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ABBEY								
L	<i>New Hope Community Church Centre York Road, Reading, RG1 8DU</i>	1,768	275	1,493	26.89%	Coopers' Site, Kings Meadow Rd (315) Napier Road (250)	(2) Retain as PS Make allowance for new residential development in area	VENUE OK No parking
LA 2 polling stations	<i>Sir Herman Gollancz Hall Clifton Street, Reading RG1 7YE</i>	4,186	605	3,581	17.58%	Friar Street [2 sites] (53) Friar St / Greyfriars Rd (135) 29-35 Station Road (33) Station Hill [2 sites] (472) Weldale St / Chatham St (427) Chatham St / Eaton Place (150) North St (40) 9-27 Greyfriars Rd (60) 143-145 Oxford Road (20)	(1) Happy to host PS	VENUE OK No parking 2 PS required
LB	<i>Wesley Church Hall Queen's Rd / Watlington St</i>	1,758	260	1,498	22.82%	Jackson's Corner (33) King's Point (103)		VENUE OK Limited on-street parking

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						Clarendon House, Queens Rd (49) Abbey Square [2 sites] (1070)		
LC	<i>St John & St Stephen Parish Centre</i> Orts Road, Reading, RG1 3JN	1,484	232	1,252	23.35%	Gas Works Road (20) Princes House, London Road (26) Kenavon Drive (765)	(1) No disabled parking New PS needed for Orts Road west	VENUE OK Limited on-street parking
BATTLE								
A 2 polling stations	<i>Emmanuel Church</i> Oxford Road Reading RG30 1EE	3,546	456	3,090	25.05%			VENUE OK 2 PS required Polling stations re-located from Cranbury Centre since last review. Next to Battle Library, and not in polling district - on north side of Oxford Road Improved access and parking (including disabled parking)
AB	<i>Battle Library</i> 420 Oxford Road Reading RG30 2ES	2,844	384	2,460	26.58%	Portman Road (former Battle Hospital Site (95)		VENUE OK May benefit from 2 nd PS Building works planned

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								for spring 2019 - may affect use as PS in May 2019.
AC	<i>Oxford Road Community School</i> 146 Oxford Road, Reading, RG1 7PJ	1,309	148	1,161	25.63%		(1) Move PS away from school Options: Argyle Church Bridge Hall Fairview Centre Baker Street Spiritualist Church	VENUE OK
CAVERSHAM								
M 2 polling stations	<i>New Bridge Nursery School</i> Montague Street, Caversham, RG4 5AU	2,640	459	2,181	33.42%		(See 27)	VENUE OK
MA	<i>Thameside Primary School</i> Wolsey Road, Caversham RG4 8BY	2,058	370	1,688	33.82%	St Martin's Precinct (40)	(1) Opposed to all schools being used as PSs	VENUE OK
MB	<i>The Weller Centre</i> Amersham Road, Caversham RG4 5BP	1,813	277	1,536	27.97%			VENUE OK Formerly Caversham Children's Centre Building re-designed since last review Security issues

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MC	<i>Caversham Primary School Hemdean Road, Caversham, RG4 7RA</i>	733	156	577	41.16%		(4) Move PS away from school (3) Caversham Library suggested Keep PS at school (1) (see also Thames WB)	VENUE OK But school and parents have reservations about use as polling place Site shared with Thames WB (2) - held in separate room from Thames Ward PSs - to avoid confusion of electors and votes cast PS moved here from Thameside School following 2007 review
CHURCH								
N 2 polling stations	<i>Reading Scout & Guide Joint HQ 163 Northcourt Avenue, Reading RG2 7HG</i>	2,401	413	1,988	19.20%			VENUE OK Can be cramped as double station
NA	<i>The Ridgeway Primary School Willow Gardens Reading RG2 7EL</i>	1,534	337	1,197	23.50%			VENUE OK
NB	<i>South Reading Youth & Community Centre 252 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 7QA</i>	1,316	163	1,153	22.56%			VENUE OK Not in ward - on other side of Northumberland Ave

