

Appendix C

Below is a summary of the responses received as part of the Consultation

1. Feedback from Councillor Julie Young regards Greenstead Ward

- Greenstead is the ward with the largest electorate and the lowest turnout percentage so changes here should be given some additional scrutiny.
- Greenstead is the ward with the lowest car ownership, and this should be taken into consideration when considering the location of the polling stations.
- The Hythe community centre deters voters compared to when it was in the St Johns Ambulance station.
- The polling station should be left at Forest Road. The possibility of using Unity Primary Academy could be explored but using Greenstead Social Club is not a reasonable alternative.

2. Feedback from Councillor Tim Young regards Greenstead Ward

- Low turnout is a significant issue in Greenstead Ward and the proposed change would make it worse.
- Whilst the limitations of Forest Road Meeting Room are understood, possible adaption to make it more acceptable as a Polling Station.

3. Feedback from Councillor Sam McLean regards regarding Hamilton Road polling district

- Councillor Sam McLean commented that he was pleased to hear this and the parents of Hamilton will be too.

4. Feedback from Councillor Dave Harris regards St Margaret's Church Hall

- The front entrance is not disabled friendly. Although there is a side entrance that is. Consideration could be given to a modification at front entrance of Church with a permanent ramp.

5. Feedback from the Acting Returning Officer for Colchester

- The Acting Returning Officer for Colchester has no objections.

6. Feed back from the Acting Returning Officer for Harwich and North Essex

- The Acting Returning Officer did not foresee any objections to the recommendations.