

## Consultation responses for the 2019 review of polling districts and places

Respondent (resident names not detailed for privacy)	Organisation	Polling station (responses listed alphabetically by polling station)	Comments on the existing arrangements	Suggestions for alternative arrangements
		Birch Hill Community Centre	All positive. Good parking, good access, wide doors, plenty of space inside.	
		College Town Primary School, - Only in use if Sandhurst Secondary School is hosting exams.	I dont think schools should be closed for polling days. Parents need to work and children need to be at school	Scout hut or church hall
		College Town Primary School, - Only in use if Sandhurst Secondary School is hosting exams.	A variable venue is quite interesting. It might encourage postal voting. Taking Poll Cards to the polling station that are not Poll Cards is an illegal process. The RO should ensure this never happens again. You cannot (in law) have a poll that is official at the same place as an unofficial Poll. Its just illegal and the RO is responsible. The Police have insufficient resources to do anything but avoid the issue as they are funded by Tory government diktat. My suspicion that this went on at most Polling Stations. Even the Tory tellers were confused and embarrassed. They will not stop doing it as they are not one united Part, but 3 groups about to split on each issue each week, as they rely on Fake News.	The senior school entrance to the Polling Station needs a gazebo for inclement weather, normally experienced every month of the year, including May and June.
		Crowthorne Parish Hall	It seems to work well, I would only ask that people hanging round outside are asked to move back and not to hound voters. For first time voters it can be confusing as to whether their questions are official or not, and also they can see very intimidating.	
	Crowthorne Parish Council	Crowthorne Polling Stations	'The view is to preserve the status quo for now but that polling provision (both district and places) will need to be reviewed when the Buckler's Park development is more advanced.'	
		Crowthorne Parish Hall	Perfect for the requirement.	
		Crowthorne Parish Hall	Perfect	
		Crowthorne Parish Hall	Always well organised and an easy and quick process	
Cllr Peter Heydon	Borough Councillor	Easthampstead Baptist Church	very good and not too busy, easy accesable.	none
		Farley Wood Centre	It is very convenient for me. There is always plenty of parking, if needed, and it is usually pretty empty.	
		Forest Park Community Centre	The centre is fine and convenient for polling but please stop the canvassers outside blocking the path. There are usually at least two and if they stop a couple of voters it completely blocks access. Have them put on the pavement outside the boundary. I was asked for my polling number by one before I even got into the polling station. When I asked why she didnt answer and turned away. I had intended to vote for the party she represented but decided against it based on this encounter. I'm glad I did as I later discovered she was the candidate! This is proof that the canvassers can influence voters and should be outside the polling station boundary.	
		Jennett`s Park Community Centre	The polling station is well-located for the residents of Jennett's Park and Wykery Copse. The residents of Wykery Copse consider themselves to be part of Jennett's Park for all intents and purposes.	That any future Ward boundary change includes moving Wykery Copse into the Great Hollands Ward. I would also suggest that the overall number of Councillors is reduced to 30, and the overall number of Wards is reduced to 15 (with 2 Councillors per Ward).

				This would be more equitable, and reduce the overall cost of Governance in the Borough.
		North Ascot Community Centre, Fernbank Road, Ascot, SL5 6LA	I don't drive and the polling station is half an hours walk from my home so can be difficult to get to in bad weather. I work full time and start work before the station opens. There are no bus services after 4pm so people with limited mobility can find it difficult to get to.	There are not really any nearer halls for residents who live in the northern most point of Ascot. eg Forest Road, bottom of New Road who don't drive
		Other	I currently vote at the St Martin's church hall in Chavey Down. This is very convenient for people in the village, especially for older residents who don't drive and people who commute	If this polling station is under review an alternative needs to be near for easy access
		Other	I apply for a postal vote	Councils must stop closing schools during elections. If a school cannot remain open during voting then find another venue. I am a Headteacher and it is not acceptable for parents to be told every lesson counts and then see their schools closed during elections. This is a very significant issue that needs to be taken seriously. Parents are forced to take time off work and some children may be at risk when schools are closed.
