

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

FROM: HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES **REPORT NUMBER** **G160**

TO: COUNCIL **DATE OF MEETING: 18 December 2007**

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To obtain approval of proposals following the Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That, in order to improve facilities for electors and comply with the requirements of the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the schedule of polling districts, places and stations in Appendix A to this report, as amended in accordance with the Returning Officer's representations set out in the final column of that schedule, be approved.

3. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 The provision of the two additional polling stations as recommended will involve additional expenditure of approximately £100 at contested elections.

4. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

Risk Description	Likelihood	Seriousness or Impact	Mitigation Measures
Polling stations do not meet minimum standards or reasonable needs of electors	Low	Marginal	The Council continues to consult widely and keep the provision under review

5. **KEY INFORMATION**

5.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the Council to divide its area into polling districts and designate a polling place for each district. It must also keep the arrangements under review.

5.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 changed the way that reviews should be conducted. Most importantly, a full review had to be undertaken by the end of 2007 and every 4 years thereafter (although this would not preclude any changes being made in between full reviews).

5.3 This review was conducted in two stages. At the end of July public notice of the commencement of the review was given and a schedule of the existing polling districts and polling stations was published. Some alterations to the polling districts were also mooted in the Hadleigh North ward and in Sudbury North and Sudbury South.

- 5.4 In each case the proposed alteration involved the creation of an additional polling district. In Hadleigh North this was occasioned by the fact that East House (the polling station for Hadleigh South) would no longer be available as a polling station and it was proposed that the voters of Hadleigh South should use the Town Hall as their polling station (previously the polling station for Hadleigh North) while the voters of Hadleigh North would be divided between the Beaumont Primary School and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Hall in Angel Street. In Sudbury North it had been suggested that Woodhall Primary School was too remote and lacking in nearby parking to accommodate the number of voters allocated to it. It was therefore suggested that some voters be transferred to a new Community Education Centre in Tudor Road to avoid creating unbearable pressure on the other polling station for the ward at St. John's Methodist Church Hall. In Sudbury South, following the May 2007 elections, it was suggested that both the designated polling stations for the ward – the All Saints Church Centre in Church Street and St. Gregory's Church Hall in Prince Street – suffered from a lack of parking. An additional polling district for the ward was proposed in order to reduce the number of voters allocated to St. Gregory's Church Hall by transferring some to St. Gregory's Primary School (instead of the All Saints Church Centre) and by creating a new polling district whose voters would be assigned to vote at the 3rd Sudbury Scout Group HQ in Quay Lane.
- 5.5 Consultation on these proposals was undertaken with the Returning Officer, the Member of Parliament, all Parish and Town Councils in the area, District and County Councillors, political parties and Optua, which provides a range of services for disabled people across Suffolk.
- 5.6 Observations were received during the initial consultation period as follows –
- **Chilton.** The ward councillors, Mrs. J. Antill and Mr. C. Spence, made representations that the polling station for Chilton in the Waldingfield ward was inconvenient for voters, as a result of which the alternative of the All Saints Middle School was investigated.
 - **Hadleigh.** Former Councillor supported the proposed alterations but Mr. B. Riley, also ward member for Hadleigh North, provided a detailed response explaining why the changes would not be more convenient. The Town Council also opposed the changes although it is difficult to concur with its suggestion that voters from both Hadleigh wards should all vote at the Town Hall on the grounds of the confusion and congestion that this would be likely to cause at the polling station as well as the lack of dedicated parking. As a result of the comments received, the emphasis of the review so far as Hadleigh was concerned, was the identification of a new polling station for Hadleigh South.
 - **Lindsey.** County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke wrote in support of using a room at the Red Rose Inn instead of the Village Hall. The arrangement was used in 2001 while the village hall was being refurbished but it is not considered to be more convenient for most voters.
 - **Shotley.** The Parish Council urged that an additional mobile unit be provided at Shotley Gate and that a separate facility be found for the voters of Erwarnton. Neither is considered feasible at this time, although the ongoing development with a road link to the Quay offers potential for allocating an additional polling station for Shotley Gate in the future.
 - **Sudbury.** The Town Council fully supported the additional polling station provision but subsequent discussions regarding the Scout HQ in Quay Lane suggested that the premises would not be available other than at normal commercial rates. This prompted an investigation before the next stage of the consultation to see if there were other suitable premises available in the vicinity. The River Stour Trust premises would be suitable but only for a reduced number of voters. The proposed polling district boundaries were therefore redrawn to transfer more electors to St. Gregory's Primary School.

- **Wattisham.** It was pointed out that in Wattisham a deconsecrated church was now used as a village hall, although subsequent inquiries revealed that the building was lacking in basic amenities.

