

## Recommendations Report

### Introduction

Local Authorities must comply with a number of legislative requirements regarding the location and accessibility of Polling Districts and Polling Places. The mandatory review process comprises a number of specified steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, which includes a public consultation.

The last review for Tamworth Borough Council was conducted in 2019. A full polling place and polling district review commenced on Monday 9 September 2024 and ended on Monday 14 October 2024.

The review considered any representations from local residents and stakeholders in the borough, including any issues regarding access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities. Any elector could make their views known and the process for doing so was publicised. In addition, the review considered the impact of the next four years' worth of planned residential developments.

In encouraging views, it is of course the case that the availability of suitable polling places is the key determining factor in the makeup of polling districts. Therefore, in asking for comments, we requested that alternative proposals should include suggestions for polling station locations.

It is the Returning Officer's role to select the polling stations. It will be Full Council which will make the decisions on any proposed changes to polling districts or polling places. The final scheme for polling arrangements will be adopted in accordance with the Council's constitution.

The polling districts, polling places and polling stations finally decided on will be in use for any polls called after 1 January 2025.

### Scope of the review

Tamworth is currently divided into 50 polling districts covered by 52 polling stations. Polling districts, the geographic subdivisions of each ward, as well as polling places for each of these districts were within the scope of this review. The review considered the continued suitability of existing arrangements and, where necessary, will make proposals for: "Change" or "no change" to the polling stations within those districts.

- The creation or removal of polling districts;
- "Change" or "no change" to the boundaries of polling districts;
- "Change" or "no change" to the referencing of those polling districts;
- "Change" or "no change" to the polling stations within those polling districts.

### Not in scope

Borough ward boundaries, county council boundaries and parliamentary constituency boundaries were not in the scope of this review.

The legislation requires that ward/county boundaries are reviewed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and the Electoral Commission (EC) and not by Local Authorities themselves. We do not have a mandate to suggest alterations to the boundaries between wards.

The review did not consider comments regarding local authority boundaries, neighbouring parliamentary constituencies, the name of local authorities or other electoral areas within or bordering Tamworth Borough Council.

## **Glossary of Terms**

### **Polling District**

A polling district is a geographical subdivision of an electoral area. For example, a parliamentary constituency or a borough ward.

### **Polling Place**

A polling place is the area in which the Returning Officer selects the polling station. In Tamworth, it is recommended that polling places represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located.

### **Polling Station**

The polling station is the room or building where the poll takes place. This location is selected by the Returning Officer.

### **Accessing information**

The report presents information for each ward of the borough. These are presented in alphabetical as follows:

- Amington
- Belgrave
- Bolehall
- Castle
- Glascote
- Mercian
- Spital
- Stonydelph
- Trinity
- Wilnecote

To illustrate those recommendations for each ward, maps of the existing arrangements as well as maps of our proposed arrangements are available on our polling station page:

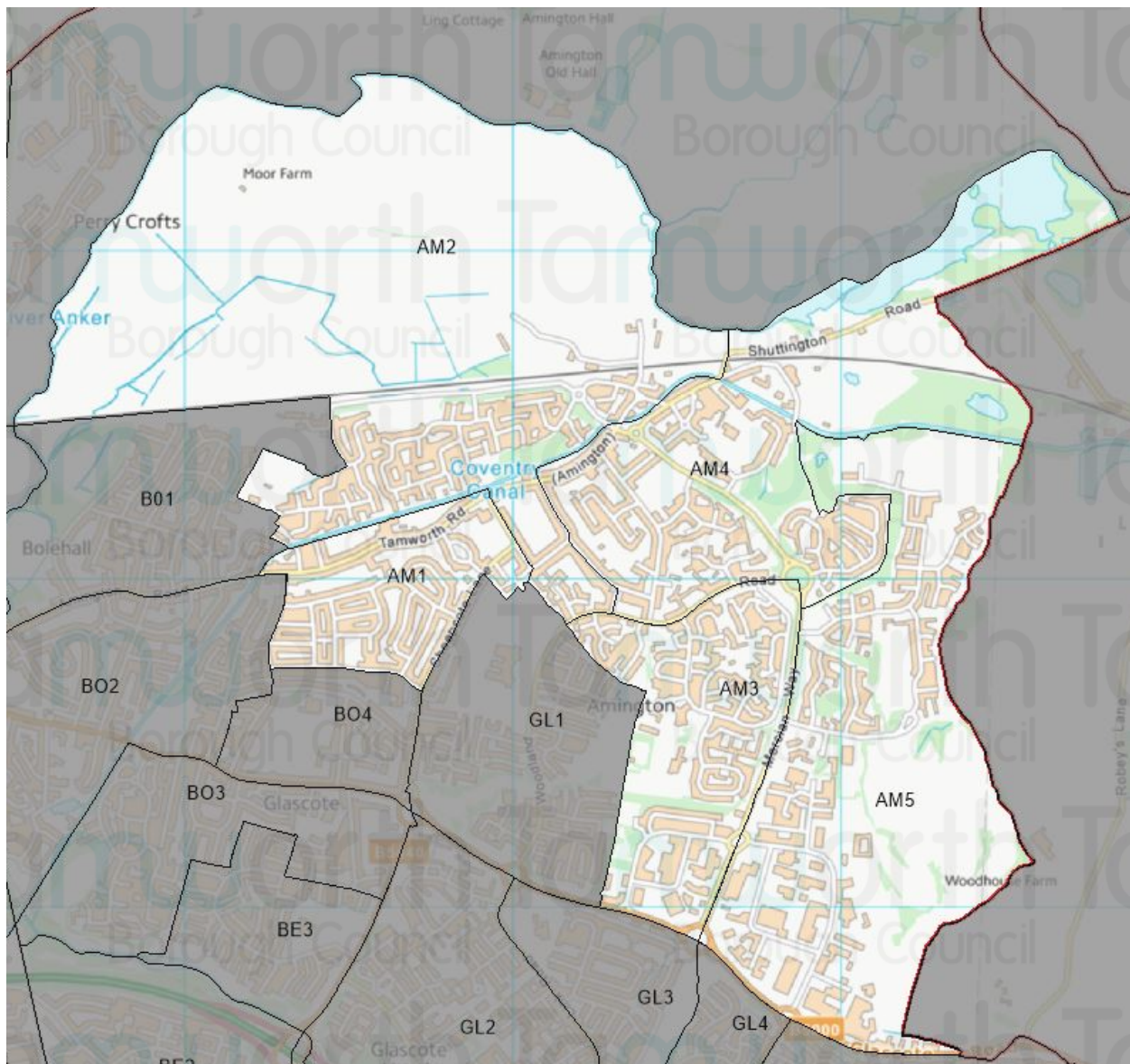
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In the polling district information tables provided for each ward, the word “Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district, as of September 2024.

In the polling station information tables provided for each ward, the expression “Polling Station Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district who have opted to attend a polling station to vote, as of September 2024. This figure excludes electors from the district who may have opted to vote by other means. This figure informs us of the maximum number of electors who may attend the polling station on polling day.

# Amington Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
AM1	Florendine Primary School	1,209	No change.
AM2	Florendine Primary School	1,642	No change.
AM3	Amington Heath Primary School	1,191	No change.
AM4	Amington Band Welfare Centre	1,491	No change.
AM5	Amington Band Welfare Centre	1,239	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Florendine Primary School	AM1	881	Yes	No change.
Florendine Primary School	AM2	1,295	Yes	No change.
Amington Heath Primary School	AM3	1,066	Yes	No change.