		Sandhurst Town Council Offices	This is a convenient location that works well	I dont see that any changes need to be made to this polling station
		Sandhurst Town Council Offices	A very good polling station with excellent parking.	Leave it!
		The Carnation Hall	Convenient and parking available if needed. Never had any problems using the venue to vote	
		The Carnation Hall	Excellent arrangements, parking is easy, level access and local to homes	
		The Carnation Hall	Excellent	
		The Carnation Hall	Convenient central location, plenty of parking	None needed
Cllr Thomas Parker	Borough Councillor	The Court House, Broadway, RG12 1AE	This polling station is not ideally located, being tucked away in a northern corner of the BT polling district and with no easily accessible free parking structures nearby. This in my opinion, evidenced through conversations with disabled and elderly residents, meant that some people did not go out to vote in local and European elections. The polling place is located in the northern part of the polling district and is a considerable journey on foot (which is the expected method of travel considering the provision of parking) for the bulk of the residents in BT who live in Old Bracknell Lane East & West (inc Friendship Way & Leverkusen Rd).	The Kerith Centre (K2), which was the polling station historically, provides a much more central location when considering the actual locations of the population centres in the ward. This has better car parking facilities and is much more easily accessible for residents in the aforementioned areas.
		The Court House, Broadway, RG12 1AE	Was difficult to find and not well signposted. Heard many voters complaining about this venue.	Coopers Hill would be much better
		The Court House	It is hard to work out how you enter the polling station even with the polling station banners. The court house is condemned to be pulled down so we can't stay there. I don't understand why those of us that use to vote at the Keith centre got moved to the court house.	Find a building that isn't about to be condemned.
		The Court House	difficult to get to, access to the car park is prevented by a sign 'buses only', please go back to kerith centre I won't use this polling station again	kerith centre
		The Pines Community Centre	Appreciate this is a school site, and is in every way adequate as a polling station. However, it would be helpful if dogs under control and on a lead at all times could accompany pollsters.	See above.
Cllr Robert McLean	Councillor, Warfield	HWestmorland Park Pavillion	A significant number of voters, who were accustomed to voting at Whitegrove Community Centre, were, in May 2019, to vote at Westmorland Park Pavilion instead. Polling cards showed details of the correct Polling Station but many residents had not been aware of the	Make any change of Polling Station much clearer and more prominent on Polling cards. Improve campaign to make residents more aware of those changes using all available media.

			change and had to be directed from Whitegrove to Westmorland Park. It is not clear how many voters chose not to bother and this may have been more serious towards the Close of Poll.	
Cllr Sandra Ingham	Borough Councillor	Westmorland Park Pavillion	<p>Good afternoon, I am responding to the consultation notice to say that there were a few difficulties in Warfield Harvest Ride as people had not read their polling cards properly and had not realised that their polling station had moved from Whitegrove Community Centre to Westmorland Pavillion. I understand this decision was taken for a general election when there may have been a significantly larger turnout of local residents. For a local election it proved not necessary as the turnout was low. Perhaps learning from this is: a) save money and resources by only using the additional polling station for general elections b) if using two not one polling station, this decision needs to be supported with better on and offline communications.</p> <p>Finally, a very big thank you to the officers for running the polling stations so efficiently and with such polite kindness. Even though we were telling we were made to feel welcome.</p>	
		Whitegrove Community Centre	They're fine Displayed info on each candidate would be really useful	
Cllr Thomas Parker	Borough Councillor	Wildridings Primary School	The current arrangement creates pressure for parents (especially single parents) to find alternative childcare arrangements on polling day. I spoke to many residents in the BW polling district for whom this had been a cause of notable stress. From a high level perspective, we should be discouraging the use of schools as polling stations as it is an unnecessary disruption to children's schooling, especially considering the usual timing of elections being close to the SATs period.	The Gospel Hall in Netherpton is a much more suitable location which still has access to the car park currently used by the polling station and would allow for the school not to be closed. Alternatively the St. Michael's Community Centre or the church itself are also locations that are accessible through a dedicated car park and would allow for school's to continue standard operations on election day. My final alternative is the Scout Hut located in the northernmost part of the BW polling area (RG12 7WP) which is accessible via the Wildridings Road and would take this polling place out of the school. ( <a href="https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/1st+Easth+ampstead+St+Michael's+Scout+Group/@51.4101008,-0.7567212,268m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x487680a107337819:0x82b3dceb0e32cf18m2!3d51.4100991!4d-0.7556265">https://www.google.co.uk/maps/place/1st+Easth+ampstead+St+Michael's+Scout+Group/@51.4101008,-0.7567212,268m/data=!3m2!1e3!4b1!4m5!3m4!1s0x487680a107337819:0x82b3dceb0e32cf18m2!3d51.4100991!4d-0.7556265</a> )
	Parent	Wildridings Primary School	Proves a massive issue for working parents especially this year with 2 days close to each other. The children are missing out on vital education as every day matters in education. The disruption to their day . I personally had trouble getting my ASD 8 year back for the Friday. Parents have complained that they get penalised when their child is not at school yet its okay to have two pulling days within a few weeks of each other !	We have a community centre near the school & a scout hut that could be used .