5.7 Optua declined to comment on particular arrangements but replied to the consultation in more general terms as follows –

- Polling stations should be located in buildings that are accessible. In choosing which buildings to hire...the owners should be able to satisfy the Council that their building is accessible.
- If you are reducing the number of urban polling stations, those left will require commensurately better facilities as the throughput of disabled voters will be greater.
- Venues should have either on-site car parking, including space for “blue badge” holders, or safe dropping off points where there is no parking.

5.8 In addition to those in paragraph 5.7 above, other general principles adopted for the review were, as far as possible, to ensure that –

- All electors have such reasonable facilities for voting in all the circumstances
- Every polling place is located in its own polling district
- No polling place is shared by two wards
- “Natural” boundaries should be used, e.g. the line of rivers, railways or the centre line of roads
- Polling places are logical, i.e. electors should not have to pass one polling station in order to get to their own

5.9 Stage Two of the consultation – on the amended proposals - was carried out during October involving the same consultees. The proposed alterations are itemised in the final column of the attached Appendix A. The only observations received concerned Pinewood and Hadleigh. In relation to Pinewood, the ward councillor, Mr. D. Busby, pointed out that a Community Hall may be built in the near future that would probably be more suitable than the Shepherd Drive Baptist Church. With regard to Hadleigh, the ward councillor, Mr. D. Grutchfield, and the Town Council both expressed concern at the proposed designation of Hadleigh High School as a polling station for the Hadleigh South ward. This was because it is an uphill walk and it was assumed that there might not be a suitable room available. The Town Council repeated its suggestion that all Hadleigh voters should vote at the Town Hall. Mr. Riley indicated his agreement that Hadleigh North and Hadleigh South should continue to have separate polling stations.

- 5.10 Apart from the proposals for Hadleigh the amended proposals appear to be uncontroversial. In relation to Hadleigh, the High School, whilst it is at the periphery of the South ward, might still be central to more residential properties than the alternatives that have been suggested. There is a very suitable room and ample parking available. The School would not be required to close on polling day. It has been suggested that a better option would be to designate the Hadleigh County Primary School in Station Road as the polling station. However, although it has a room available and would not have to close on the day the Primary School does not have off-street parking available. If the High School is not considered suitable owing to its location, a more suitable alternative might be the St. Mary's Primary School in Stonehouse Road, which is located near the previous polling station for the ward (East House). Discussions with that School have revealed that it would not be able to remain open on any day when it might be required for taking the poll because it does not have a separate, self-contained room. In the past, wherever possible, efforts have been made to identify suitable buildings other than schools in order to minimise the impact upon them as well as on the parents of children who would otherwise be at school. Nevertheless, because of the importance of identifying suitable premises as polling stations, the Representation of the People Act 1983 gives Returning Officers the right to select schools for that purpose and the premises must be made available accordingly. A plan showing the respective locations of the schools and the polling district boundary is attached as Appendix B.
- 5.11 As far as the Town Council's suggestion of the Town Hall is concerned, parking remains an unresolved issue although it has recently been suggested that an additional room in the Town Hall complex could be made available that would obviate the concerns about voter congestion and confusion.

6. **APPENDICES**

- (a) Appendix A – Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places – 2007 Review
(b) Appendix B – Map of Hadleigh South Ward

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Letter dated 2 August 2007 from County Councillor Jeremy Pembroke
Email dated 3 August 2007 from Councillor Mrs J. Antill
Letter dated 14 August 2007 from Sudbury Town Council
Letter dated 17 August 2007 from Councillor Mr. B. Riley
Email dated 21 August 2007 from Optua
Letter dated 22 August from Hadleigh Town Council
Letter dated 24 August 2007 from Shotley Parish Council
Letter dated 22 October 2007 from Hadleigh Town Council
Letter dated 28 October 2007 from Councillor Mr. B. Riley

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Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places – 2007 Review

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Returning Officer's representations
ALTON	Brantham	AL	The Civil Parish of Brantham	Village Hall, New Village, Brantham, CO11 1RL	Support
	Stutton	CY	The Civil Parish of Stutton	Community Hall, Manningtree Road, Stutton, IP9 2TA	Support
	Tattingstone	DF	The Civil Parish of Tattingstone	Village Hall, School Road, Tattingstone, IP9 2NA	Support
BERNERS	Arwarton	AD	The Civil Parish of Arwarton	Village Hall, The Street, Shotley, IP9 1NL	Support
	Chelmondiston	AT	The Civil Parish of Chelmondiston	Village Hall, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1HS	Support
	Freston	BG	The Civil Parish of Freston	Village Hall, Freston Street, Freston, IP9 1AH	Support
	Shotley	CR	The Civil Parish of Shotley	Village Hall, The Street, Shotley, IP9 1NL	Support
	Woolverstone	DQ	The Civil Parish of Woolverstone	The Berners Hall, Main Road, Woolverstone, IP9 1AR	Support
BOXFORD	Boxford	AJ	The Civil Parish of Boxford	Village Hall, Stone Street Road, Boxford CO10 5JT	Support
	Edwardstone	BE	The Civil Parish of Edwardstone	Parish Hall, School Green, Edwardstone, CO10 5PJ	Support
	Groton	BJ	The Civil Parish of Groton	Women's Institute Hall, Broad Street, Groton, CO10 5EL	Support
	Lindsey	CB	The Civil Parish of Lindsey	Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey, IP7 6PS	Support
	Milden	CD	The Civil Parish of Milden	The Dowbiggin Recreation Pavilion, Church Road, Milden, IP7 6PS	Support