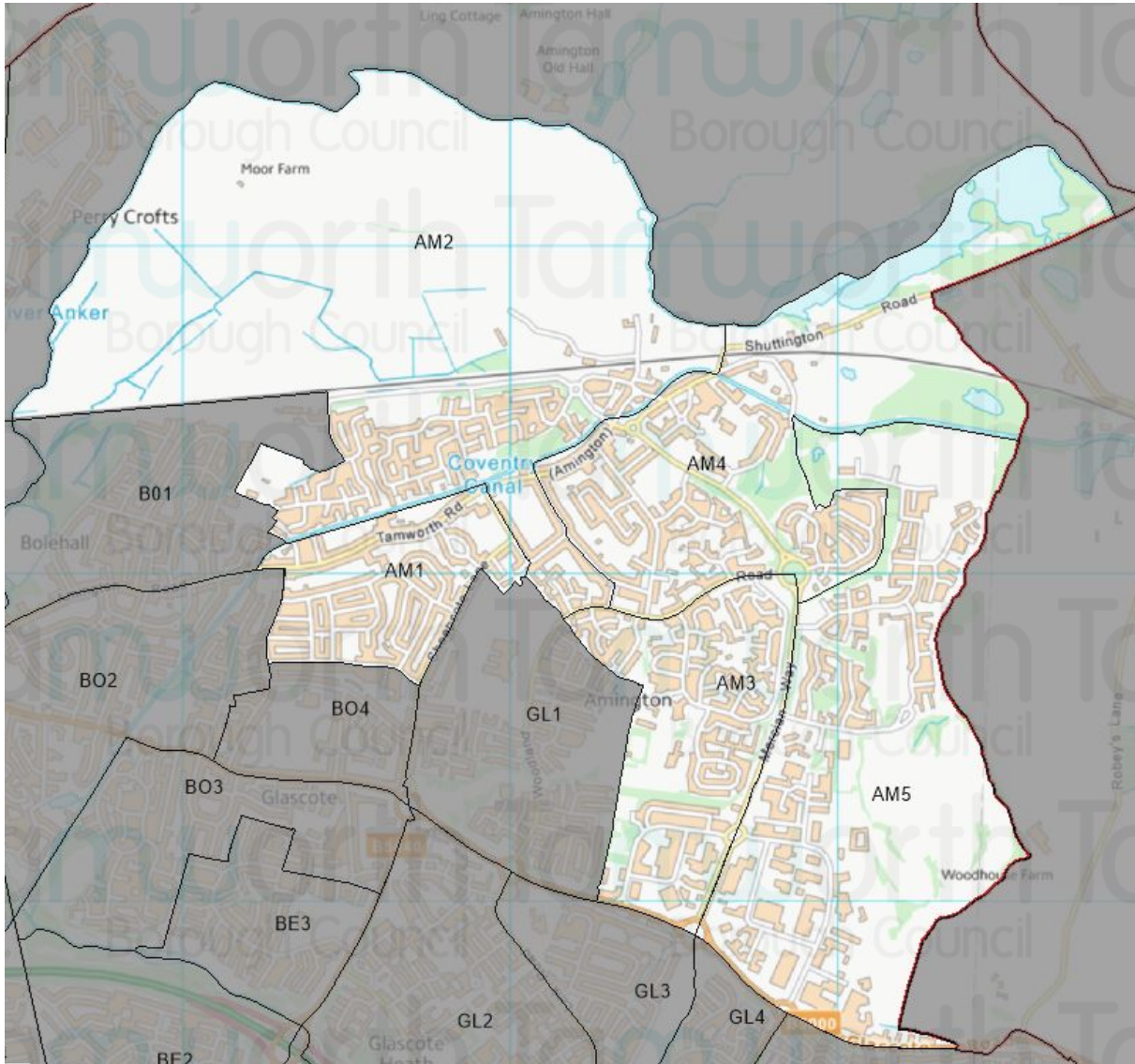
<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Amington Band Welfare Centre	AM4	1,202	Yes	No change.
Amington Band Welfare Centre	AM5	1,058	Yes	No change.

## **Recommendations**

No alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Amington Ward.

It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



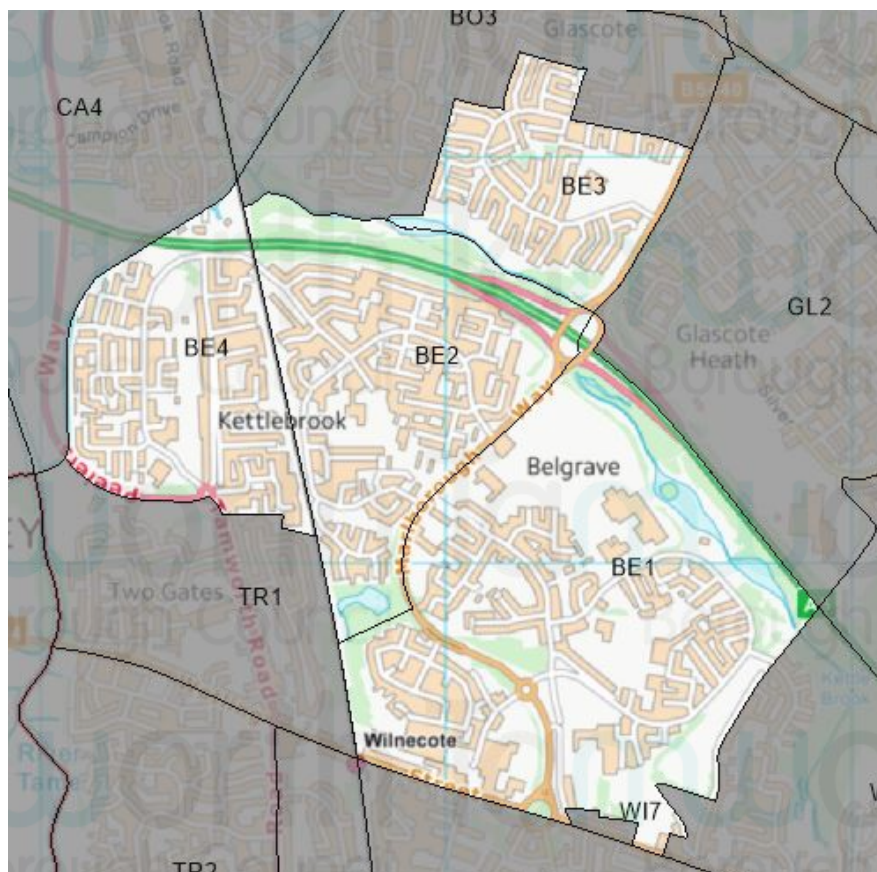
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
AM1	Florendine Primary School	Florendine Street, Amington, B77 3DD	1,233	1,011	1
AM2	Florendine Primary School	Florendine Street, Amington, B77 3DD	1,667	1,367	1
AM3	Amington Heath Primary School	Quince, Amington, B77 4EN	1,210	992	1
AM4	Amington Band Welfare Centre	Sharpe Street, Amington, B77 3HY	1,536	1,260	1
AM5	Amington Band Welfare Centre	Sharpe Street, Amington, B77 3HY	1,473	1,207	1

<sup>1</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>2</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Belgrave Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
BE1	The Sports Centre, Tamworth Enterprise College	1,825	No change.
BE2	Tamworth Baptist Church	1,525	No change.
BE3	Lakeside Primary School	946	No change.
BE4	Park Farm Community Centre	1,369	Change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
The Sports Centre, Tamworth Enterprise College	BE1	1,550	Yes	No change.
Tamworth Baptist Church	BE2	1,325	Yes	No change.
Lakeside Primary School	BE3	779	Yes	No change.
Park Farm Community Centre	BE4	1,140	Yes	No change.

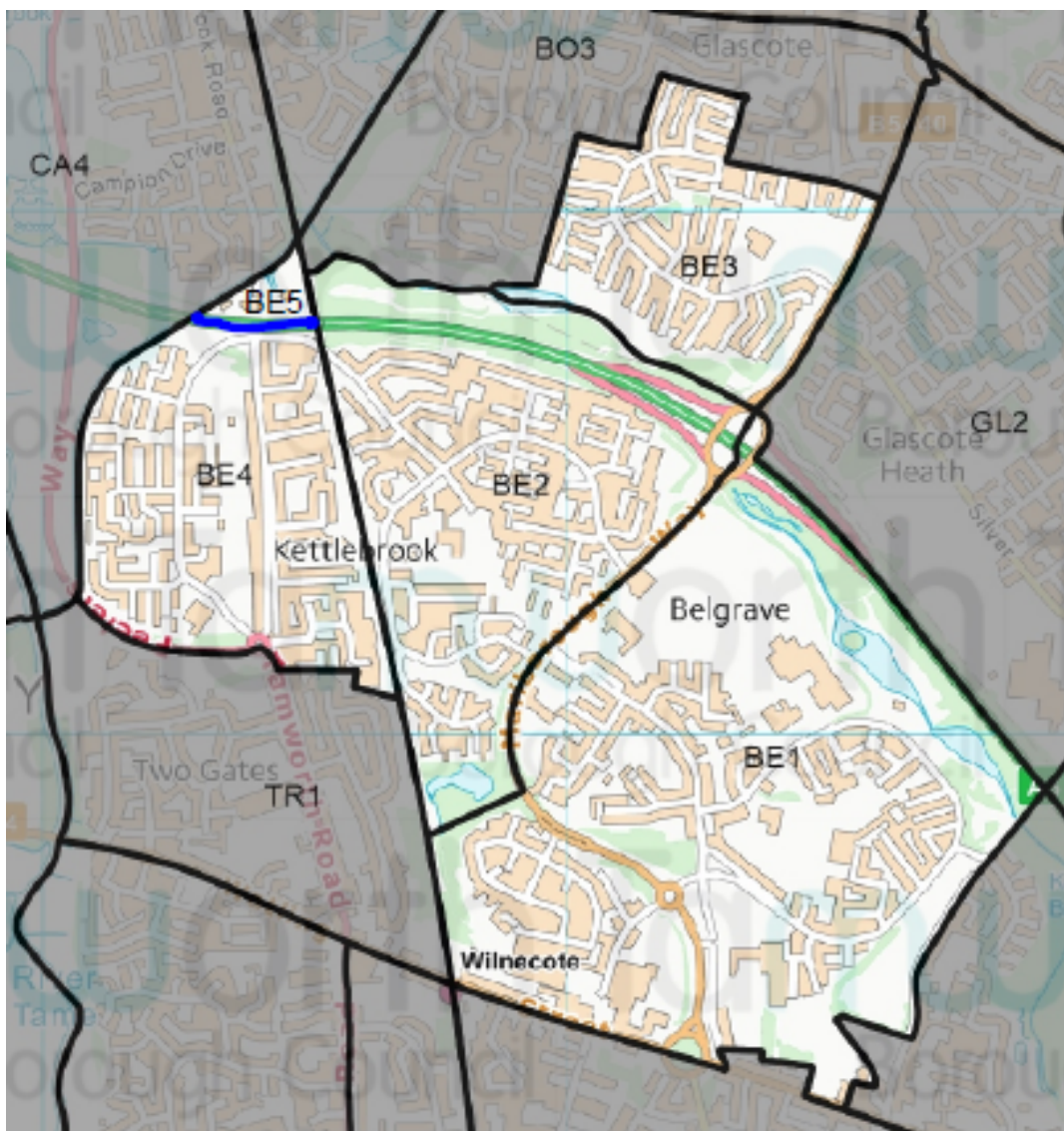
## **Recommendations**

No alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided.