		Wildridings Primary School	Really convenient location, lots of parking and space. I really like that my school children are shown the importance of voting by having it at school.	
		Wildridings Primary School	Ideally located, easily accessible, suggest that this remains as the polling station	
		Wildridings Primary School	It's not fair to close the school so often. Parents would never get away with taking their child out of school for a reason that might not benefit them, yet a whole school can close with absolutely no benefit to any pupils. On top of that the disturbance to parents and staff. An alternative venue needs to be found.	Really should look at that church. I know they don't want political events there, yet neither does the school. And the school closure affects many more people than the little church.

		Wildridings Primary School	Very inconvenient for childcare. Staff (obviously) have to attend anyway.	Emanuel chapel
		Wildridings Primary School	Closing this school for polling is very inconvenient and greatly effects working parents! By closing the school we are affected financially as we either have to pay for childcare or take unpaid leave from work.	Easthampstead and Wildridings community center
		Wildridings Primary School	I think it's appalling that you choose to close a school for polling purposes. My child missed out on two days of education this year. If I'd taken him out on two days during the term I'd be fined.	There is a church opposite the school may be they could be contacted?
		Wildridings Primary School	It is completely unacceptable to be using a school, meaning that it has to close for a whole day. As parents we have the message drummed into us that it is unacceptable to take our child out of school even for an educational trip. If we do then we are fined.	A sports centre, community centre, church
	Wildridings school	Wildridings Primary School	There are only 2 schools now used in Bracknell now and using our school causes massive disruption to our pupils and parents especially when elections fall just weeks before our year 6 sats	I suggest that a good alternative could be 1st easthampstead scout hall this would stand empty in the day and is the right size for accommodating whats needed
		Wildridings Primary School	It's good location to where I live but inconvenient as I work in another school and having my child off causes issues as we both work.	St Michael's Church has a community hall.
		Wildridings Primary School	Due to the nature of using the school as a polling station, my daughter and the 400 other children that attend Wildridings, have had had to miss two Thursdays at school as the entire building has to be shut for the childrens safety. If I was to take my daughter out of school for two days then I would very quickly be produced with a fine for this, however if its for polling then it is fine for her to miss valuable learning time. The inconvenience of having to either take unpaid leave from work or find a friend or family member who can care for my daughter while she should be at school is huge, and can make a huge financial difference at the end of the month.	There is a Baptist church opposite the school that would be perfect and mean that the children can continue at school without their learning being disrupted.
		Wildridings Primary School	Exceptionally disruptive to the education of the children who attend Wildridings Primary School . The teachers have to attend at the school - for no purpose? And not allowed to go near the quarantined area.	Much better to use the Bracknell Gospel Hall opposite the school.
		Wildridings Primary School	Every year, sometimes multiple times a year, my children's school is closed for polling. Yet there is a church in the same road as the school that shares the same parking and could be utilised without disturbing the education of approximately 450 children. In 2019 two days of education have been lost for the sake of polling. One day of this ultimately does not benefit the UK at all if we are to leave the European Union. These days are not regained by the children throughout the year. If local councils are willing to fine parents hundreds of pounds for taking their children out of school, due to the effect it may have on their education, then they should not even consider closing for polling.	The Gospel Hall Bracknell, Netherton, Bracknell RG12 7DX is a church that shares the same entry road as the school and during school hours has a virtually empty car park. The same can be said for outside of school hours.