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BRETT VALE	Bildeston	AH	The Civil Parish of Bildeston	The Chamberlin Hall, Chamberlin Close, Bildeston, IP7 7EG	Support
	Brettenham	AN	The Civil Parish of Brettenham	Village Hall, The Street, Brettenham, IP7 7QP	Support
	Hitcham	BR	The Civil Parish of Hitcham	Hitcham Village Hall, The Causeway, Hitcham, IP7 7NE	Support
	Wattisham	DK	The Civil Parish of Wattisham	Room at Mapledown, The Green, Bildeston Road, Wattisham, IP7 7JX	Support
BROOK	Belstead	AF	The Civil Parish of Belstead	Village Hall, Grove Hill, Belstead, IP8 3LU	Support
	Burstall	AQ	The Civil Parish of Burstall	Cranfield Memorial Hall, The Street, Burstall, IP8 3DR	Support
	Chattisham	AS	The Chattisham ward of the Civil Parish of Chattisham and Hintlesham	Community Hall, Timperleys, Hintlesham, IP8 3PS	Support
	Copdock and Washbrook	AY	The Civil Parish of Copdock and Washbrook	Village Hall, London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JN	Support
	Hintlesham	BQ	The Hintlesham ward of the Civil Parish of Chattisham and Hintlesham	Community Hall, Timperleys, Hintlesham, IP8 3PS	Support
	Sproughton	CT	The Civil Parish of Sproughton	Church Hall, Lower Street, Sproughton, IP8 3AA	Support
	Wherstead	DP	The Civil Parish of Wherstead	Village Hall, off The Street, Wherstead, IP9 2AH	Support

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BURES ST. MARY	Bures St. Mary	AP	The Civil Parish of Bures St. Mary	Village Hall, Nayland Road, Bures St. Mary, CO8 5BX	Support
	Little Cornard	BB	The Civil Parish of Little Cornard	Village Hall, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, CO10 0NX	Support
	Newton	CH	The Civil Parish of Newton	Village Hall, Off Sudbury Road, Newton, CO10 0QS	Support
CHADACRE	Boxted	AK	The Civil Parish of Boxted	Street Farm Barn, The Street, Boxted, IP29 4JY	Entrance with steps but no viable alternative
	Hartest	BN	The Civil Parish of Hartest	Boxted and Hartest Village Institute, Somerton Road, Hartest, IP29 4DH	Support
	Lawshall	BY	The Civil Parish of Lawshall	Village Hall, Harrow Green, Lawshall, IP29 4PE	Support
	Shimpling	CQ	The Civil Parish of Shimpling	Village Hall, The Street, Shimpling, IP29 4HS	Support
	Somerton	CS	The Civil Parish of Somerton	Boxted and Hartest Village Institute, Somerton Road, Hartest, IP29 4DH	Support

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DODNASH	Bentley	AG	The Civil Parish of Bentley	Village Hall, Capel Road, Bentley, IP9 2BL	Support
	East Bergholt (East)	BC	That part of the Civil Parish of East Bergholt generally north and/or east of the line formed by Slough Road, the track that leads east to west from Sandy Lane to Martin's House, Straight Road, Straight Road itself, eastwards to the track to Meadow Cottages opposite Home Farm, northwards along that track and the path beyond Meadow Cottages that joins the track serving Elm Farm; thence eastwards as far as the junction with the track leading from Straight Road to Norton's Barn at the point where it intersects the unmade path that runs north-eastwards from the southern end of Putticks Lane, from there eastwards to the footbridge over Stutton Brook which is the point at which the line again meets the Civil Parish boundary.	General Stores, Grange Country Park, Straight Road, East Bergholt, CO7 6UX	Support
	East Bergholt (West)	BD	The remainder of the Civil Parish of East Bergholt not included in the area described above.	The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD	Support
GLEMSFORD & STANSTEAD	Glemsford	BH	The Civil Parish of Glemsford	Village Hall, Tye Green, Glemsford, CO10 7RH	Support
	Stanstead	CV	The Civil Parish of Stanstead	Community Centre, The Hill, Stanstead, CO10 9AP	Support

