	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
Cllr David Blood, Ward Member Kingswinford South Ward Cllr Peter Miller, Ward Member Kingswinford South Ward	The existing arrangements are acceptable

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
No change to the existing arrangements

## Lye & Stourbridge North Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
U01	2023	Thorns Primary School, Thorns Road, Quarry Bank	Accessible
U02	1531	Petershill Primary School, Petershill Road, Brierley Hill	Accessible
U03	1091	Amblecote Church Hall, Vicarage Road, Amblecote, Stourbridge	Accessible
U04	1042	Redhill School, Junction Road, Stourbridge	Accessible
U05	1775	Rufford Primary School, Bredon Avenue, Stourbridge	Accessible
U06	1116	Community Centre, Crosswalks Road, Lye, Stourbridge	Accessible
U07	495	Lye United Church Hall, Upper High Street, Lye, Stourbridge	Accessible
U08	601	Community Centre, Crosswalks Road, Lye	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Shepherds Brook Road should be moved from Polling District U06 to Polling District U05 enabling the electors to vote at Rufford Primary School in Bredon Avenue which is more conveniently located for these electors.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Returning Officer's comments</b>
Mr David Priestley, Head Teacher, Thorns Primary School	The Governors of Thorns Primary School have concerns regarding the closure of the school on election day	Officers have visited the area and at present can find no other suitable location within the polling district. The Head Teacher at the newly opened Old Park School in Thorns Road has been contacted and again concerns were raised over the issue of school closures.

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officer's proposals to changes within polling districts U06 and U05 should be adopted with no change to the existing arrangements throughout the rest of the ward. A further review of the ward to be carried out in January 2012 in consultation with ward members.



## Netherton, Woodside & St Andrew's Wards

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
M01	1879	Cole St Methodist Church Hall, Darby End, Netherton	Accessible
M02	1506	Northfield Road Primary School, Northfield Road, Netherton	Accessible
M03	2040	Caravan, Housing Estate Office, Church Road, Netherton	Accessible
M04	666	Netherton C of E Primary School, Highbridge Road, Netherton	Accessible
M05	342	Lodge Farm Community Centre, Farm Road, Netherton	Accessible
M06	712	Woodside Community Centre, Highgate Road, adj Highgate Primary School, Dudley	Accessible
M07	2056	School Hall of Hallchurch Road Methodist Church, Holly Hall, Dudley	Accessible
M08	716	Hillcrest School & Community College, Simms Lane, Netherton	Accessible
M09	784	Peoples Mission Sunday School Hall, Entrance from Round Street or Swan Street, Netherton	Accessible (with temp ramp)

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Highgate Road, Pedmore Road and Peartree Lane should be moved from Polling District M07 to Polling District M06 enabling the electors to vote at Woodside Community Centre in Highgate Road which is more conveniently located for these electors.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officer's proposals in relation to polling districts M07 and M06 should be adopted, with no change to the existing arrangements throughout the rest of the ward.

## Norton Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
V01	1336	The Ridge Primary School, Gregory Road, Wollaston, Stourbridge	Accessible
V02	611	Alderman Tye Scout & Guide District Headquarters, South Road, Stourbridge	Accessible
V03	1600	Norton Church Centre, Maynard Avenue, Norton, Stourbridge	Accessible
V04	1529	Gig Mill Primary School, The Broadway, Stourbridge	Accessible
V05	652	Gigmill Methodist Church Schoolroom, Glebe Lane, Stourbridge	Accessible
V06	2533	Sons of Rest Building, Mary Steven's Park, Stourbridge	Accessible
V07	1516	Oldswinford C E Primary School, Field Lane, Stourbridge	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

The Returning Officer is of the opinion that numbers 2-12 even The Broadway, should be moved from Polling District V04 to Polling District V02 enabling the electors to vote at Alderman Tye Scout & Guide Headquarters which is more conveniently located for these electors.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

That the Returning Officer's proposal in relation to polling districts V02 and V04 should be adopted with no change to the existing arrangements throughout the rest of the ward.