		Wildridings Primary School	My child goes to this school and it is a huge inconvenience when the school is closed due to polling	I think Wildridings and Easthampstead polling should merge and be held at the community centre only then it doesnt effect the childrens learning
		Wildridings Primary School	Disruptive to children and all parents needing to organise alternative childcare arrangements or take time off work.	

	Wildridings Primary School	It is no longer sensible to hold polling stations in schools. We have had two days the school has been closed for voting within 4 weeks recently. Along with bank holidays and half term. It is really hard to get the children in to a routine and explain this to you get children. A lot of parents struggle to get childcare and it is very important to me that children have the highest level of attendance to support their education. They are even marked down for days like this and snow days, when school is closed and they couldn't attend even if they wanted to.	Non school sites. Such as gospel hall opposite Wildridings school. Local libraries or st michael's centre.
	Wildridings Primary School	The school has had to close twice in 2019 due to polling. This has caused problems for working parents who either need to take holiday or make alternative arrangements. Particularly if you are a working parent with no close family or childminder in place.	
	Wildridings Primary School	Use as a polling station closes the school for a day .Not good for children's education.	The church opposite or the Scout hut
	Wildridings Primary School	We've had to take multiple days off of work (as holiday) over the last few years while the school is used as a polling station. It seems very unnecessary, given there are suitable local alternatives that wouldn't require an entire school to close. In addition I find the double standards frustrating, when for example I wouldn't be allowed to take children out of school for the day for our own reasons, e.g. if there was a family occasion.	Gospel Hall, St Michael's Parish Centre
	Wildridings Primary School	Schools should not close because of polling stations. Parents get fined for taking kids out of school during term time but yet they can close the school twice in the same month. Its a nightmare for working parents trying to arrange alternative childcare.	Bracknell gospel hall - directly opposite the school.
	Wildridings Primary School	Schools should not be used as polling stations, they have enough time off.	Im sure there must be Community Centres/Community Halls that are not being used
	Wildridings Primary School	At present the school has to close to provide a polling station for Wildridings area. This means the children lose a whole day of lessons. The government choose to fine parents for taking their children out of school for a holiday which has educational elements as well as providing wellbeing for children however the government can accept closing a school. This is highly hypocritical.	There is a community centre opposite the school which I sure could be used however failing this a cabin could be based in the parking area beside this. There is a local pub which could provide drinks and toilets. We after all a community town so we could work together to keep our children in school and set an example.
	Wildridings Primary School	It would be really great to move the polling place from the school as it meant that my children missed precious school time.	
	Wildridings Primary School	I am discusted with the fact that the school my child attends is constantly being closed for a polling station when there are several other buildings that could be used , for example easthampstead community centre, jennetts park , bracknell leisure centre to name a few. I have to take time off of work at short notice most of the time and feel that if it was the other way around and i decided to take my son out of school for a day then i would recieve a fine for doing so. Many parents feel the same way and openly discuss the matter.	As above.
	Wildridings Primary School	In May 2019 the school closed for 2 days as it was used as a polling station. This makes it difficult to make arrangements for child care	I suggest using the Gospel hall opposite the school which is empty most of he time and doesnt inconvenience the children or the parents
	Wildridings Primary School	Closing the school for Polling is completely inconsiderate and inconvenient for working families. There are plenty of community centres that could host these activities.	There is a community hall directly opposite the school. Gospel Hall? Surely this would be a better location.
	Wildridings Primary School	I disagree with the school being used as a polling station. It is very disruptive for the students and their parents. Last month the school shut for 2 days for polling.	There is a gospel hall right opposite the school that could be used or St Michaels community hall is just up the road

		Wildridings Primary School	This disrupts the education of the children as they can not be on site when the polling station is open.	The church hall that is on the other side of the road to the school.