It was noted that some electors would benefit having their properties moved from BE4 into a new polling district to allow them to access a polling location nearer their homes. Therefore, it is recommended that a new polling district with the reference BE5 is created to allow for properties located at the far end of Kettlebrook Road (numbers 234 to 252) to vote at the Sea Cadet Centre rather than having to travel to the Community Centre located at Greatmead. No other changes to polling districts, polling places or polling places are proposed.

It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>3</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>4</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
BE1	The Sports Centre, Tamworth Enterprise College	Birds Bush Road, Belgrave, B77 2NE	1865	1529	1
BE2	Tamworth Baptist Church	Derwent, Off Field Farm Road, B77 2LD	1561	1280	1
BE3	Lakeside Primary School	Leyland Road, B77 2SA	977	801	1
BE4	Park Farm Community Centre	Greatmead, Kettlebrook, B77 1DL	1399	1147	1
BE5 (NEW)	Sea Cadet Centre, West Street	West Street, Kettlebrook B77 1AU	19	16	Electors in this polling district will attend the polling station with the CA4.

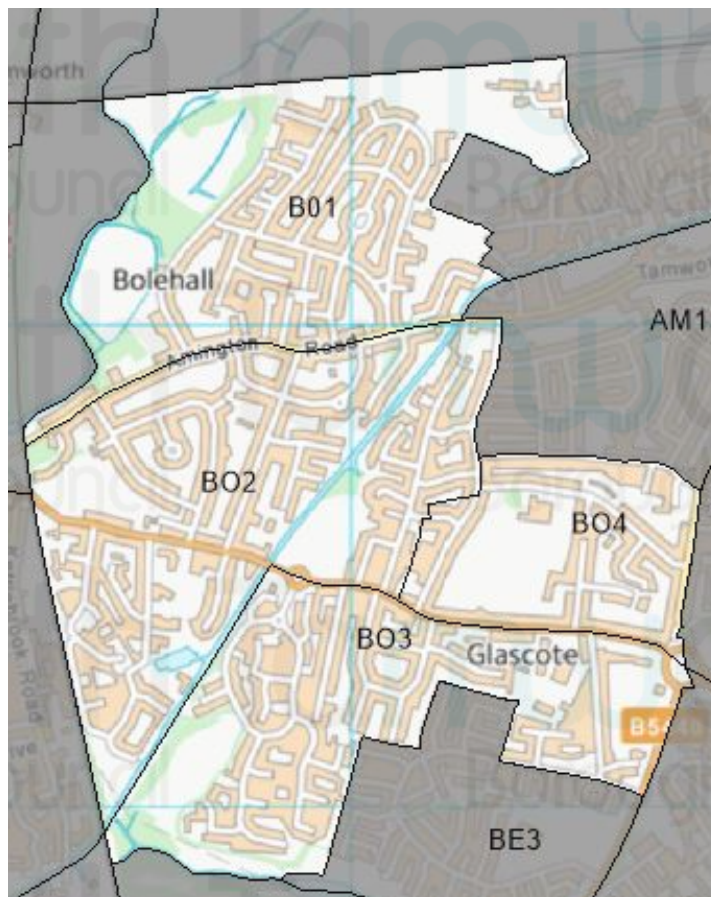
<sup>3</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>4</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.



# Bolehall Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
BO1	Bolehall Swifts Social Club	1,301	No change
BO2	William Macgregor Primary School	2,183	No change
BO3	Glasgote Meeting Rooms	1,428	No change
BO4	Woodlands Primary School	738	No change

## Existing Polling Stations

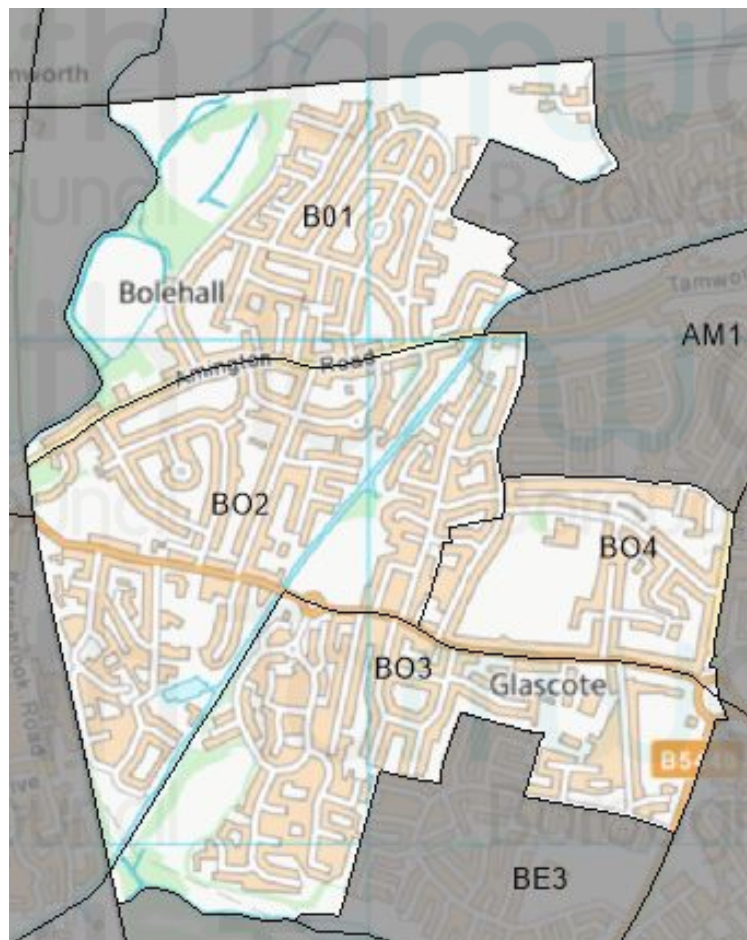
<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Bolehall Swifts Social Club	BO1	1,084	Yes	No change
William Macgregor Primary School	BO2	1,827	Yes	No change
Glasgote Meeting Rooms	BO3	1,224	Yes	No change
Woodlands Primary School	BO4	625	Yes	No change

## **Recommendations**

No alternatives to the current polling districts or polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Bolehall Ward.

It is also recommended that polling the place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



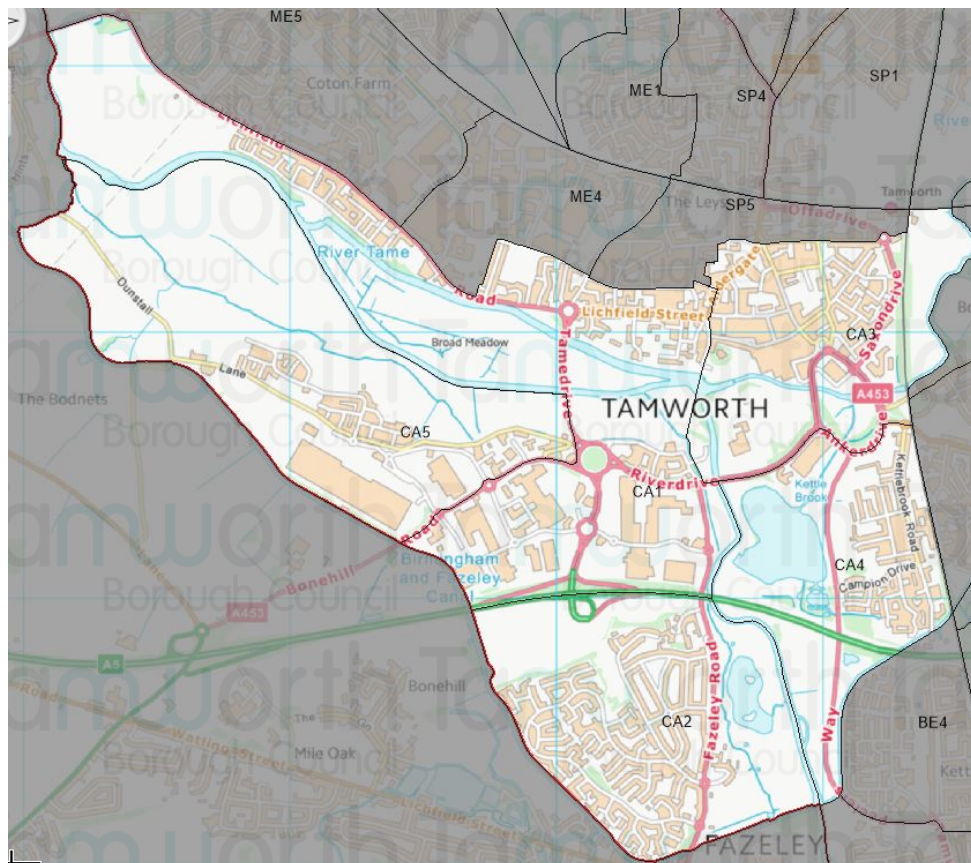
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>5</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>6</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
BO1	Bolehall Swifts Social Club	Rene Road, Bolehall, B77 3NW	1325	1087	1
BO2	William Macgregor Primary School	Glasgote Road, B77 2AF	2224	1823	2
BO3	Glascote Meeting Rooms	Dumolos Lane, B77 2AU	1456	1194	1
BO4	Woodlands Primary School	Canning Road, Glascote, B77 3JX	748	613	1

