

Comment No.	Polling District	Category	Polling Station	g Station Polling D	Comments	Response
1	NB	Polling Place - School	Thameside Primary School	Thames Ward - NB	We are happy to continue being a polling site	Thank you for confirming this.
2	HB	Councillor	The Palmer Academy	Katesgrove Ward - HB	Thanks for your email. An immediate comment I have is based on voter experiences at the 2022 election (reported at the time, so this comment may be redundant). In the 2022 election, the access to the Palmer Academy from the west was restricted for the first few hours as the gates to Lincoln Rd/Surrey Rd were locked. I presume this was accidental, and I hope that processes are in place to avoid it happening again. No such problems were reported in 2023, so it may be that the problem is solved. Nevertheless it is worth considering, as the majority of the polling district approach from the west, and the alternative route is a sizable detour.	Thank you for your response with regards to the Polling Station Review. I can confirm in 2022 there was a different Presiding Officer at The Palmer Academy as the usual Presiding Officer was unavailable. I recall this in 2022 and we ensured that the same didn't happen at the May Elections in 2023. We have added a note to the booking form and for the Presiding Officer to ensure that these entrances are open going forward for future Elections. Thank you for bringing this to our attention and we will include your comments on the review responses.
3	PC	Polling Place	100 Longwater Avenue	Whitley Ward - PC	No comments to submit from me	That's great, thank you for confirming you were able to open the documents. I have noted that you have no comments to submit.
4	AB	Councillor	Reading Central Library	Abbey Ward - A - AD	With regard to the two Polling Districts A, and AC and AD, we concur with the comments made in Appendix A namely: "no amendments to the current polling arrangements are proposed". With regard to Polling District AB, currently at the Reading Central Library, we would agree that with the closure of the Library and its move to the Civic Offices a new Polling Place will be required, either at the end of 2024 or certainly in 2025. Whilst the new library facilities at Bridge Street may offer the space for a new Polling Station, our preference would be that serious consideration is given to the following alternative locations for this polling station namely: 1. Abbey Baptist Church Hall on Abbey Square, or 2. St Laurence Church Hall, next to the Old Town Hall, or 3. The Soane Space in the Old Town Hall itself. All these venues, we understand, are fully accessible to wheelchairs and at ground floor level. Our understanding is that the current Central Library will not be closing until towards the end of 2024 and, as such, next year's Local Elections in May and a probable General Election in October or November should not be affected. However, if the autumn requires a new Polling Station we would request that	Thank you for your response to the review and suggested alternative Polling Places. Your response will be included in the review and I have passed your comments onto the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer for them to consider. Many thanks for responding to the review.

5	G, GA and GB	Agent		Emmer Green Ward	<p>The following proposal has been raised in relation to Emmer Green ward: That any addresses in the range 37-91 (odds) Lowfield Road that are not in polling district GB are transferred to that polling district To correct an anomaly whereby a few people are in a different polling district from their immediate neighbours and have an unacceptably long journey to the polling station.</p>	<p>Thank you for sending this onto us. I will ensure this is passed onto the Returning Officer and Deputy Returning Officer and comments included in the consultation results. We look forward to hearing from you should you receive any further proposals.</p>
6		Polling Station	Our Lady & St Anne's, Caversham	CA Caversham	<p>I write in connection with the current Polling district, places, and stations review that is currently underway and in particular on behalf of the Parish of Our Lady & St Anne's in Caversham, it's Parish Priest, Father Joseph McGloughlin, and the Parish Finance Committee (the latter of which I am a member of). I was informed of the review underway by Isobel Balsdon following a Parish Finance committee meeting where the committee discussed the idea of the Parish making the parish hall (narthex) available to the council as a polling station should it be required. The room in question is attached to the Church though can be accessed independently. It is licensed to hold 60 people, has kitchen and toilet facilities and there is a private car park belonging to the parish which can accommodate up to 50 vehicles. The address of the church and hall (narthex) is 2 Southview Avenue, Caversham, Reading RG4 5AB and it is conveniently situated a 5 minute walk from central and lower Caversham. We believe that the facilities the hall provides, its parking facilities and its location would make it an ideal polling station for central and lower Caversham and we hope that the Council will give</p>	