	Wildridings Primary S	Wildridings Primary School	Due to safeguarding concerns, the school takes the decision to close to pupils. I believe this is detrimental to the children in terms that they have fewer learning days than other primary schools. This year in particular, Wildridings Primary School children have missed two more days of education than all the other children in Bracknell Forest, with the exception of Wooden Hill.	I believe that Wildridings needs to lobby for it's own community hall. Alternatively, there is a small building with a car park (possibly Football changing room facilities?) next to the Wildridings playing fields. Another idea to consider is to change to voting day from a Thursday to a weekend day. This would not require changes to the existing arrangements for a school, but perhaps it would for other voting stations.
		Wildridings Primary School	The effect of the closure of the school effects not only parents but the staff who work within the school but for an outside company.	The church opposite the school seems the best option
		Wildridings Primary School	My child is at this school and we are constantly told that "Every day of school matters". So why are schools still used as polling stations	There are plenty of community halls in and around the area that could be used as alternatives to using schools, there's even probably lots of empty warehouses that could be used too.
		Wildridings Primary School	I find it unbelievable that a primary school is used for polling when there are numerous other suitable locations within the polling area. This year alone with the two elections that have taken place along with inset days my child has lost over a weeks education. This is very difficult to swallow when people are fined for taking their children out of school for a more affordable holiday! I find it double standards on the part of the authorities.	Baptist's hall, domesday copse, scout hut.
		Wildridings Primary School	It is extremely annoying for working parents to have to take additional days off work on the top of the school holidays and bank holidays. Schools should not be used as polling stations!	Please use the community centres only or if school is closed please arrange free activities and childcare for pupils!
		Wildridings Primary School	I find it very wrong that the school is used as a polling station. Firstly our children lose out on education, as there is only a few schools that are used for this. Secondly, if I was to take my children out of school for a holiday or even just a day out when they should be in school I would be fined or called in for a meeting . I dont feel this any different. If its good enough for the government to allow our school to close for the day then it should be acceptable for parents to be able to take their children on a holiday out of the school holidays.	The gospel hall in nether-ton would be an appropriate size for use as a polling station.
		Wildridings Primary School	Closing the schools to allow them to act as a polling station impacts on working parents who have to find a safe environment for their children to be cared for, impacts on the learning of pupils and has the ability to impact the disruption of vulnerable children.	Community centres, places of worship
		Wildridings Primary School	I dont agree a school should be used as a polling station. This year in the same month the school was closed twice. Parents then have to take time off work. Its not a national holiday, but it becomes very unproductive.	Have you thought of asking the Baptist church on the same road. There is also a pub, maybe one of the back rooms could be used.
		Wildridings Primary School	I am happy where the current Polling Station is.	
		Wooden Hill School	I don't agree with schools having to be closed for polling when there is such a poor turnout.	The Pavilion building newly built would be better so the school doesn't have to be closed alternatively the nursery building within the school was used for one election without closing the school and worked just fine.
		Wooden Hill School	Using the school as a polling station is very problematic as a full-time working parent of a child that attends Wooden Hill. Plus this year, two days shut during May when year two and six children were doing SATs is not acceptable.	Within the school site, the nursery would be a suitable alternative as it is separate from the main school so would mean the school could remain open. A better alternative would surely be the new pavilion at Great

				Hollands Rec, as then the school and nursery would be completely unaffected.
		Wooden Hill School	The school has to close which impacts pupils learning and is difficult for parents to find childcare	The Pavillion at Great Holland's recreation ground
		Wooden Hill School	This impacts on the local children missing a day of school and parents having the job of finding alternative childcare if they work. This hits low income families the most.	The new pavilion be used or share the space at Great Hollands community centre.
		Wooden Hill School	I feel that another arrangement could be made to use another place as polling station.	Great Hollands community centre which was not busy at all on both occasions.
		Wooden Hill School	I think it is unacceptable that a school should close down for the day each time there is an election, it is very difficult finding alternative adhoc childcare and often have to take time off from work .	Great Hollands pavilion has just been built and is in very close proximity. One of the excuses we were given for not using it was inadequate lighting! This should have been taken into account when it was built, however how difficult is it to place mobile flood lighting outside? Incidentally during the European elections it was light outside past 9pm - no excuse.
