

Appendix B - Explanation of Changes to Polling Places and Polling Stations

Polling District	Peldon – ES
Ward	Mersea and Pyefleet
Polling Station	Peldon and Wigboroughs Village Hall, Church Road, Peldon, CO5 7PT
Electorate	463
Background	<p>The recently constructed Peldon and Wigboroughs Community Hall is the most suitable venue.</p> <p>The Community Hall is a combined polling station with two presiding officers (POs). One PO oversees both the Great and Little Wigborough registers, the other PO oversees the Peldon register. Therefore, the one building has electors from two separate Wards. However, it has proved an effective polling station at recent elections.</p>
Polling Place	Peldon polling district.

Polling District	Great Wigborough – GG and Little Wigborough – GH
Ward	Marks Tey & Layer
Polling Station	Peldon and Wigboroughs Village Hall, Church Road, Peldon, CO5 7PT
Electorate	171 and 26
Background	The recently constructed Peldon and Wigboroughs Community Hall is the most suitable venue. Please see above under Peldon ES.
Polling Place	Peldon and the Wigboroughs polling districts.

Polling District	Tiptree Maypole – GS
Ward	Tiptree
Polling Station	St Luke's Church, Church Road, Tiptree, CO5 0SU.
Electorate	2141
Background	St Luke's Church is the most suitable venue, although it is slightly outside of the polling district it is in the same ward. It has proved an effective polling station at recent elections.
Polling Place	Tiptree Ward.

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Polling District	West Stanway – GL
Ward	Marks Tey and Layer
Polling Station	Stanway Village Hall, Village Road, Stanway, CO3 0RH.
Electorate	691
Background	<p>Historically, Copford Village Hall was used as the polling station. However, it is too small to accommodate the growing Stanway population. Stanway Village Hall is slightly outside of the polling district and in a different ward. Nonetheless, it is easily accessible and has proved an effective polling station at recent elections.</p> <p>We are aware of a new community centre being built, once complete we will consider these facilities.</p>
Polling Place	Copford & Stanway polling districts.

Polling District	Shrub End – BF
Ward	Shrub End
Polling Station	Paxman Academy, Paxman Avenue, CO2 9DQ.
Electorate	2854
Background	<p>It is our intention to adopt Paxman Academy as the polling station, when the new school opens in Autumn 2019. Negotiations with the school have opened. As an interim measure and prior to securing space within the new school it is intended to use Shrub End Social Centre as a polling station.</p>
Polling Place	Shrub End polling district.

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Polling District	Trafalgar – AQ
Ward	Lexden & Braiswick
Polling Station	Praiseway 27-31, Straight Road, Lexden, Colchester, CO3 9BY.
Electorate	598
Background	<p>The polling station has been changed to Praiseway Church on Straight Road. Although Praiseway is outside of the polling district and ward it is convenient for the electorate and has proved an adequate polling station.</p> <p>To allow scope to adopt a more suitable polling station if one becomes available, the proposal is to adopt Lexden & Braiswick and Prettygate Wards as the polling place. The team will provide an update to the Government and Audit Committee within six months of this report.</p>
Polling Place	Lexden & Braiswick and Prettygate Wards.

Polling District	Home Farm – AR
Ward	Prettygate
Polling Station	Home Farm Primary School, Shelley Road, CO3 4JL.
Electorate	2051
Background	<p>Home Farm School has been redeveloped and at recent elections we have used temporary structures in school grounds. Home Farm School has assisted Colchester Borough Council in conducting elections and allowed us to move in to the classrooms after school hours.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with the school to reach a long term solution. To allow scope to adopt a more suitable polling station if one becomes available, the proposal is to adopt Prettygate Ward as the polling place. The team will provide an update to the Government and Audit Committee within six months of this report.</p>
Polling Place	Prettygate Ward.

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Polling District	Willows & Monkwick - AB
Ward	Berechurch
Polling Station	Thomas Lord Audley School, Monkwick Avenue, Colchester, CO2 8NJ.
Electorate	1052
Background	<p>At the European Parliamentary Election on 23 May 2019, the Thomas Lord Audley School was unavailable due to exams. As an interim measure, the Abbots Community Hall, Ladbroke Drive, was used as the polling station with no issues.</p> <p>Discussions are ongoing with Thomas Lord Audley School to reach a long term solution. Following feedback from the Committee we have begun to explore the possibility of using the Ormiston Centre. The Ormiston Centre is adjacent to Thomas Lord Audley and a site visit has been arranged.</p> <p>To allow the use of Abbots Community Hall as a contingency during this interim period, the proposal is to adopt Willows & Monkwick AB and Barnhall AL as the polling place.</p> <p>The team are confident a long term solution for a polling station will be secured within the polling district AB. The team will provide an update to the Government and Audit Committee within six months of this report.</p>
Polling Place	Willows & Monkwick and Barnhall polling districts.