## Pedmore & Stourbridge East Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
W01	784	Redhill School, Junction Road, Stourbridge	Accessible
W02	1860	Pedmore Technology College & Community School, Grange Lane, Stourbridge	Accessible
W03	1397	St Mary's Church Hall, Rectory Road, Oldswinford, Stourbridge	Accessible
W04	2241	Ham Dingle Primary School, Old Ham Lane, Pedmore, Stourbridge	Accessible
W05	1975	Pedmore C of E Primary School, School Hall, Pedmore, Stourbridge	Accessible
W06	1771	Hob Green Primary School, Hob Green Road, Wollescote, Stourbridge	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
No change to the existing arrangements

## Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
X01	1291	St Andrew's Residents Trust, Unit 4, 12 Bush Road, Netherton, Dudley	Accessible
X02	1209	Netherbrook Primary School, Chester Road, Netherton	Accessible
X03	893	Netherbrook Primary School, Chester Road, Netherton	Accessible
X04	1593	Dudley Wood Primary School, Dudley Wood Road, Dudley	Accessible
X05	1855	Birch Coppice Methodist Church Hall, Birch Coppice, Quarry Bank	Accessible
X06	2096	Quarry Bank Community Centre, Sheffield Street, Quarry Bank	Accessible
X07	1404	The Changing Room, Park House, Stevens Park, Quarry Bank	Accessible (with temp ramp)

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the road Merry Hill should be moved from Polling District X06 to X05, enabling the electors to vote at Birch Coppice Methodist Church which is more conveniently located for these electors.

<b>Submissions</b>	
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>
That the Returning Officer's proposals in relation to polling districts X06 and X05 should be adopted with no change to the existing arrangements throughout the rest of the ward

## Sedgley Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
D01	3190	Alder Coppice School, Northway, Sedgley	Accessible
D02	806	Queen Victoria Primary School, Bilston Street, Sedgley	Accessible
D03	732	Queen Victoria Primary School, Bilston Street, Sedgley	Accessible
D04	1091	Queen Victoria Primary School, Bilston Street, Sedgley	Accessible
D05	815	Queen Victoria Primary School, Bilston Street, Sedgley	Accessible
D06	907	New Building Dormston Sch., Ent Millbank, Sedgley	Accessible
D07	685	All Saints Church Hall, Vicar Street, Sedgley	Accessible
D08	1610	Cotwall End Primary School, Cotwall End Road, Sedgley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## St James's Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
E01	2314	Community Room, Milking Bank Primary Sch., Aintree Way, Dudley	Accessible
E02	1599	Tenants Association Room, Butterfield Court, Eve Hill	Accessible
E03	903	Jesson's C of E Primary Sch, Ent in Nelson Road & School Street	Accessible
E04	415	United Reform Church Hall, Trinity Road	Accessible
E05	587	Queens Cross Centre, Wellington Road, Dudley	Accessible
E06	1239	The Sutton School, Scotts Green Close, Dudley	Accessible
E07	1889	St Barnabas Church Hall, Middlepark Road, Dudley	Accessible
E08	1211	Russells Hall Neighbourhood Centre, Overfield Road, Dudley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## St Thomas's Ward

Existing Arrangements			
Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled Access
F01	104	The Priory Room, Station Hotel, Castle Hill, Dudley	Accessible
F02	336	St Thomas's Network, Blue Coat Base, Beechwood Road, Dudley	Accessible
F03	1129	St John's Parish Hall & Worship Centre, St John's Road, Dudley	Accessible
F04	1268	The Scout Hall, Watson's Green Road, Dudley	Accessible
F05	614	The Scout Hall, Watson's Green Road, Dudley	Accessible
F06	1935	Kates Hill Primary School, Peel Street, Dudley	Accessible
F07	448	Sledmere Primary School, Ent Warrens Hall Road, Buffery Road or St Goerge's Road	Accessible
F08	2158	Sledmere Primary School, Ent Warrens Hall Road, Buffery Road or St George's Road	Accessible
F09	1364	Sons of Rest Building, Buffery Park, Dudley	Accessible
F10	328	Blowers Green Primary School, Blowers Green Road, Dudley	Accessible
F11	642	Blowers Green Primary School, Blowers Green Road, Dudley	Accessible

Returning Officer's Proposals
No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