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GREAT CORNARD (NORTH)	Great Cornard (North Ward)	AZ	That part of the parish south of Newton Road and Cat's Lane and north of the line running east from the River Stour through the Mill Stream at Cornard Mill, eastwards along the centre line of Mill Tye to the junction with Bures Road, then southwards along Bures Road to the junction with Head Lane; thence eastwards along the centre line of Head Lane and Canhams Road to the junction of Canhams Road with The Drift; from there, northwards along the line formed by The Drift and Hartest Way to the junction of Hartest Way with Pot Kiln Road; thence eastwards along the centre line of Pot Kiln Road as far as its junction with Raydon Way and eastwards along the middle of Raydon Way to its junction with Shawlands Avenue and then northwards along the centre line of Shawlands Avenue to the parish boundary at the junction with Newton Road.	The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Broom Street, Great Cornard, CO10 0JT	Support
GREAT CORNARD (SOUTH)	Great Cornard (South Ward)		The remainder of the civil parish of Great Cornard south of the line described above.	The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Broom Street, Great Cornard, CO10 0JT	Support

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HADLEIGH NORTH	Hadleigh (North Ward)	BK	That part of the civil parish of Hadleigh located north of the line formed by Holbecks Lane at the point where it intersects the parish boundary eastwards along its centre line, over Toppesfield Bridge and then northwards and eastwards along the centre of Duke Street to its junction with High Street; thence northwards along the centre line of High Street to the junction with George Street, and thence generally eastwards along George Street, Frog Hall Lane, Pond Hall Road, Valley Farm Lane and the A1071 to the point where it again meets the parish boundary.	Town Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh, IP7 5DN	Support retention of existing arrangements. In relation to the initial suggested possible alteration that would have created a new polling district within the ward and created two new polling places (the Beaumont School and St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church Hall) the School is not more conveniently located for electors from the Ann Beaumont Way and Castle Street areas; the Town Hall is a central location familiar to all residents.
HADLEIGH SOUTH	Hadleigh (South Ward)	BL	That part of the civil parish of Hadleigh south of the line described above.	East House, George Street, Hadleigh, IP7 5BE	Suggest instead a suitable room at the Hadleigh High School, Highlands Road, Hadleigh IP7 5HU

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HOLBROOK	Harkstead	BM	The Civil Parish of Harkstead	Village Hall, Church Lane, Harkstead, IP9 1DG	Support
	Holbrook	BS	The Civil Parish of Holbrook	Village Hall, The Street, Holbrook, IP9 2PZ	Support
LAVENHAM	Lavenham	BX	The Civil Parish of Lavenham	Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9SA	Support – not central but modern facilities
LEAVENHEATH	Assington	AE	The Civil Parish of Assington	Village Hall, The Street, Assington, CO10 5LW	Support
	Leavenheath	CA	The Civil Parish of Leavenheath	Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath, CO6 4UU	Support
LONG MELFORD	Alpheton	AC	The Civil Parish of Alpheton	Village Hall, Old Bury Road, Alpheton, CO10 9BT	Support
	Long Melford	CC	The Civil Parish of Long Melford	Old School, The Green, Long Melford, CO10 9DX	Support
LOWER BRETT	Higham	BP	The Civil Parish of Higham	The Old Vicarage, Higham Road, Higham, CO7 6JY	Support
	Layham	BZ	The Civil Parish of Layham	Village Hall, Church Lane, Lower Layham, IP7 5LZ	Support
	Polstead	CK	The Civil Parish of Polstead	Village Hall, Polstead Green, CO6 5AN	Support
	Raydon	CM	The Civil Parish of Raydon	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Raydon, IP7 5LH	Support
	Shelley	CP	The Civil Parish of Shelley	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Raydon, IP7 5LH	Support

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MID SAMFORD	Capel St Mary	AR	The Civil Parish of Capel St Mary	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP	Support
	Great Wenham	DL	The Civil Parish of Wenham Magna	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP	Support
	Little Wenham	DM	The Civil Parish of Wenham Parva	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP	Support
	Holton St Mary	BT	The Civil Parish of Holton St Mary	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary, CO7 6NW	Support
	Stratford St Mary	CX	The Civil Parish of Stratford St Mary	Village Institute, The Row, Stratford St Mary, CO7 6JU	Support
NAYLAND	Nayland with Wissington	CF	The Civil Parish of Nayland with Wissington	Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland, CO6 4JF	Support
	Stoke by Nayland	CW	The Civil Parish of Stoke by Nayland	Village Hall, Church Street, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4QP	Support

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NORTH COSFORD	Brent Eleigh	AM	The Civil Parish of Brent Eleigh	Village Hall, The Street, Brent Eleigh, CO10 9NR	Support
	Chelsworth	AV	The Civil Parish of Chelsworth	Coronation Hall, Church Field, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JH	Support
	Cockfield	AX	The Civil Parish of Cockfield	Village Hall, Church Lane, Cockfield, IP30 0LA	Support
	Kettlebaston	BW	The Civil Parish of Kettlebaston	Village Hall, The Street, Kettlebaston, IP7 7QA	Support
	Monks Eleigh	CE	The Civil Parish of Monks Eleigh	Coronation Hall, Church Field, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JH	Support
	Preston St Mary	CL	The Civil Parish of Preston St Mary	Village Hall, The Street, Preston St Mary, CO10 9NF	Support
	Thorpe Morieux	DG	The Civil Parish of Thorpe Morieux	Village Hall, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux, IP30 0NR	Support

