

# Polling District Review 2014

Appendix A - Proposals where further comments were received at the second consultation stage & have all-party support



Proposal ref.	Ward	Proposal summary
GS1.1, 1.2, 1.3	Garforth & Swillington	Relocate the polling station for GSJ and GSN from the Community Centre to Primrose House on Church Lane
RO1.1	Roundhay	Redraw boundary between ROB and ROC with ROB electors voting at Gledhow Primary School, and ROC electors voting at St Edmunds Parochial Hall

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## Proposal Information



<b>Proposal Reference No.</b>	GS1.1, GS1.2, GS1.3
<b>Ward</b>	Garforth & Swillington
<b>Polling district(s)</b>	GSJ GSN
<b>Polling station(s)</b>	Swillington & District Community Centre Church Lane Swillington LS26 8DX
<b>Electorate(s)</b>	GSJ - 1671 GSN - 3
<b>Postal Voter(s)</b>	GSJ - 364 GSN - 0
<b>Proposal submitted by</b>	Cllr Mark Dobson (Lab) Garforth & Swillington (GS1.1) Cllr Andrea McKenna (Lab) Garforth & Swillington (GS1.2) Diane Brown, Clerk of Swillington Parish Council (GS1.3)
<b>Proposal detail</b>	<p>The current station at the Community Centre has no parking, it's on the busy junction of Church Lane and the A642 and the school, rightly, have issues RE security and shut the gates to their car park ( they are adjacent).</p> <p>Many residents have told us they did not vote due to the lack of parking and access.</p> <p>It's our suggestion ( the three ward members) that the Polling Station is relocated further up Church Lane into Primrose House on Church Close therefore ensuring that side of Swillington retains a station but in a more accessible position.</p> <p>We have experiences difficulties at this station in 2012 and 2014 and would therefore like to see this change implemented for 2015.</p>

<b>Revised electorate(s)</b>	n/a
<b>Officer comments</b>	<p>Please note GS1.3 is in favour of <b>retaining</b> the polling station at Swillington &amp; District Community Centre.</p> <p>Officers have inspected Primrose House and are satisfied that it meets the relevant requirements for polling staff and the electorate.</p>

### Comments received during second consultation period

**From: Diane Brown, Clerk to Swillington Parish Council**

There was a lively debate at our parish meeting with no dissenters for a continuation of the current arrangements.

We did realise that there were some issues on polling night as after the new school was built the car park was fenced off with an electrically controlled gate.

The Community Centre is now within the new school grounds and the planners in their wisdom did not consider the parking arrangements for the Community Centre.

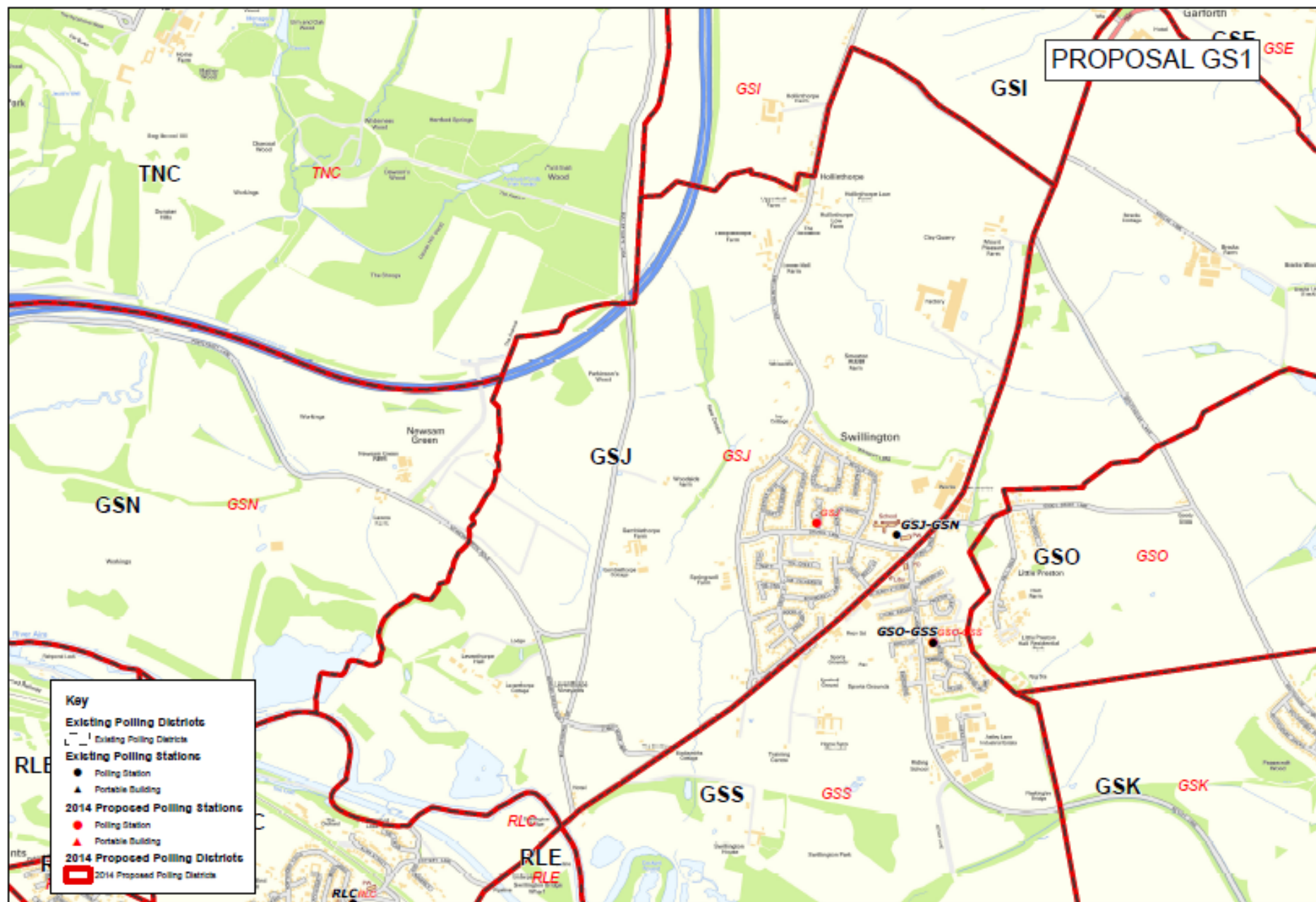
We consider that a little forethought and consideration from the school and we could sort this issue but the Ward Councillors have dismissed this entirely with no discussion at all with the parish council.

