

Polling district review 2018/19

Representations considered at Electoral Working Group with cross party support



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Rep no.	Ward	Summary of detail	Reason for approval (at EWG)
AR2	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	Review boundary of ARE and ARD polling districts. The existing boundary cuts through a number of properties on the Scampston Drive estate, splitting the community inappropriately between ARE and ARD polling stations. ARE polling station is a further distance than ARD to this area and there are no public transport links between the two areas, meaning voters who do not have access to their own transport would be unable to get to the polling station as it is much further than a reasonable walking distance. A more appropriate boundary may be for it to run along the M62 carriageway, so all properties in the Scampston Drive estate are within the ARD polling district. This proposal would place 1,3 & 5 Scampston Drive, along with Brodsworth Court and Rudstone Court flats on Ripley Close in to ARD from ARE.	Members agreed this representation made sense as the current arrangement sees a boundary cut through several streets, most likely a historic boundary before these streets were created.
AR3	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	ARG / ARM boundaries - would make more sense for the boundary to include all the properties on Thorpe Lane that are currently in ARM into ARG. This would require moving the boundary for ARG to run along Bradford Road and Thorpe Lane rather than down the Spink Well Lane dirt track as currently.	Although the area in question is not currently residential, there is potential for houses to be built on this land in future and the change of polling district would provide the most convenient polling arrangements for potential electors.
AR4	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	ARG / ARH boundaries - a number of properties on Westerton Road are currently in ARH polling district which necessitates travel to a different village for those people to vote. A proposed boundary of ARG being brought to include the section of Westerton Road in ARH would make more sense and would mean these residents who live in Tingley can vote in Tingley rather than being sent to the village of West Ardsley. This would place 178, 273-297, 299, 301-9, 311-19, 319A, 319B, 319C, 319D and 321-47 Westerton Road to ARG from ARH.	Members agreed this would provide more convenient polling arrangements for those electors on Westerton Road currently voting in ARH.

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AR5	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	ARH / ARJ boundaries - it would make more sense for the ARH boundary to be run along Batley Road entirely rather than splitting Batley Road across two polling districts. For those on the ARJ section of the road, travelling to ARH polling station would be much more convenient as involves using a main road, with public transport links, that gives easy to access the ARH polling station rather than having to travel to a different village, with no public transport links between the two. This proposal would place all Batley Road properties currently in ARJ in to ARH.	Members agreed it was sensible to make the suggested boundary amendment to ensure electors had better public transport links to their polling station.
AR6	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	ARA / ARL - The current boundary cuts through the Hopefield estate in Robin Hood meaning there are streets where part of the street votes in ARA and part in ARL. Could this be moved so all vote at one polling station? Either to put the entire estate into ARA where the bulk is, or to put the boundary to run so that all voters on Hopefield Crescent, Green, Walk and Way vote at ARL. Splitting streets across two polling districts causes confusion for residents as to where to vote.	Members agreed this was a sensible amendment.
AR7	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	Propose to move boundary to run along Longthorpe Lane to the junction with Leeds Road so that Longthorpe Lane continues to vote in ARB but that the properties currently listed in ARB polling district on Castle Head Close, Co-operative Street, Ledger Lane, Westgate Court, Westgate Lane and Leeds Road (south of the junction with Longthorpe Lane) can vote in the ARF polling station which is closer to where they live – ARF polling station being almost directly opposite the one entry/exit junction to these listed roads - causing confusion amongst residents as to which is their polling station as they have to travel away from the one over the road from their street to go to ARB.	Members agreed with this representation with a slight amendment to also include properties off Long Thorpe Lane at the junction with Leeds Road.
AR8	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	Orchard Court and properties on Leeds Road north of the Leeds Road/Jumbles Lane/Long Thorpe Lane crossroads would be more appropriate to move from ARF to ARB, their closest polling station.	Members agreed this would provide more convenient polling arrangements for electors.
AR9	Ardsley & Robin Hood Ward	ARK/ARJ – propose to move boundary to behind northside properties on Lawns Terrace so that entirety of small amount of properties on Lawns Terrace lie within ARJ.	Members agreed this was a sensible amendment.

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BH1	Beeston & Holbeck Ward	(a) I am a Councillor for Beeston & Holbeck ward. Last year we gain a new box. Near the city centre they were assigned the holbeck WMC as there polling station. The turn out for that area was very low as there is no easy way or connection between the two areas. Could I request that you look for a more central polling station near to there location. (b) In the 2018 local elections the Beeston and Holbeck ward enlarged to encompass some city centre areas, such as the flats of Bridgewater house and the surrounding areas. There flats were asked to vote at the Holbeck Working Mens clubs. From my observations at the count, turnout for the flats was very poor and therefore I think we need a polling station closer to the city centre for these flats	EWG agreed a solution could be to split polling district BHB to create a new BHK which would vote at Mill Hill Chapel at the bottom of Park Row in Leeds City Centre. BHB would continue to vote at Holbeck WMC. This would be very similar to polling arrangements prior to the electoral review.
BS1	Bramley & Stanningley Ward	Whitecote Primary School has been used as a polling station for many years, but the use of the school buildings has changed over time. The polling station was formerly in the community room which was in our portacabin. About 4 years ago, we were asked by LCC to develop a facility for 2-year-olds in this portacabin, so our school house was adapted for used as teaching space to compensate for the loss of this. The house has been used as a polling station since then. However, due to the increasing needs of our children, the main room used as the polling station has been refurbished and set up as a Nurture Room. We have a number of children with complex needs who have daily sessions in this room. In addition to this, due to the house having direct access to the rest of the school grounds, we have had a security person on duty for the last two polling days and security fencing for the last one. Therefore, we are requesting that the use of the school as a polling station is re-examined. I understand that LCC prefers to use LCC property where available, but the Moorside Community Centre is just down the road and could mean reduced costs for security and no disruption to the school. We would be grateful if you could give this matter your serious consideration.	Members agreed that although it was preferable to remain in schools for polling wherever possible on this occasion the circumstances meant the option to relocate to Moorside Community Centre should be given consideration and have agreed that polling should transfer to this location for future elections. The Community Centre is in very close proximity to the school so there will be no inconvenience caused to the electorate.
WE1	Weetwood Ward	The polling station at the YMCA is much less convenient for West Park residents than the old arrangement of Lawnswood School. It would be better if it could go back to that or be nearer West Park	Members agreed that the location of this polling station was not in an ideal location for electors to the south of the

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			polling district. Officers to make arrangements for polling to return to Lawnswood School.