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PINEWOOD*	Pinewood (St Clare's)	CJ1	That part of the civil parish of Pinewood lying to the north of Belstead Brook and bounded by Belstead Brook, the railway line and the A14 trunk road.	Baptist Church, Shepherd Drive, Pinewood, IP8 3SL	Support
	Pinewood (Thorington Park)	CJ2	The remainder of the civil parish, not included in CJ1 above.	Belstead Brook Hotel, Belstead Road, Ipswich, IP2 9HB	Support – not ideal but best alternative to Baptist Church
SOUTH COSFORD	Aldham	AB	The Civil Parish of Aldham	Caravan, Red House Farm, The Street, Aldham, IP7 6NH	Support
	Elmsett	BF	The Civil Parish of Elmsett	Village Hall, The Street, Elmsett, IP7 6PA	Support
	Kersey	BV	The Civil Parish of Kersey	Village Hall, The Green, Kersey, IP7 6EB	Support
	Nedging with Naughton	CG	The Civil Parish of Nedging with Naughton	Village Hall, Ipswich Road, Nedging with Naughton, IP7 7BW	Support
	Semer	CN	The Civil Parish of Semer	Village Hall, Bildeston Road, Semer, IP7 6JG	Support
	Whatfield	DN	The Civil Parish of Whatfield	Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Whatfield, IP7 6QU	Support

* From a point in the centre of the A1214 at its junction on the A1071, south –eastwards along the centre of Sprites Lane to the point where Sprites Lane meets Hawthorn Drive; from a point in the centre line of Hawthorn Drive in a generally south-eastward direction intersecting the footpath that runs north eastwards between nos. 51 and 29 Milnrow at a point opposite the mid point of the north-western facing boundary of 29 Milnrow, continuing in a straight line to the mid point of the north west-facing boundary of no. 14 Ashton Close, thence south-eastwards (and generally in a straight line) to a point opposite 1 Appleby Close, crossing Wilmslow Drive at a point opposite the boundary between nos. 13 and 15 Wilmslow Drive and skirting the rear gardens of nos. 11-65 Eccles Road; from Appleby Close southwards along the western side of 1 Appleby Close to Belmont Road between nos. 30 and 32 Belmont Road, across Belmont Road and between nos. 29 and 31, skirting the boundaries between the rear of nos. 1-9 Shortlands and the properties in Woodley Close, continuing southwards along the eastern boundary of 25 Dashwood Close and the rear of nos. 20-26 Dashwood Close, along the western edge of the Playing Field off Ellenbrook Road to Belstead Brook; generally eastwards following the line of Belstead Brook to the point where the Brook is traversed by the Railway Line and thence south-westwards along the centre line of the railway to the point where the railway crosses the A14 trunk road; from that point in a generally north-westerly direction along the centre line of the A14 to the point where the A14 meets the line of London Road (formerly the A12); and from there in a north-easterly direction along the Path and Cycle Track that was previously the line of London Road until it rejoins London Road and following the centre line of London Road and the centre line of the A1214 (after it joins and becomes London Road) to the original starting point.

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SUDBURY EAST*	Sudbury East (Constitution Hill)	CZ	So much of the Sudbury East ward as is located south and/or west of the line formed by the northern and eastern perimeters of People's Park (south and east of Acton Lane) to a point in Waldingfield Road, opposite the junction with Park Road; south-eastwards along the centre line of Park Road to its easternmost point and south along the western edge of Chilton Industrial Estate to the easternmost point of the Cemetery; from there south-eastwards to a point in the centre of the westernmost section of Alexandra Road, south to the west-to-east leg of Alexandra Road, eastwards along that section to its end and continuing eastwards along the northern boundaries of 2 Rose Cottages, Alexandra Road and the properties in Newton Road (including The View, Highbank and Upway) to the junction with the path that runs north-eastwards from Newton Road; thence north-eastwards along the path to a point opposite the northernmost boundary of Chilton Mount and south-eastwards from there, in a straight line, to Newton Road.	Elizabeth Court, East Street, Sudbury, CO10 2TR	Support – no viable alternative
	Sudbury East (Waldingfield Road)	DA	The remainder of the ward, north and/or east of the line described above.	The Firs, Waldingfield Road, Sudbury, CO10 2PY	Support – no viable alternative