You can imagine our disappointment and that if consultation is properly conducted then our views should be heard.

I look forward to hearing further from you.

### Comments from EWG

Members noted the comments from Diane Brown, Clerk to Swillington Parish Council but took the decision to recommend the move to Primrose House as a final proposal.



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<b>Proposal Reference No.</b>	RO1.1
<b>Ward</b>	Roundhay
<b>Polling district(s)</b>	ROB ROC
<b>Polling station(s)</b>	Lidgett Park Methodist Church Lidgett Place Leeds LS8 1HG
<b>Electorate(s)</b>	ROB 2346 ROC 2766
<b>Postal Voter(s)</b>	ROB 382 ROC 511
<b>Proposal submitted by</b>	Councillor Bill Urry, Roundhay Ward
<b>Proposal detail</b>	<p>I have a couple of thoughts. There is no polling station currently on the large Brackenwood Estate necessitating a long uphill walk to the Lidgett Park Methodist Church. There was formally a temporary Portakabin on the estate which was withdrawn a few years back. This should never have happened as Brackenwood residents have to walk a considerable distance to Lidgett Park and democracy has been compromised.</p> <p>A partial solution might be to use Moor Allerton Hall Primary as a polling station. Alternatively there are portakabins already at the Brackenwood Community Centre adjacent to Moor Allerton Hall. These temporary buildings are under used but may be unsuitable simply because their future is uncertain - but they do have kitchen and toilet facilities for election staff. The only other issue is that these buildings are not central to the Brackenwood Estate but are better than the existing alternative.</p>

<b>Revised electorate(s)</b>	Revised ROB 2084 (minus PVs 1752) Revised ROC 2970 (minus PVs 2420)
<b>Officer comments</b>	<p>Officers liaised with Cllr Urry to come up with the most suitable solution for electors. The locations suggested by Cllr Urry were outside of the polling district.</p> <p>As you will see on the attached map, the boundary between ROB and ROC has been redrawn.</p> <p>Electors in the revised ROB would (subject to securing a room within the school) vote in Gledhow Primary School towards the bottom of the polling district. Officers were not able to inspect the school prior to the school holidays due to unavailability of the school. However schools are required by law to make a room available for the Returning Officer to use for polling so securing a room should no be an issue.</p> <p>All electors in ROC would vote at St Edmunds Parochial Hall.</p> <p>Cllr Urry agreed with the above change to his original proposal and was consulting with his ward colleagues but we did not receive any further correspondence from them.</p>
<b>Comments received during second consultation period</b>	
<p>From: Cllr Bill Urry</p> <p>My preferences are, in order:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Restore mobile polling station</li> <li>2) use Gledhow School</li> <li>3) use Brackenwood Community Centre</li> <li>4) use Moor Allerton Primary</li> </ol> <p>From: Cllr C McNiven</p> <p>Supports Cllr Urry's comments as above.</p>	
<b>Officer comments</b>	
<p>Officers have inspected Gledhow School who can make their Children's Centre available for use for polling.</p> <p>As previously advised to Cllr Urry, both Brackenwood Community Centre and Moor Allerton Primary are outside of the polling districts concerned.</p>	

Comments from EWG: Members decided to recommend the use of Gledhow Primary School and St Edmunds Parochial Hall as per the Officer recommendations in the initial proposal.