<sup>5</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>6</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Castle Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
CA1	Sunset Close Community Centre	1,749	No change.
CA2	The Green (Durham Close) – Temporary Station	2,093	No change.
CA3	Community Meeting Room, St John’s RC Church	964	No change.
CA4	Sea Cadet Centre	892	No change.
CA5	Sunset Close Community Centre	1,172	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Sunset Close Community Centre	CA1	1,368	Yes	No change
The Green (Durham Close) – Temporary Station	CA2	1,686	Yes <sup>7</sup>	No change
Community Meeting Room, St John’s RC Church	CA3	795	Yes	No change
Sea Cadet Centre	CA4	740	Yes	No change

<sup>7</sup> Although temporary stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

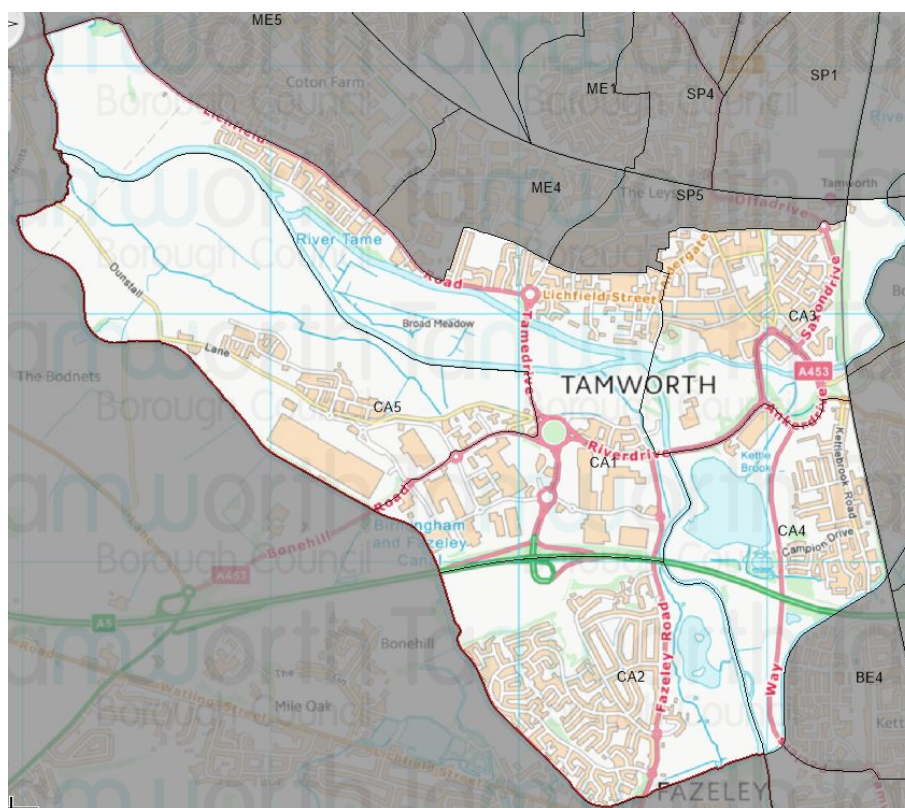
<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Sunset Close Community Centre	CA5	1,063	Yes	Change

## **Recommendations**

Several submissions were received requesting that the polling station for the CA5 polling district was relocated from Sunset Close Community Centre. Dunstall Park Primary School have been contacted and are willing to act as a polling station location for the CA5 polling district. Sunset Close Community Centre will continue to be used for the CA1 polling district. No other changes are proposed for the Castle Ward.

It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



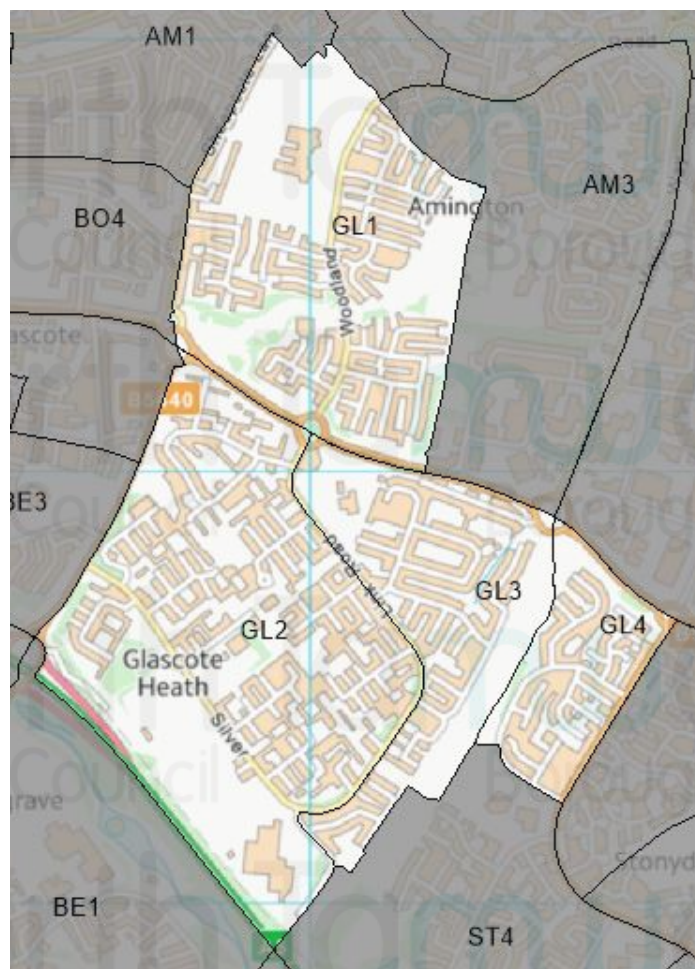
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>i</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>ii</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
CA1	Sunset Close Community Centre	Sunset Close, Off Lichfield Street, B79 7QJ	1778	1458	1
CA2	The Green (Durham Close) – Temporary Station	Land adjacent to Durham Close, County Drive	2119	1737	2
CA3	Community Meeting Room, St John's RC Church	St John's Street, B79 7EX	996	817	1
CA4	Sea Cadet Centre	West Street, Kettlebrook, B77 1AU	884	725	1
CA5	Dunstall Park Primary School	Austen Drive, B78 3BQ	1435	1176	1

<sup>i</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>ii</sup> Estimated Polling Station Electorate = Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station

# Glascote Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
GL1	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	1,515	No change.
GL2	Oakhill Primary School	2,425	Change.
GL3	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	937	No change.
GL4	Stoneydelph Primary School	609	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	GL1	1,189	Yes	No change.
Oakhill Primary School	GL2	2,132	Yes	Change.
Sacred Heart Catholic Church	GL3	743	Yes	No change.
Stoneydelph Primary School	GL4	547	Yes	No change.



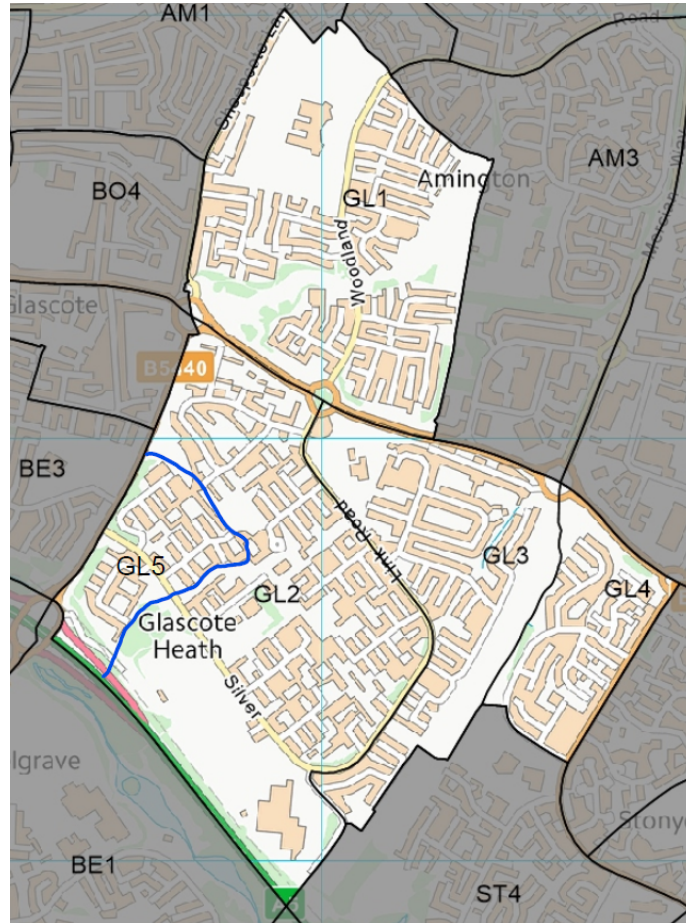
## **Recommendations**

Several submissions were received requesting that we explore the possibility of using St Peter's Church, Hawksworth rather than Oakhill Primary School. St Peter's Church are happy to allow us to use them for polling purposes, therefore, it is recommended that this change is made. This will mean that the GL2 polling district would cast their vote at St Peter's Church at future polls.