* From the junction of Queens Close with Queens Road south-westwards along the path that runs across the end of Newman's Road and joins Girling Street; south-eastwards along the centre line of Girling Street to Newton Road and eastwards along the centre line of Newton Road as far as the roundabout that forms the junction with Northern Road and with Shawlands Avenue, Great Cornard; from the roundabout north-eastwards behind the properties known as Avalon and Grange Bungalow along the line of the track that leads eventually to Chilton Grange Farm as far as a point opposite the easternmost boundary of properties in Milner Road; thence generally north-westwards following the civil parish boundary (which is coterminous with the outer boundaries of the industrial estate units in Milner Road, Martins Road and Northern Road) as far as the rear boundary of the properties located between the roundabouts in Waldingfield Road; from there north-eastwards in a straight line to a point in the centre of Church Field Road on the east side of the roundabout that forms the junction of Church Field Road with Waldingfield Road; thence westwards through the centre of the roundabout to a point in the centre line of Aubrey Drive and north-westwards and then north-eastwards to the northernmost point of that road; then north-westwards in a straight line (along the line of a former public footpath) to Acton Lane and south-westwards from there to the starting point of the description of the Sudbury North ward (see below). The boundary of Sudbury East ward is shared with that ward to the point at the junction of Suffolk Road with Queen's Road. Thereafter the boundary travels south-eastwards along the centre line of Queen's Road to the starting point, above.

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SUDBURY NORTH*	Sudbury North (Melford Road)	DB	That part of the ward South of the line from a point at the centre of Clarence Road opposite the footpath that runs to the north and east of no.58 Clarence Road, generally northwards along the centre line of Clarence Road to its junction with Woodhall Road, then westwards along the centre line of Woodhall Road as far as the junction with Manor Road; along Manor Road to its junction with Tudor Road and along the centre of Tudor Road north-westwards to the junction with Priory Road and Tudor Green; following the centre line of Tudor Green north-westwards to a point opposite the southern boundary of 171 Parkwood Drive westwards to the line of the footpath to the rear of 44 St Bartholomew Lane and continuing north-westwards in the direction of that unmade path to and across the A134 to the point where it reaches the boundary with the civil parish of Long Melford, south-eastwards back to the A134 and then following the civil parish boundary all the way to Acton Lane (north of the A134); thence following the district ward boundary to the south-easternmost corner of the school playing fields and, from there, in a straight line north- westwards across York Road and eventually to the starting point in Clarence Road.	St John's Methodist Church Hall, York Road/Girling Street, Sudbury, CO10 1NB	Support the possible alterations described in the Appendix
	Sudbury North (Woodhall)	DC	The remainder of the ward principally north of Tudor Road and Tudor Green.	Woodhall Primary School, Mayflower Way, Sudbury, CO10 1ST	Support the possible alterations described in the Appendix

- *From a point on the centre line of Acton Lane (north of the A134) at its junction with Grenville Road westwards then eastwards along the centre line of Grenville Road to Springlands Way (A134), westwards along the centre line of Springlands Way to a point west of Talbot Road and north of the westernmost boundaries of properties on the west side of Talbot Road; thence southwards in a generally south- westerly direction along the rear boundaries of the properties on the west side of Talbot Road (odd numbers descending from 149) to a point where it meets the School Playing Field and, from there, in a south-easterly direction along the northern perimeter of the Playing Fields and then south-westwards following the centre line of Acton Lane (south of the A134) as far as the properties on the west side of the road; thence, still following the perimeter of the Playing Fields to the rear of the properties in Acton Lane, Prince Charles Close and Acton Close and continuing in the same south -westerly direction, from the south-easternmost corner of the School Grounds to Upper East Street following the rear boundaries of the even numbered properties in Jubilee Road and the properties in Moulton Close; from a point in the centre line of Upper East Street north-westwards along Humphrey Road to its junction with Suffolk Road and south -westwards along the centre line of Suffolk Road as far as its junction with Queens Road; in a generally north- westerly direction along the centre line of Queens Road to its junction with York Road and south-westwards following the centre line of York Road to the junction with Melford Road; southwards along the centre line of Melford Road to the junction with Beaconsfield Road, westwards along the centre line of Beaconsfield Road and then south- westwards along the southern kerb line of the road as far as the junction with The Croft; north- westwards along the northern kerb line of The Croft and thence continuing in the same direction to the River Stour and following the course of the river generally northwards to a point roughly opposite the path running eastwards and south of Borley Hall; departing the line of the River north eastwards and eastwards along the boundary with the Civil Parish of Long Melford, skirting the south of the roundabout at the junction of the A134 and Melford Road (the A131), eastwards around field boundaries just north of the A134 (Springlands Way) and rejoining that road opposite a track to the north of the site of St Bartholomew's Chapel; then generally south- eastwards along the centre line of the A134, south of the superstore, to a point just east of the subway linking the superstore with the housing south of the road; thence north -eastwards along the boundary between the superstore and the Woodhall Business Park and then continuing in a generally north -easterly direction up to the point where the civil parish boundaries of Sudbury, Melford and Acton meet; from there south -eastwards in a roughly straight line to Acton Lane (north of the A134) and, from there, south- westwards along the centre line of Acton Lane back to the starting point.