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NC	<i>Christ the King Church Hall 408 Northumberland Avenue, Reading, RG2 8RN</i>	1,116	182	934	25.32%			VENUE OK Not in ward - on other side of Northumberland Ave
KATESGROVE								
B 2 polling stations	<i>Katesgrove Primary School Dorothy Street, Reading, RG1 2NL</i>	3,471	464	3,007	24.01%	Crown St / Silver St (80) New Century Place [2 sites] (135) Crown St / Southampton St (25) 21 South Street (35)		VENUE OK 2 PS required Polling station now in new building off Katesgrove Lane Access also from Henry Street, but long route involving slope
BA 2 polling stations	<i>Christchurch Centre Milman Road, Reading, RG2 0AY</i>	1,589	210	1,379	27.83%			VENUE OK Query need for 2 PS Very restricted parking
BB	<i>The Palmer Academy Northumberland Avenue, Reading</i>	1,659	260	1,399	23.00%			VENUE OK
KENTWOOD								
C 2 polling stations	<i>St Mary Magdelene Hall Rodway Road, Tilehurst, RG30 6EQ</i>	2,139	346	1,793	33.56%		(1) Up steep incline from nearest bus stop - and not easy to access on foot	VENUE OK Query need for 2 PS
CA	<i>United Reformed Church</i>	1,550	253	1,297	37.74%			VENUE OK

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	<i>Hall Polsted Road, Tilehurst, RG31 6HP</i>							
CB	<i>Meadow Park Academy Norcot Road, Tilehurst, RG30 6BS</i>	1,606	266	1,340	33.06%			VENUE OK
CC	<i>Norcot Community Centre Lyndhurst Road, Tilehurst, RG30 6UB</i>	1,958	310	1,648	25.76%		(1) No suitable alternative public buildings within area. Mobile polling station, possibly at Waitrose Rivers gym, Scours Lane - but out of the way	VENUE NOT OK Due to be closed and demolished from November 2018 - to be replaced by flats with dedicated community space as part of new build after 18 months. Should not be available as PS in May 2019, and need to establish that community space will work as PS in future elections
MAPLEDURHAM								
Y	<i>Mapledurham Pavilion Upper Woodcote Road, Caversham Heights, RG4 7LB</i>	2,469	513	2,032	Av 39%		None about this PS 1 about Caversham Primary (see Thames WB below)	VENUE OK Moved since last review as Pavilion not available Not in ward - on other side of Woodcote Road Option to return PS to Pavilion from 2020

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MINSTER								
D	<i>Coley Primary School Wolseley Road, Reading, RG1 6NJ</i>	1,168	160	1,008	27.48%	5-9 Berkeley Ave LVenue OK'n Store (112)		VENUE OK Parking at school
DA 2 polling stations	<i>All Saints Hall Downshire square, Reading, RG1 6NJ</i>	2,599	482	2,117	26.42%			VENUE OK
DB 2 polling stations	<i>Coley Park Community Centre 140 Wensley Road, Coley Park, Reading RG1 6DW</i>	3,382	589	2,793	27.85%	Government Buildings, Wensley Rd (38)		VENUE OK 2 PS Required
NORCOT								
E 2 polling stations	<i>St George's Church Hall St George's Road, Reading</i>	3,419	542	2,877	24.88%			VENUE OK 2 PS required Church hall demolished. PS moved to new community building as part of church
EA 2 polling stations	<i>St Michael's Primary School Dee Road, Tilehurst, RG30 4AS</i>	1,980	411	1,569	26.03%			VENUE OK Query need for 2 PS
EB	<i>Ranikhet Primary School Spey Road, Tilehurst, RG3 4ED</i>	2,204	343	1,861	24.62%	Dee Park - Spey Rd (108)		VENUE OK
PARK								

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P 2 polling stations	New Town Primary School School Terrace, Reading, RG1 3LS	2,711	334	2,377	42.17%	Alexander House, Kings Road (56)		VENUE OK Limited on-street parking Polling Place moved to cafeteria - separate building accessed from Cholmeley Road.
PA 3 polling stations	Alfred Sutton Primary School 148 Wokingham Road, Reading, RG6 1JR	3,773	574	3,199	38.52%		(1) Move PS away from school - Park Church Hall and Palmer Park Library suggested as alternatives	VENUE OK 3 PS required Good parking at school
PEPPARD								
V 2 polling stations	Emmer Green Youth & Community Centre Grove Road, Emmer Green, RG4 8LN	3,422	765	2,657	36.59%	Lowfield Road (34)		VENUE OK 2 PS required Proposed Lowfield Road development should be in VA polling district - move whole of Cemetery to VA
VA 2 polling stations	The Milestone Centre Northbrook Road, Caversham Park Village, RG40 0PF	2,752	404	2,348	36.68%	199-207 Henley Road (39)	<i>Move PS away from Micklands school</i>	VENUE OK
VB	Micklands Primary School Micklands Road, Caversham	1,314	212	1,102	34.82%			VENUE OK
REDLANDS								
R 2 polling	St Luke's Hall Erleigh Road, Reading	2,278	248	2,030	27.06%	Aspen House 300 Kings Road (78)	(2) A long way from	VENUE OK No free on-street parking