		Wooden Hill School	It is so sad that the school keeps being used for a polling station. I didn't vote on 2 occasions in May due to being so fed up that our children keep missing school because of the closure.	The new pavilion building at Great Holland's rec. Although there are other available community centres at Great Holland's and the pines which are close too.
		Wooden Hill School	My Child attended Wooden Hill school. I am extremely upset that each time the entire school is closed so that the school can be used as a Polling station. This is very disruptive, to the children's education which should be paramount. This also has a financial impact on the parents, we have to arrange child care or take un paid leave from work, which then has even bigger impact on the employer! All because the council can not find another venue! This is completely unacceptable.	The Pavilion , South Hill Park, any library or youth centre in great Holland's, community centre in great Holland's, Bracknell leisure centre, church reception area.
		Wooden Hill School	Think it's great. Have no issues with this venue being held as a polling station...	No alternative suggestion. Keep Wooden Hill Primary school.
		Wooden Hill School	I cannot believe that in this day and age that you have to close a school for the use of a polling station. We cannot take our children out of school for a day for a holiday, yet you chose to close a whole school down and this year that was for two days during May. It interrupts the childrens learning and is wholly unnecessary when there are so many community centres around Bracknell that can be used as an alternative. Not to mention how inconvenient this is to working parents.	Great Hollands community centre Great Hollands pavilion Forest park community centre Jennetts park community centre Great Hollands library
		Wooden Hill School	The whole school has to be closed everytime there is a polling day.	To use the pavilion that is round the corner couldn't that be used Merge with the rest of great Holland's
		Wooden Hill School	This is a good location, accessible for all. With good parking for those needing it	
		Wooden Hill School	As a parent who has a child at the school polling days can be a challenging time. To arrange a random day off mid week is difficult for working parents and means that we are taking days off when they could be better spent during the holiday periods schools have. Also the school is very particular about time off during term and make a point of writing to parents whose children do not meet the school minimum attendance, yet it is fine for them to have 1/2 extra days because of polling, because it suits the council.	A lovely new community centre has been built just behind the school in the form of the Great Hollands Rec. It has a car park with further parking available on WoodenHill road. It has path ways from the car park and WoodenHill road and the other residential areas so why could this not be a consideration?
		Wooden Hill School	Its a shame that the children miss school because of the use of the school hall. It causes huge inconvenience for parents who work full time	The Great Hollands Pavilion; Easthampstead Park School has several halls/libraries so could remain open

				whilst one area is being used for polling.
		Wooden Hill School	I find it beyond belief that the school is closed for polling. I appreciate that voting is important and that is not the issue here. We are told as parents how important it is to have children in school 100 per cent of the school year and actual have penalties applied to us as parents if these rules are not followed. Yet schools are allowed to close for polling when there are plenty of other places to use. For example church halls, community centres, sports fields, scout huts, the list is long. I would like to know why its ok for polling to close a school but a family holiday is not accepted!	As above Sport centre Church halls Sports field facilities Scout huts Spilt up the areas of existing voting places to take more areas. Encourage more postal votes
		Wooden Hill School	As a parent of a child at the school it is extremely difficult to arrange childcare when the school is closed due to polling. I am unable to take my child out of school for a holiday without incurring a fine. It is however acceptable to close the school when it is used as a polling station. This obviously creates some tension around the parents and their views on the council .	The location could be split between Wooden Hill school and another location such as Great Holland's primary school. Details of the split could be advertised on council website and with polling cards.
		Wooden Hill School	I feel shutting the school is a terrible idea considering the various un used local church halls/community centres that could be alternative venues preventing children's education being disrupted. As a parent we are constantly reminded how disruption from our child having days can be detrimental to there learning but the council still feel its acceptable to take over the school when ever they need.	The new pavillion building, this has plenty of parking way more than the school and as a new build must be more than adequate for a polling station.