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SUDBURY SOUTH*	Sudbury South (St Gregory's)	DD	That part of the ward lying north of the line commencing at the southernmost point of Gypsy Lane (an unmade path adjacent to 34 Bulmer Road) northwards to the junction with the unmade path immediately south of the sewage works, eastwards along that path to Brundon Lane, across Brundon Lane and north eastwards along the unmade path that crosses King's Marsh as far as the footbridge; thence across the foot bridge and north eastwards along the unmade path that leads through Freeman's Great Common to Sudbury Mill and from there, east to Walnut Tree Lane and south to its junction with Mill Hill/Stour Street; thence to the south side of Mill Hill south-westwards and then south-eastward following the boundaries between properties in Salters Hall Mews and the rear of the properties on the north east side of Mill Lane as far as a point opposite the rear (western) boundary of no.1 Plough Lane; from there, north along the rear boundaries of the properties on the west side of Plough Lane and then eastwards along the northern boundary of 35 Plough Lane, continuing across Plough Lane to the rear boundary between nos. 18 and 19 Stour Street; thence southwards following the line of that boundary and the western boundary of The Coach House, continuing southwards across Straw Lane and into the parking area between nos. 14 and 15 Straw Lane as far as the rear (northern) boundary of no.84 Friars Street; from there, following the straight line of that boundary in a generally south-easterly direction to the point where it intersects with the roadway linking Friars Street with Straw Lane, adjacent to the western boundary of no.68 Friars Street; thence northwards to the eastern most point of Straw Lane and north-eastwards along the middle of School Street to its junction with Christopher Lane and eastwards along the centre line of Christopher Lane to a point opposite the	St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury, CO10 1JA	Support (with modifications) the proposed alteration to the polling district boundaries and the provision of an additional polling district and place described in the Appendix that would permit a reduction in the number of electors using this polling station where parking is a problem

* That part of the Parish of Sudbury that lies to the south of a line starting at the point where the River Stour meets the parish boundary at Brundon, thence along the middle of the River Stour to Croft Bridge, thence south- eastwards along Croft Road to the junction with Beaconsfield Road; from there along the middle of Beaconsfield Road to the junction with Melford Road, thence north- westwards and eastwards to cross Melford Road opposite the junction with York Road; from there north-eastwards along the centre line of York Road to its junction with Queen's Road and then eastwards along the centre line of Queens Road to the junction with Queens Close, thence south- westwards along the path leading from Queens Road that emerges between 46 and 48 Girling Street; thence south -eastwards along the centre line of Girling Street, crossing East Street, to the junction with Newton Road; thence eastwards along the centre of Newton Road to a point opposite the path that leads (on its north side) to Chilton Mount, south- eastwards along the centre line of Cat's Lane.

N.B: The Parish boundary now continues further south and west than the natural boundary formed by the River Stour, encompassing areas that were formerly parts of Middleton and Ballingdon Parishes and particularly to the south, the boundary is marked in the main by the line of a hedge.

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			<p>eastern boundary of no.1 Christopher Lane; thence southwards following the eastern boundaries of 1 Christopher Lane and 62 Friars Street back to a point in the centre of Friars Street; from there westwards along the centre line of Friars Street to a point opposite the western boundary of the sports field on the south side of the road; southwards along the western perimeter of the field to the path running along its southern perimeter and south-eastwards along its length; from there, continuing on the same south-easterly direction, crossing Quay Lane at the car park entrance and proceeding into the River Stour between the Quay Theatre and the Sudbury Rowing Club until reaching the Valley Walk (disused railway), passing south under the bridge to the main channel of the River; and, from there, continuing southwards to the Parish boundary.</p>		
	Sudbury South (Bridge)	DE	That part of the Ward south of the line described above.	All Saints Church Centre, Church Street, Sudbury, CO10 2BL	Support (with modifications) the proposed alteration to the polling district boundaries and the provision of an additional polling district and place described in the Appendix. The proposal would entail an alternative building being designated as a polling place, which should overcome existing parking problems

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Returning Officer's representations
WALDING-FIELD	Acton	AA	The Civil Parish of Acton	Village Hall, High Street, Acton, CO10 0AT	Support
	Chilton	AW	The Civil Parish of Chilton	Sudbury Resource Centre, Northern Road, Sudbury, CO10 2XQ	The room used for polling is small while the location of the building is not especially convenient for the electors of Chilton and is difficult to view from the road. Suggested alternative: All Saints CEVC Middle School, Acton Lane, Sudbury, CO10 0AA
	Great Waldingfield	DH	The Civil Parish of Great Waldingfield	Village Hall, The Heath, Great Waldingfield, CO10 0SE	Support
	Little Waldingfield	DJ	The Civil Parish of Little Waldingfield	Parish Room, Church Road, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SW	Support