The creation of a new polling district is also required. This is to assist with the delivery of the county council elections. The GL2 polling district has been split between two county divisions in the recent boundary changes. To facilitate this the creation of a new polling district, GL5 will be necessary. This new polling district would cast their vote at St Peter's Church. This new polling district will include properties from Ivatt, Kirtley and Maitland.

It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



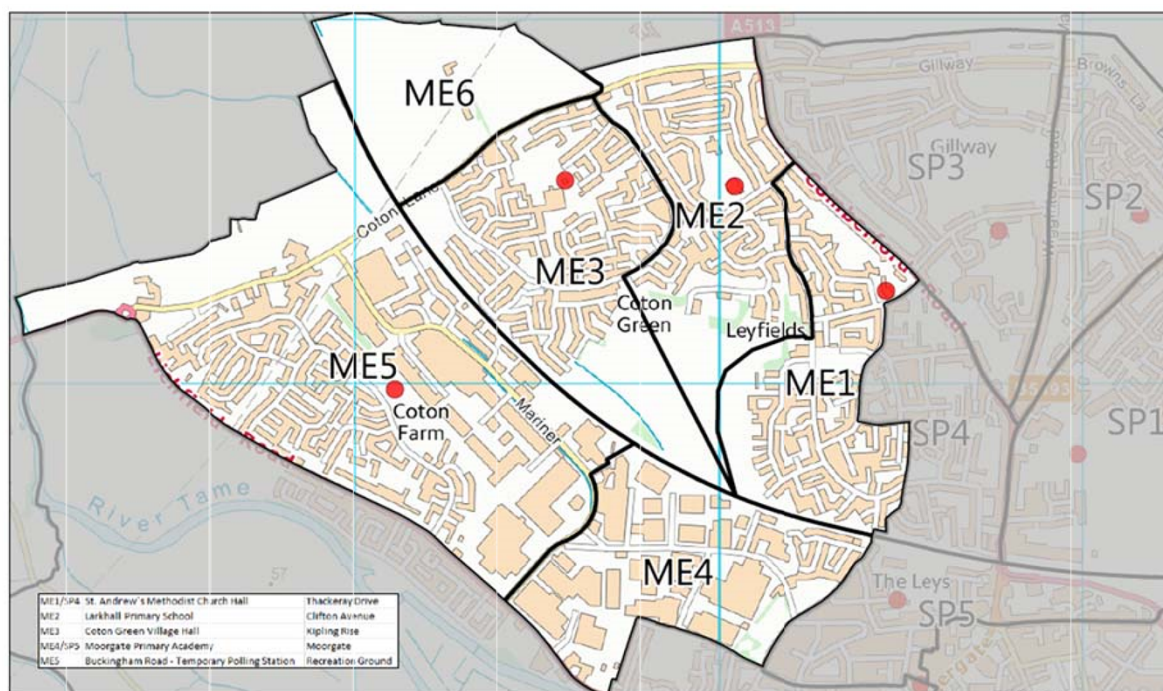
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>8</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>9</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
GL1	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Silver Link Road, Glascote Heath, B77 2EA	1539	1262	1
GL2	St Peter's Church, Hawksworth	Hawksworth, B77 2HH	1957	1604	2
GL3	Sacred Heart Catholic Church	Silver Link Road, Glascote Heath, B77 2EA	956	784	1
GL4	Stoneydelph Primary School	Crowden Road, Stoneydelph, B77 4LS	620	509	1
GL5(NEW)	St Peter's Church, Hawksworth	Hawksworth, B77 2HH	518	425	Will be incorporated with one of the stations serving the GL2 polling district.

<sup>8</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>9</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Mercian Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
ME1	St Andrew's Methodist Church Hall	1,412	No change.
ME2	Larkhall Primary School	1,000	No change.
ME3	Coton Green Village Hall	1,273	No change.
ME4	Moorgate Primary Academy	156	No change.
ME5	Buckingham Road – Temporary Station	1,365	No change.
ME6	Coton Green Village Hall	305	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
St Andrew's Methodist Church Hall	ME1	1,204	Yes	No change.
Larkhall Primary School	ME2	809	Yes	No change.
Coton Green Village Hall	ME3	1,027	Yes	No change.
Moorgate Primary Academy	ME4	136	Yes	No change.

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Buckingham Road – Temporary Station	ME5	1,127	Yes <sup>10</sup>	No change.
Coton Green Village Hall	ME6	268	Yes	No change.

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<sup>10</sup> Although temporary stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

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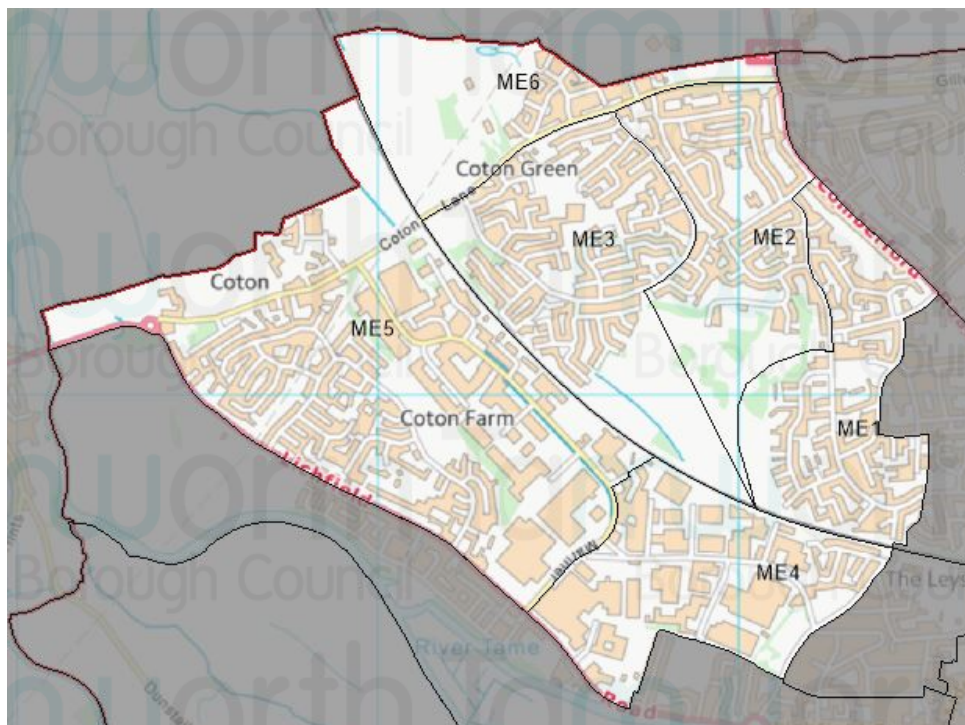
It should be noted that although the Mercian Ward currently uses two schools as polling stations the schools are informed of scheduled polls several years in advance thus allowing ample time to plan for a Teacher Training Inset Day. This should help keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. Whilst schools must provide the Returning Officer with a suitable room to facilitate voting it is not the Returning Officer who chooses to close the school. This is a decision taken by the school and in fact several schools that are used as polling stations throughout the borough remain either fully or partially open on polling days.

Schools are required under statute to be made available for voting purposes. This is because as a public building the access must meet all requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010. Accessibility for disabled voters is a very important issue and ensuring that polling stations are suitable for all sorts of disability is essential. According to statistics provided by Staffordshire Observatory there are approximately 7,000 people within the borough who have mobility issues and an unknown number of people with other impediments. We must be very careful about not accidentally disenfranchising an elector as they are unable to access voting facilities easily. Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 has placed a requirement on the local authority to review the accessibility of all polling stations. A review is undertaken at every poll and a polling station questionnaire is available for completion by electors. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Mercian Ward.

A number of alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation however, the majority were either already used or were not within the borough. At the time of writing this we are still waiting for a response from some suggested locations to see if they would be available and are suitable for use as a polling station.