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stations							Granby Gardens Wheelchair access to site difficult - state of pavements and kerbs in area	
RA 2 polling stations	<i>Redlands Primary School</i> Lydford Road, Reading, Rg1 5QH	1,243	156	1,087	27.47%			VENUE OK Query need for 2 PS No parking Very difficult to access school by car.
RB	<i>Hexham Community Centre</i> 1A Bamburgh Close, Whitley, RG2 7UD	1,161	212	949	32.11%			VENUE OK
RC	<i>Museum of English Rural Life</i> Redlands Road Reading	592	130	462	28.01%			VENUE OK Earley Charity Room
SOUTHCOTE								
F	<i>Southcote Primary School</i> Silchester Road, Southcote, RG3 3EJ	1,970	401	1,569	32.45%	Elvian School (83)	<i>Move PS away from school (2)</i>	VENUE OK
FA	<i>Manor Primary School</i> 110 Ashampstead Rd Southcote, G30 3LJ	1,752	371	1,381	26.47%			VENUE OK
FB	<i>Southcote Library Hall</i> Southcote Lane, Reading	1,462	216	1,246	22.89%			VENUE NOT OK Building closed from

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	RG30 3BA							November 2018. Library re-located to <i>Southcote Community Hub</i> , Coronation Square, RG30 3QP. PS to move there too.
FC	<i>Prospect School</i> Honey End Lane, Tilehurst, RG30 4EL	1,428	321	1,107	25.23%	Alice Burrows (27)		Restrictions on access to toilets for election staff during school day
THAMES								
W	<i>Highdown School</i> Surley Row, Emmer Green, RG4 8LR	1,126	212	914	33.73%		<i>Difficulties in signing access</i>	VENUE OK Separate Portacabin linked to Sixth-Form Centre Separate access from that Consult re exam times when elections fall outside of May.
WA 2 polling stations	<i>St Andrew's Hall</i> Albert Road, Caversham, RG4 7PW	3,383	669	2,714	41.55%		None re this PC 8 about Caversham Primary School (see WB below)	VENUE OK 2 PS required
WB 2 polling stations	<i>Caversham Primary School</i> Hemdean Road, Caversham, RG4 7RA	2,804	716	2,088	35.29%		(18) 7 from WA 6 from WB 1 from Y 4 unknown	VENUE OK Site shared with Caversham MC - Caversham polling station

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							<p>Move away from school / avoid closing school (17) <i>Plus request to investigate alternative PS from Caversham ward Cllr</i></p> <p>Move Mayfield Drive back to Newbridge Nursery</p> <p>(see also Caversham MC)</p>	<p>is separate room.</p> <p>PS is at western end of polling district - and a long way from Henley Road (area moved from Caversham to Thames ward in 2003 review)</p>
TILEHURST								
G 2 polling stations	Moorlands Primary School Church End Lane, Tilehurst, RG30 4UN	2,766	492	2,274	29.66%	Conwy Close (57)		VENUE OK
GA 2 polling stations	Park Lane Primary School School Road, Tilehurst, RG31 5RD	3,334	572	2,762	31.30%			VENUE OK 2 PS required
GB	Tilehurst Village Hall Victoria Road, Tilehurst RG31 5AB	1,062	134	928	42.51%			VENUE OK
WHITLEY								
S & SC	Whitley Park Primary &	4,051	630	3,421	17.85%	Kennet Island	(4)	VENUE OK

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2 polling stations	<i>Nursery School Basingst Venue Oke Road, Reading, RG2 0JA</i>	330	54	276		Phase 3 (93) Longwater Ave - Pingewood Business Park (700) Land north of Manor Farm Road (550)	Need for new PS in Kennet Island / Green Park (4)	2 PS required Combine S and SC polling districts Volume of development west of A33 Relief road suggests need for new polling district and polling place (see also SB)
SA 2 polling stations	<i>Geoffrey Field Infant School Exbourne Road, Reading, RG22 8RH</i>	2,867	489	2,378	20.37%			VENUE OK
SB	<i>Whitley Wood Community Centre Swallowfield Drive, Reading, RG2 8JD</i>	1,619	234	1,385	22.50%	Worton Grange, Imperial Way (142) Land at Madejski Stadium Shooters Way (624)		VENUE OK Volume of development west of A33 Relief road suggests need for new polling district and polling place (see also S / SC)

Total electorate (local) - 110,899 (January 2019)

Ward average: 7,233 (not including Mapledurham) Mapledurham: 2,411

Electoral Commission ceiling per polling station - 2,500 electors who vote at polling station

Comments in italics: made separately and outside the consultation period