		Wooden Hill School	I dont understand why the school has to be closed especially this year when we have a brand new hall at the pavilion in great Hollands recreation park. It disrupts the childrens schooling and parents having to source unnecessary childcare. This year we have had to find childcare twice in one month with the local and European elections which has been very inconvenient to a lot of parents.	The brand new pavilion hall
		Wooden Hill School	It is very inconvenient when the school is used. Because the school hall is used, it is forced to close and parents have to take time off work or arrange childcare. Either way, this has a significant financial impact on parents and interrupts student learning. This happens every year at least once due to the electoral cycle chosen by the council. I don't understand why the nursery has been discounted as a polling station.	The new pavilion at Great Hollands seems to be a perfect location. It is a brand new facility and owned by the town council. A polling station could operate there with no disruption. There is parking and the venue is fully accessible. Residents can also easily access it from wooden hill by a short walk across the rec, which has level paths. If the school remains the preferred location (and I don't see why the pavilion is not suitable) then please avoid using the hall which closes the entire school. Instead of the hall, the nursery is a separate building. If it is suitable for childcare, it must be suitable for a polling station. Again, if discounted, the former music room could be used instead of the hall. This has direct, level access from the car park, and would mean the rest of the school could operate as normal, with only one class having to relocate.
		Wooden Hill School	Happy with venue.	
		Wooden Hill School	Not fair on the school or the parents that this school is used when there is a suitable other building just behind the school. For a school to lose days off has a high impact on both the staff and the pupils.	Great Hollands pavilion. Currently being told it cant be used due to poor access. This is nonsense as its newly built and has to have disabled access and its only a short walk from the current polling station. There is also parking, so no excuse as far as Im concerned!!

		Wooden Hill School	I think its crazy to close a whole school when there is a new pavilion behind thenschool	Great Hollands pavilion.
		Wooden Hill School	It is not fair to childrens education that the school is closed.	New building at great Hollands recreation ground.
		Wooden Hill School	It is absolutely ridiculous to use the schools when there are so many other options like Librarys or community halls.	Libraries, community halls
		Wooden Hill School	It is unsatisfactory to continue closing an entire school for polling reasons. As a nation we hold a zero intolerance policy to children taking time off of school, as parents we have to schedule working life around school arrangements and to simply close the school for voting is ridiculous - unless we want to relax the policies on absences. My son has 100% attendance, we miss the opportunity of family holidays through trying to obide by the rules. To then close the school twice in May and have to take time off work to accommodate is purely one sided.	Community centres, Libraries, Leisure centres, areas where playgroups run regularly. We should concentrate on people travelling a slightly further distance than closing down an entire school of pupils, some with working families.
		Wooden Hill School	Its seems ridiculous in this day and age shutting a school when there are other places like The Pavilion are available, especially when you are penalised if you decide to take a child out of school. With postal voting for less able people and it not being very far away it should be just as accessible. The Pavilion is being used a night for very functions now and people are managing to get there despite no car park lights or path lights, perhaps this should be looked at.	The newly built Pavilion
		Wooden Hill School	Good location but having to close the school is not ideal	Jointly at Great Hollands Community Centre
		Wooden Hill School	school has to close its up a steep hill nobody walks that way out of the way	gt hollands community centre or cafe every one goes to the shops would get higher turn out
		Wooden Hill School	Closing the school is ridiculous. It causes a childcare issue for most of the parents who are working parents. This is already a struggle with current term timetable. Polling days are an added loss of earnings.	Use the Pavillion around the corner as a polling station on the day.
		Wooden Hill School	The school should no longer be used, it creates issues for working parents trying to get short notice childcare or having to take unpaid leave	The new pavilion building would now be ideal. Ample parking
Cllr Michael Gbadebo	Borough Councillor	Wooden Hill School	I would like to propose that we move the polling station for the Great Hollands South ward from Woodenhill primary school to the new Great Hollands pavilion. The primary school had to be closed twice this year to make way for the local and EU elections. Relocating the polling station will avoid closing the school in the future. This was one of the issues residents raised during the local election campaign so I am glad that the council is reviewing this.	

A number of charities with relevant expertise in accessibility were also invited to take part in the consultation via subscription to the 'Involve' newsletter which is distributed to over 500 local groups and charities.