Currently no changes are recommended however, the polling stations will remain under review whilst we will continue to explore other possibilities. It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



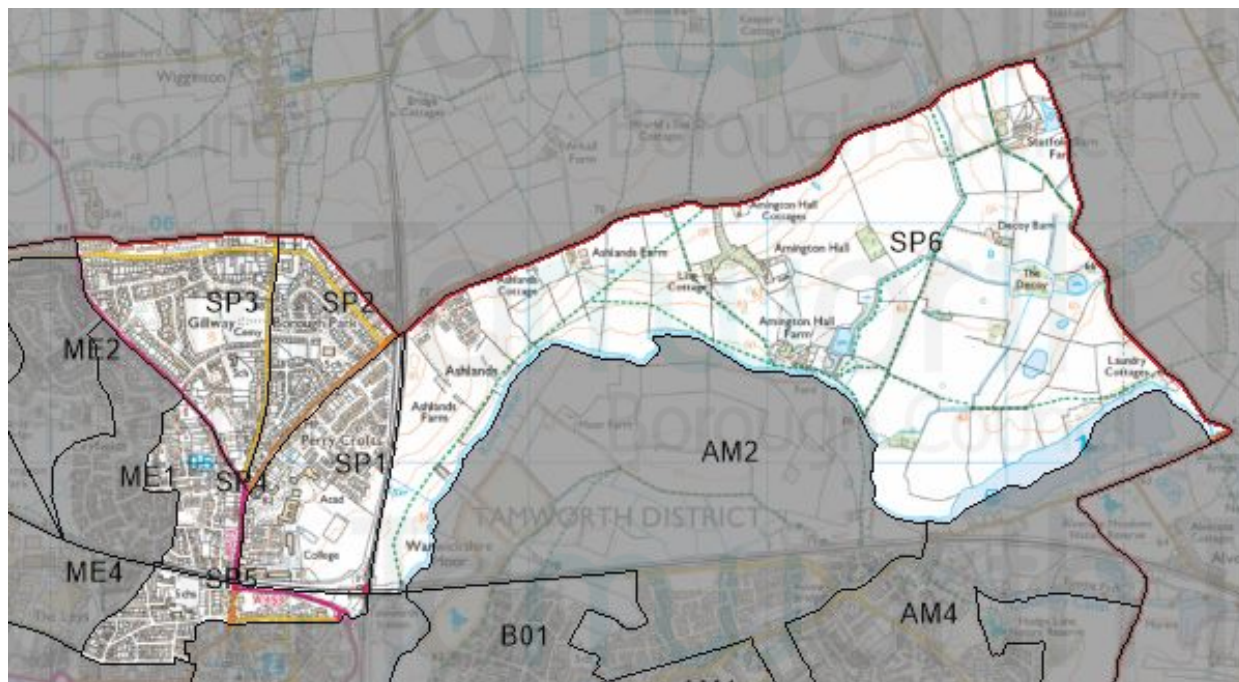
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>11</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>12</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
ME1	St Andrew's Methodist Church Hall	Thackeray Drive, B79 8HY	1448	1187	1
ME2	Larkhall Primary School	Clifton Avenue, Tamworth, B79 8EF	1008	826	1
ME3	Coton Green Village Hall	Kipling Rise, Coton Green, B79 7UF	1289	1057	1
ME4	Moorgate Primary Academy	Moorgate, Tamworth, B79 7EL	159	130	1
ME5	Buckingham Road – Temporary Station	Recreation Ground, Buckingham Road	1411	1157	1
ME6	Coton Green Village Hall	Kipling Rise, Coton Green, B79 7UF	304	250	Will be incorporated with ME3 polling station

<sup>11</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>12</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Spital Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



## Existing Polling Districts

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
SP1	School Canteen – Landau Forte QEMS	948	No change.
SP2	Ashcroft Infants and Nursery School	1,101	No change.
SP3	Flax Hill Junior Academy	1,524	No change.
SP4	St Andrew’s Methodist Church Hall	792	No change.
SP5	Moorgate Primary Academy	1,043	No change.
SP6	Anker Valley Primary Academy	1,064	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
School Canteen – Landau Forte QEMS	SP1	674	Yes	No change.
Ashcroft Infants and Nursery School	SP2	865	Yes	No change.
Flax Hill Junior Academy	SP3	1,228	Yes	No change.
St Andrew’s Methodist Church Hall	SP4	608	Yes	No change.
Moorgate Primary Academy	SP5	838	Yes	No change.
Anker Valley Primary Academy	SP6	940	Yes	No change.

## Recommendations

It should be noted that although the Spital Ward currently uses five schools as polling stations the schools are informed of scheduled polls several years in advance thus allowing ample time to plan for a Teacher Training Inset Day. This should help keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. Whilst schools must provide the Returning Officer with a suitable room to facilitate voting it is not the Returning Officer who chooses to close the school. This is a decision taken by the school and in fact several schools that are used as polling stations throughout the borough remain either fully or partially open on polling days.

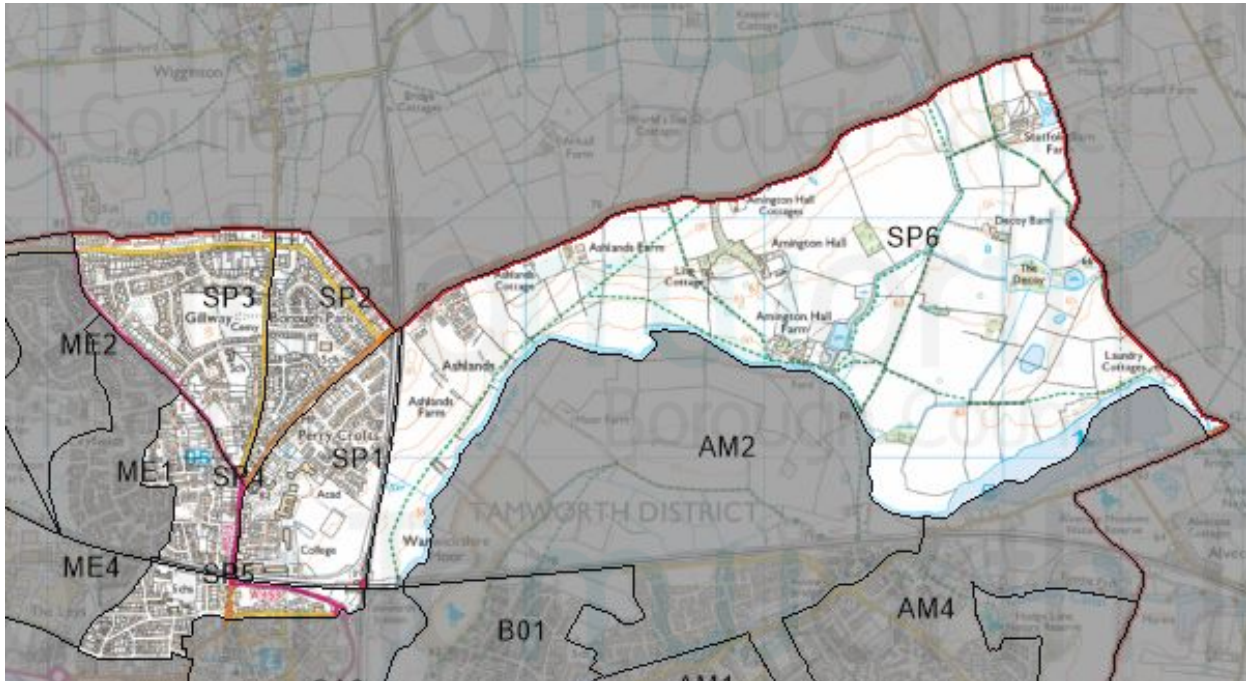
Schools are required under statute to be made available for voting purposes. This is because as a public building the access must meet all requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010. Accessibility for disabled voters is a very important issue and ensuring that polling stations are suitable for all sorts of disability is essential. According to statistics provided by Staffordshire Observatory there are approximately 7,000 people within the borough who have mobility issues and an unknown number of people with other impediments. We must be very careful about not accidentally disenfranchising an elector as they are unable to access voting facilities easily. Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 has placed a requirement on the local authority to review the accessibility of all polling stations. A review is undertaken at every poll and a polling station questionnaire is available for completion by electors. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Spital Ward.

A number of alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation however, the majority were either already used or were not within the borough. At the time of writing this we are still waiting for a response from some suggested locations to see if they would be available and are suitable for use as a polling station.

Currently no changes are recommended however, the polling stations will remain under review whilst we will continue to explore other possibilities. It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.



## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



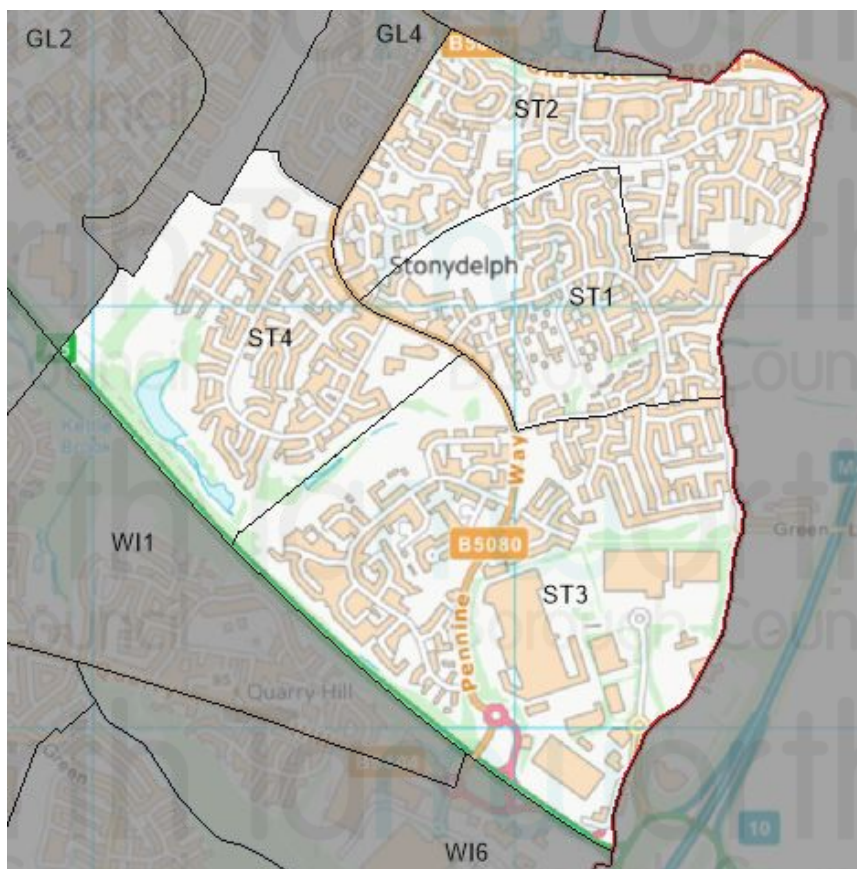
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>1</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>2</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
SP1	School Canteen – Landau Forte QEMS	Ashby Road, Tamworth, B79 8AA	958	785	1
SP2	Ashcroft Infants and Nursery School	Mildenhall, B79 8RU	1113	913	1
SP3	Flax Hill Junior Academy	Chestnut Avenue, Gillway, B79 8QZ	1549	1270	1
SP4	St Andrew’s Methodist Church Hall	Thackeray Drive, B79 8HY	807	662	1
SP5	Moorgate Primary Academy	Moorgate, Tamworth, B79 7EL	1083	888	1
SP6	Anker Valley Primary Academy	Brooklime Way, B79 0FD	1076	882	1

<sup>1</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>2</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Stonydelph Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



## Existing Polling Districts

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
ST1	Pennymoor Community Hall	1,271	No change.
ST2	St Martin in the Delph Community Centre	1,675	No change.
ST3	Pennymoor Community Hall	1,568	No change.
ST4	Stoneydelph Primary School	1,100	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

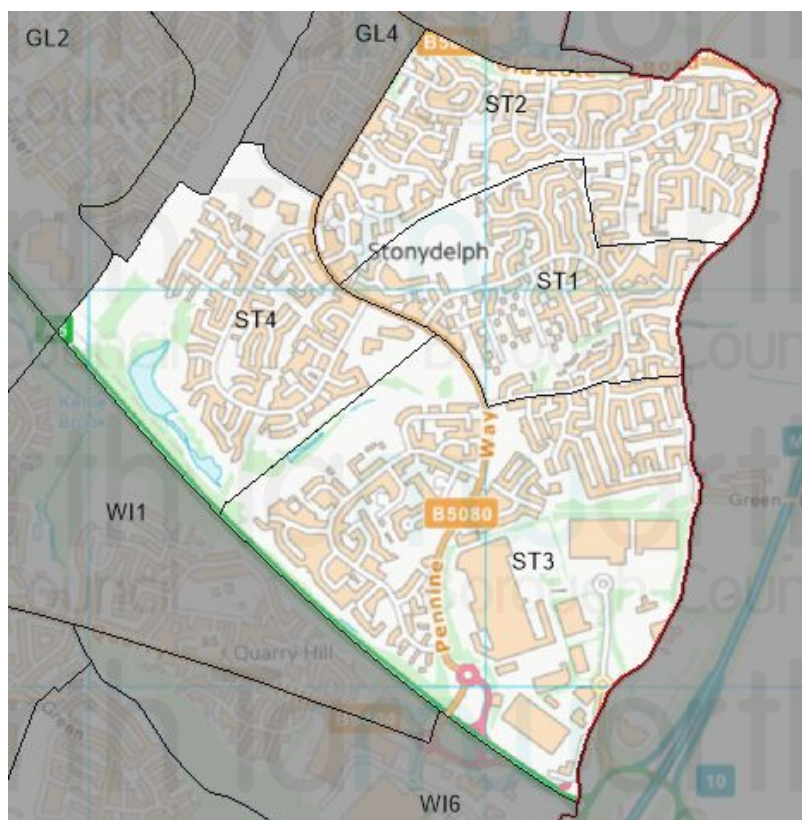
<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Pennymoor Community Hall	ST1	1,029	Yes	No change.
St Martin in the Delph Community Centre	ST2	1,352	Yes	No change.
Pennymoor Community Hall	ST3	1,251	Yes	No change.
Stoneydelph Primary School	ST4	927	Yes	No change.

## **Recommendations**

No alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Stonydelph Ward.

It is also recommended that the polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



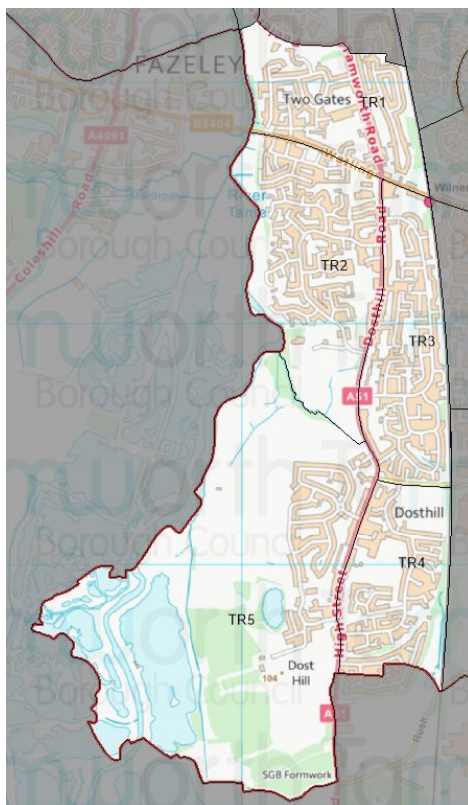
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>13</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>14</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
ST1	Pennymoor Community Hall	Pennymoor Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LG	1290	1058	1
ST2	St Martin in the Delph Community Centre	Ellerbeck, Stonydelph, B77 4JA	1707	1400	2
ST3	Pennymoor Community Hall	Pennymoor Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LG	1601	1313	1
ST4	Stoneydelph Primary School	Crowden Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LS	1117	916	1

<sup>13</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>14</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Trinity Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



## Existing Polling Districts

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
TR1	Two Gates Primary School	1275	No change.
TR2	Dorcas Centre	1234	No change.
TR3	Dorado – Temporary Station	1446	No change.
TR4	Dosthill Boys Club	1019	No change.
TR5	Dosthill Boys Club	815	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Two Gates Primary School	TR1	1076	Yes	No change.
Dorcas Centre	TR2	973	Yes	No change.
Dorado – Temporary Station	TR3	1198	Yes <sup>15</sup>	No change.
Dosthill Boys Club	TR4	839	Yes	No change.
Dosthill Boys Club	TR5	631	Yes	No change.

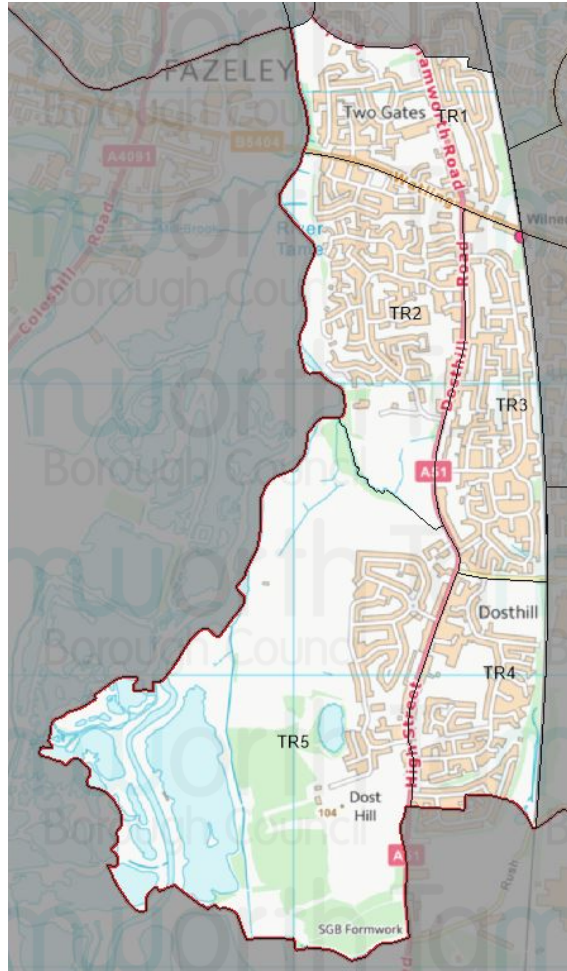
<sup>15</sup> Although temporary stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

## **Recommendations**

No alternatives to the current polling district and polling place scheme were suggested as part of the consultation. No complaints have been received from any electors regarding the provision of polling places or the polling station facilities provided. Therefore, it is recommended that no changes are made to the polling districts within the Trinity Ward.