Submissions		
Sender	Summary	Returning Officer's Comments
Ian Austin MP Dudley North Constituency	Relating to Polling District F07 suggesting that a temporary polling station should be set up within the polling district.	Officers have visited the polling district and cannot find anywhere suitable to site a temporary polling station within the polling district.
Ian Austin MP Dudley North Constituency	Relating to Polling District F10 suggesting that a new polling station be established within the polling district.	Officers have visited the polling district and can find no suitable alternative. The former polling station for this district is now owned by Headway Black Country. Headway have been contacted but due to security controls both inside and outside of the building it has been decided that the premises would not be

		suitable to house a polling station.
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<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>		
No change to the existing arrangements		



## Upper Gornal & Woodsetton Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
G01	1168	Woodsetton School, Tipton Road, Woodsetton	Accessible
G02	2306	Nursery Unit, Bramford Primary School, Park Road, Woodsetton	Accessible
G03	1008	House No 38 Sedgley Road, Woodsetton	Accessible with temporary ramp
G04	1589	Community Hall, Parkes Hall Study Centre, Parkes Hall Road, Woodsetton	Accessible
G05	1683	Upper Gornal Methodist Church, Spills Meadow	Accessible
G06	1165	Ruiton Congregational Church Sunday School, Hermit Street, Upper Gornal	Accessible
G07	906	St Chad's R C Primary, Catholic Lane, Sedgley	Accessible
G08	589	Woodsetton School, Tipton Road, Woodsetton	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements

## Wollaston & Stourbridge Town Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
Y01	2116	St James's C E Primary School, Kingsway, Wollaston, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y02	1989	Methodist Church Hall, Bright Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y03	1546	Entrance Hall, Firmstone Count, Firmstone Street, Wollaston, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y04	1032	Stourbridge Children & Family Centre, Formerly Beauty Bank School, Forge Road, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y05	2115	Room G33, Stourbridge College, Longlands Centre, Brook Street, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y06	835	Greenfield Primary School, Hill Street, Stourbridge	Accessible
Y07	574	Spiritualist Church, Union Street, Stourbridge	Accessible

<b>Returning Officer's Proposals</b>
<p>The Polling Station serving the electors of Polling District Y05 is no longer available due to closure. Alternative premises within the Polling District have been sought to no avail. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that Polling District Y05 should be split as follows:</p> <p>Agenoria Drive, Bowling Green Road, Cecil Street, Enville Street, Green Street, Hemmings Close, Kohima Drive, Maypole Drive and Wheeler Street to be moved to Polling District Y04 enabling the electors to vote at the polling station within Stourbridge Children &amp; Families Centre. This would increase the electorate of Y04 to 1574 with 201 of these electors voting by post.</p> <p>The remainder of Polling District Y05 to be merged with Polling District Y06, enabling the electors to vote at Greenfields Primary School. This would increase the electorate of Polling District Y06 to 2408 with 317 of these electors voting by post.</p>

<b>Submissions</b>		
<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>	<b>Returning Officer's comments</b>
Cllr E Walker Ward Member Amblecote Ward	That the following roads, Agenoria Drive, Bowling Green Road, Kohima Drive and Maypole Drive, should be relocated to polling district Y06 rather than polling district Y04	Although this move would increase the electorate of polling district Y06 to 2708 with 349 of these electors voting by post, it would seem more sensible for these roads to be moved to polling district Y06. To ensure that the

		electorate are adequately catered for there will be 2 polling stations located within Greenfields Primary School.
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<b>Final Proposed arrangements</b>	
That polling district Y05 should be divided as detailed above with no change to the existing arrangements.	

## Wordsley Ward

<b>Existing Arrangements</b>			
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Electors</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Disabled Access</b>
N01	895	The Mere Education Centre, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley	Accessible
N02	1113	The Mere Education Centre, Lawnswood Road, Wordsley	Accessible
N03	2644	Dingle Community Centre, Madeley Road, Kingswinford	Accessible
N04	828	Wordsley School, Brierley Hill Road, Wordsley	Accessible
N05	1141	The Holy Trinity Church Hall, High Street, Wordsley	Accessible
N06	1287	Ashwood Park Primary School, Off Bells Lane, Wordsley	Accessible
N07	2237	Belle Vue Primary School, Seaton Place, Wordsley	Accessible

### **Returning Officer's Proposals**

No change to be made. The Returning Officer is of the opinion that the existing arrangements meet the needs of the electorate.

### **Submissions**

<b>Sender</b>	<b>Summary</b>
None Received	N/A

### **Final Proposed arrangements**

No change to the existing arrangements