Appendix 1 – Suggested Alterations

Ward	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Returning Officer's reps.
Sudbury North	DBA	That part of the ward enclosed by the line of the path running North-Westwards from the ward boundary along the Southern perimeter of Uplands and Tudor Schools, across Clarence Road to the junction with Woodhall Road and then North-Eastwards along the centre line of Woodhall Road to its junction with Manor Road; thence North-Westwards along the centre of Manor Road to the junction with Tudor Road and North-Westwards along the centre of Tudor Road to the junction with Parkwood Drive; from there, Westwards and South-westwards to a point opposite the Southern boundary of 171 Parkwood Drive; thence Westwards to the line of the footpath at the rear of 44 St Bartholomews Lane and then in a North-easterly direction to St Bartholomews Lane; north-eastwards along St Bartholomew's Lane to a point opposite the rear boundaries of properties in Highview Close and from there, in a straight line, South-westwards along the rear boundaries of Nos. 11-21 Highview Close and, continuing along the same line along the rear boundaries of Nos. 209-213 Parkwood Drive across the Eastern end of the turning head in Parkwood Drive and, East of No. 228 Parkwood Drive and 38 Churchill Drive, to the centre line of Churchill Drive; thence Eastwards along Churchill Drive to the junction with Uplands Crescent; across Uplands Crescent and Eastwards along the path North of the Hillside School and South of the Woodhall School to the point where it re-joins the ward boundary.	Community Education Centre Tudor Road Sudbury CO10 1NP	Support – the proposal will reduce the pressure on the St. John's Methodist Church Hall and further reduce the number of voters using the Woodhall School, which is not particularly easily accessible on foot. (Note: The new community education centre will not be available until spring 2008.)
	DBB	The part of the ward North of the line running from the ward boundary Westwards along the path between the Hillside and Woodhall Schools, across Uplands Crescent and Westwards along the centre of Churchill Drive to a point opposite the Eastern boundaries of 38 Churchill Drive; thence north-westwards in a straight line following the eastern boundaries of 38 Churchill Drive and 228 Parkwood Drive, across the turning area at the Eastern end of Parkwood Drive and continuing in the same direction along the rear boundaries of Nos 21-11 Highview Close, then South-westwards along the line of St Bartholomews Lane to the point where the road is joined by the footpath North of 44 St Bartholmews Lane; thence north-westwards along the line of that unmade path to and across the A134 to the point where it meets the boundary with the Civil Parish of Long Melford.	Woodhall Primary School Mayflower Way Sudbury CO10 1ST	Support (see above)

Ward	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place	Returning Officer's reps
	DC	The part of the ward South and/or West of the lines referred to above formed by the path South of Uplands and Tudor Schools and the continuation of that path on the other side of Clarence Road to Woodhall Road, by Woodhall Road, Manor Road, Tudor Road, Parkwood Drive and the line of the path running North-westwards from the rear of 44 St Bartholomew's Lane to the boundary with the Civil Parish of Long Melford	St John's Methodist Church Hall, York Road/Girling Street, Sudbury CO10 1NB	Support (see above)
Sudbury South	DDA	The part of the ward North of a line from the ward boundary at the junction of Newton Road with Girling Street Westwards along the centre line of King Street, Market Hill, Gainsborough Street and Stour Street to its junction with Walnut Tree Lane; from there Northwards along Walnut Tree Lane as far as the sluice South of the Mill Hotel; Westwards across the bridge over the sluice and South-westwards along the path through Freeman's Great Common, across the footbridge and South-westwards along the path through Kings Marsh, across The Valley Walk (dismantled railway) to Brundon Lane; thence Westwards along the unmade path South of the sewage works and North of the Industrial Estate and then Southwards along Gypsy Lane and crossing Bulmer Road to meet the District boundary.	St Gregory's Church Hall Prince Street Sudbury CO10 1JA	The ground floor space available at the River Stour Trust premises is small for the number of electors involved. Suggest transfer more voters to St. Gregory's School by redrawing the polling district boundaries so that those electors living generally south and/or east of the line formed by the western perimeter of the Sports Ground, Friars Street, Station Road (between Friars St. and Great Eastern Rd.) and Great Eastern Road vote at the Trust premises (or a
	DDB	The part of the ward (not included in DDA above) East of the line Southwards from Stour Street, following the centre of School Street to Friars Street and Eastwards along the centre of Friars Street as far as the Western perimeter of the Sports Ground and Southwards and South-eastwards to the Valley Walk along the Western boundary of the overflow car park at The Quay Theatre; thence Eastwards along The Valley Walk and around the Northern perimeter of Friars Meadow to the ward boundary with the Civil Parish of Great Cornard	River Stour Trust Quay Lane Sudbury CO10 2AN	

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	DE	The remainder of the ward South and West of the lines described	The Nursery, St Gregory's Primary School Mill Lane Sudbury CO120 2BJ	suitable alternative, although these premises benefit from ample parking), whilst electors residing generally north and west of that line but south of the line formed by King Street, Gainsborough Street and Stour Street vote at St. Gregory's School and those north of the line vote at St. Gregory's Church Hall.