It is also recommended that polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



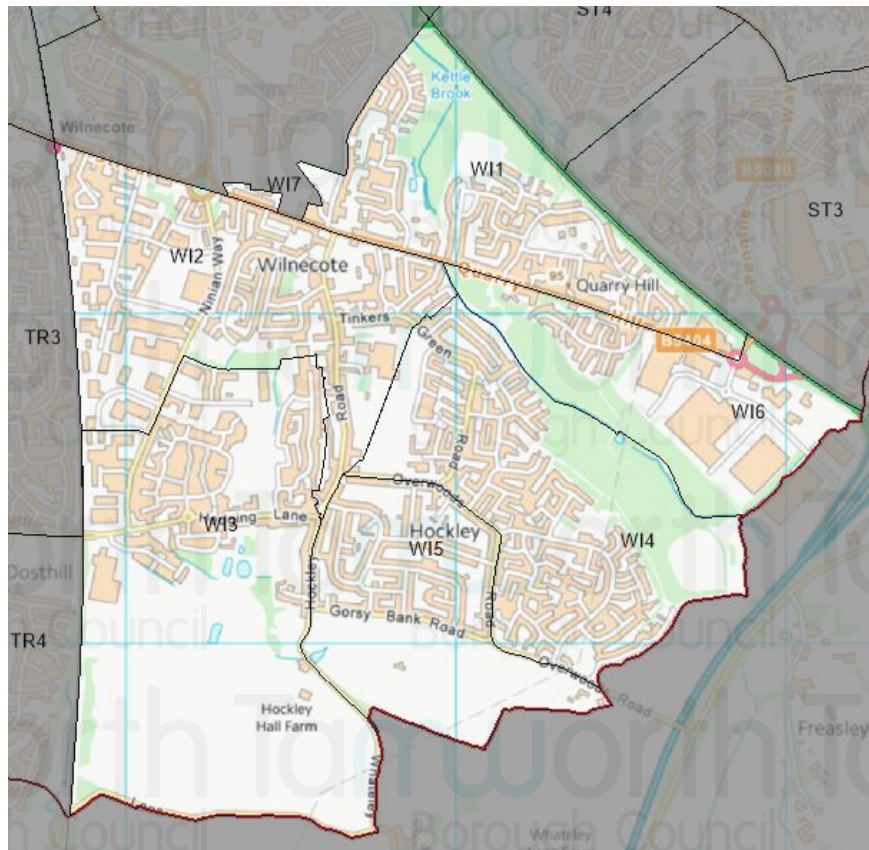
<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>16</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>17</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
TR1	Two Gates Primary School	Tamworth Road, B77 1EN	1289	1057	1
TR2	Dorcas Centre	Dosthill, B77 1JE	1258	1032	1
TR3	Dorado – Temporary Station	Cottage Farm Road, Dosthill	1467	1203	1
TR4	Dosthill Boys Club	Cadogan Road, Dosthill, B77 1PQ	1025	841	1
TR5	Dosthill Boys Club	Cadogan Road, Dosthill, B77 1PQ	824	675	1

<sup>16</sup> Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x average number of electors in polling district

<sup>17</sup> Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.

# Wilnecote Ward

## Existing Polling Districts



## Existing Polling Districts

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Electorate</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
WI1	Wilnecote Junior Academy	1,371	Change.
WI2	Wilnecote Junior Academy	1,215	No change.
WI3	Palmerston Avenue – Temporary Station	987	No change.
WI4	Heathfields Infants Academy	479	No change.
WI5	Heathfields Infants Academy	1,227	No change.
WI6	Wilnecote Junior Academy	1,297	No change.
WI7	Wilnecote Junior Academy	275	No change.

## Existing Polling Stations

<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Wilnecote Junior Academy	WI1	1,046	Yes	No change.
Wilnecote Junior Academy	WI2	992	Yes	No change.
Palmerston Avenue – Temporary Station	WI3	1,084	Yes <sup>18</sup>	No change.
Heathfields Infants Academy	WI4	1,442	Yes	No change.
Heathfields Infants Academy	WI5	819	Yes	No change.
Wilnecote Junior Academy	WI6	207	Yes	No change.

<sup>18</sup> Although temporary stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.



<i>Polling Station</i>	<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Station Electorate</i>	<i>Disabled Access</i>	<i>Recommendations</i>
Wilnecote Junior Academy	W17	33	Yes	No change.

## Recommendations

It should be noted that although the Wilnecote Ward currently uses two schools as polling stations the schools are informed of scheduled polls several years in advance thus allowing ample time to plan for a Teacher Training Inset Day. This should help keep disruption and inconvenience to a minimum. Whilst head teachers must provide the Returning Officer with a suitable room to facilitate voting it is not the Returning Officer who chooses to close the school. This is a decision taken by the school and in fact a number of schools that are used as polling stations throughout the borough remain either fully or partially open on polling days.

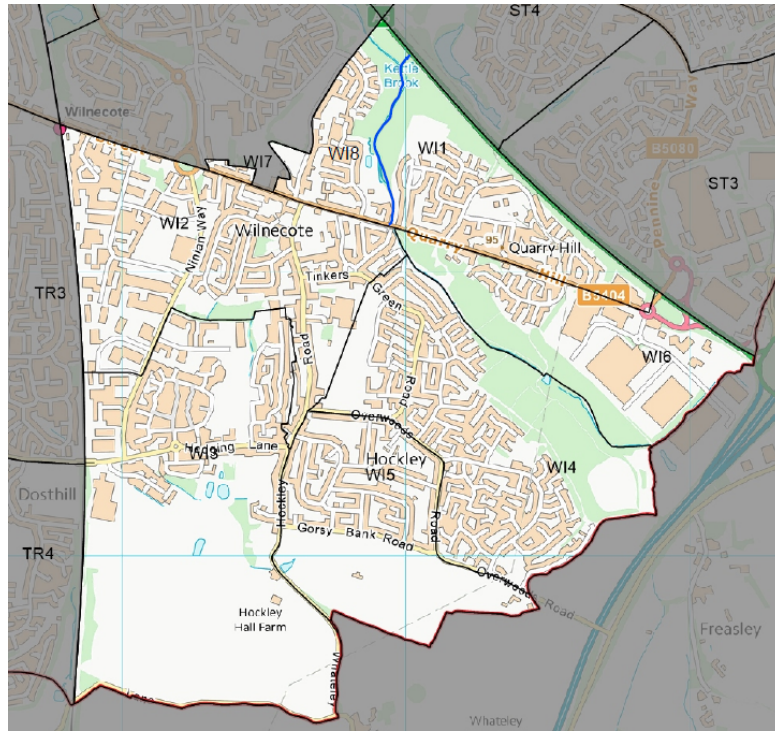
Schools are required under statute to be made available for voting purposes. This is partly due to the fact that as a public building the access must meet all requirements set out in the Equality Act 2010. Accessibility for disabled voters is a very important issue and ensuring that polling stations are suitable for all sorts of disability is essential. According to statistics provided by Staffordshire Observatory there are approximately 7,000 people within the borough who have mobility issues and an unknown number of people with other impediments. We must be very careful about not accidentally disenfranchising an elector as they are unable to access voting facilities easily. Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 has placed a requirement on the local authority to review the accessibility of all polling stations. A review is undertaken at every poll and a polling station questionnaire is available for completion by electors. No complaints have been received at any of the recent elections in regard to accessibility issues in the Wilnecote Ward.

The newly built Scout Hut adjacent to Ninefoot Park is within the Belgrave Ward. At present there is an uneven surface in the car park and there is no dedicated disabled parking bay. The car park is also utilised by the local businesses and the church so parking in this location could potentially be an issue. Wilnecote Village Hall is too far away from the main population of the ward and there are no bus routes that would help facilitate the electorate to travel there.

The creation of a new polling district is also required. This is to assist with the delivery of the county council elections. The WI1 polling district has been split between two county divisions in the recent boundary changes. To facilitate this the creation of a new polling district, WI8 will be necessary. This new polling district would continue to cast their vote at Wilnecote Junior School. This new polling district will include properties from Arran Drive, Church View, Glascote Lane, Hill Crest, Ninefoot Rise, Orkney Drive, Shannon, Shetland Avenue, Skye Close and Watling Street (numbers 2 to 42 (a, b & c) and 78a).

No other changes are being proposed to the remaining polling districts or polling stations. It is proposed that polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

## Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations



<i>New Polling District</i>	<i>Proposed Polling Station</i>	<i>Address</i>	<i>Estimated Electorate<sup>19</sup></i>	<i>Estimated Polling Station Electorate<sup>20</sup></i>	<i>No of polling stations</i>
WI1	Wilnecote Junior Academy	Smithy Lane, B77 5LA	902	740	1
WI2	Wilnecote Junior Academy	Smithy Lane, B77 5LA	1236	1013	1
WI3	Palmerston Avenue – Temporary Station	Palmerston Avenue, B77 5FE	1290	1058	1
WI4	Heathfields Infants Academy	Saxon Close, B77 5LU	1866	1530	1
WI5	Heathfields Infants Academy	Saxon Close, B77 5LU	1012	830	1
WI6	Wilnecote Junior Academy	Smithy Lane, B77 5LA	276	226	Will be incorporated with station serving the WI1 polling district.
WI7	Wilnecote Junior Academy	Smithy Lane, B77 5LA	39	32	Will be incorporated with station serving the WI1 polling district.
WI8 (NEW)	Wilnecote Junior Academy	Smithy Lane, B77 5LA	431	353	Will be incorporated with station

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					serving the W11 polling district.