

Democratic Renewal Working Party 8 September 2011

Polling District Review

1. Background

- 1.1 The Electoral Administration Act requires every Council to conduct a review of its designation of polling districts and polling places at least once every four years; our last review was completed in December 2007. As the most efficient and cost effective time to make any changes is when the newly updated register is published on 1 December. A report is being brought to this Working Party, to allow recommendations to be considered by full Council on 27 September 2011, in time for implementation on the new register.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Subject to approval by full Council, that the:-
- 2.1.1 Abbeygate Ward (BAF) in Bury St Edmunds is split into two polling districts with the divide being along Parkway;
- 2.1.2 Schedule of Polling Places is amended by removing the entry for the Station Ward of Honington Parish (BAZ) polling with the Village Ward of Honington Parish (WAY);
- 2.1.3 Schedule of Polling Districts is amended to reflect the boundary change made by the Community Governance Review with regard to BAO1 Village Ward of Fornham All Saints to BAO Fornham All Saints and BAO2 Town Ward of Fornham All Saints; and
- 2.1.4 Schedule of Polling Districts is amended to reflect the creation of 2 new polling districts in the Abbeygate Ward in Bury St Edmunds.

3. The conduct of the review

- 3.1 At the beginning of July 2011 a letter outlining the review process, and a background document were circulated to the following people/groups:-

Borough Councillors;
County Councillors for divisions in St Edmundsbury;
Chairmen of Parish Councils;
Party Agents; and
Acting Returning Officers of the West Suffolk and South Suffolk constituencies;

- 3.2 A link was put on the home page of the Council's website alerting visitors to the site that the review was taking place. The link allowed people to view the consultation information. That information is attached as Appendix 1 and includes background information, Schedule of Polling Districts and Schedule of Polling Places
- 3.3 Appendix 3 gives a breakdown of the eleven responses received to date; seven of these are from Parish/Town Councils and four from Borough Councillors. One response from a Parish/Town Council falls outside the remit of this review as it relates to the ward boundaries. No responses have been received from political parties. Representations were received from two parties and the details of these are included in the report at paragraphs 5.3.1 and 5.3.3 below.
- 3.4 The Planning Section of the Borough Council have provided information on the anticipated areas for significant growth within the Borough up to the end of the four year period after this review takes effect. A table listing the figures is attached as Appendix 2.

4. Issues to consider when making recommendations

- 4.1 Appendix 1 outlines the considerations in detail, but in essence in making recommendations Working Party Members:-
 - 4.1.1 should seek to provide all electors with as reasonable facilities for voting as are practical; and
 - 4.1.2 have regard to accessibility when making any designations for polling places;
 - 4.1.3 in addition, where areas are parished each parish should normally be a polling district in its own right unless there is a compelling reason otherwise.
- 4.2 There are two elements to the recommendations that need to be formulated for consideration by full Council. The first is to indicate whether any changes to the boundaries of polling districts are considered necessary. The second relates to the designation of polling places and the policy the Borough Council adopts in relation to this as, although the Borough Council has the power to designate a polling place for every polling district, it is not compelled to make a designation except in instances when electors have to vote outside of their polling district. This generally occurs where there is no venue or suitable site for a caravan or portacabin within the district, so electors vote in a neighbouring area. If no Polling Place is designated then by default the polling district is the Polling Place. The Borough Council has previously adopted the policy of only designating a Polling Place where out-of-district polling takes place as this allows for flexibility if buildings are not available, particularly in relation to unscheduled elections where bookings have to be made at short notice.
 - 4.2.1 Appendix 1 includes the Schedule of Polling Districts. Following the Community Governance Review in 2010, this should be amended to reflect the changes to BAO1 Village Ward of Fornham All Saints Parish and BAO2 Town Ward of Fornham All Saints Parish.
 - 4.2.2 Appendix 1 also includes the Schedule of Polling Places. The electors in the Station Ward of Honington Parish now poll at a Community Centre within their polling

district and no longer have to poll in the Village Ward of Honington Parish, so this entry needs removing. There are no other changes required.

- 4.3 Where a proposal to create a new polling district is made, this will inevitably have financial implications. The current arrangements are for larger polling districts to have one polling station for the majority of elections, increasing to two for Parliamentary elections or Referendums, but where a second polling district is created, this will require two polling stations to be used for all elections.

5. Forecast growth

- 5.1 Appendix 2 lists estimates of growth of 10 units or more which it is anticipated could be completed within the four years from the end of this review. In looking at these figures it should be borne in mind that these can only be projections, and there is no certainty over the speed at which developers will take up permissions or bring forward developments on particular sites. Appendix 2 gives a forecast of elector numbers taking into account the forecast growth and anticipated numbers of postal voters. The Electoral Commission advise that the maximum number of electors per polling station should be 2,500. Those polling districts where the projected elector totals (excluding postal voters) exceed this figure have been highlighted.
- 5.2 Having examined at the projected growth in the rural areas officers consider that the growth can be accommodated within the existing arrangements. Even in the larger parishes such as Clare, Ixworth or Stanton there do not appear to be any benefits to be derived from warding the parishes to create new polling districts. No representations have been received from any of the people or organisations consulted to suggest that they should be and, with the increased take-up of postal voting, the numbers of voters at individual polling stations remain manageable.
- 5.3 In the urban areas officers offer the following comments, based on the forecast elector totals and taking into account anticipated numbers of postal voters.
- 5.3.1 Abbeygate Ward in Bury St Edmunds is currently one large polling district which has a projected elector total of 3,318 by 2015/2016. The current arrangements are that two polling stations are used in the one location at elections where the turnout is anticipated to be higher. Bury St Edmunds Town Council has made a representation that Abbeygate Ward should be split into two polling districts with the dividing line being Parkway, with potential polling stations being either St Peters Church or the Hyndman Centre in Hospital Road. Based on the projected growth, officers recommend that Abbeygate is divided into two polling districts as proposed by the Town Council. A map to show the proposed new boundaries is included at Appendix 4 and a summary of the facts are included below:-

Description	BAF – Abbeygate Ward
No of electors in ward	3,790
No of electors with postal votes	700
No of electors who can vote at polling stations	3,090
Estimated increase in cost of providing two polling stations at two different locations for single scheduled election (includes rent, staff, training)	£675

Description	BAF1 – Abbeygate Part 1	BAF 2 – Abbeygate Part 2
Proposed no of electors who can vote at polling stations for proposed new polling districts	1,700	1,390

5.3.2 Moreton Hall Part 2, in Bury St Edmunds, is projected to have 3,213 electors by 2015/2016. The current arrangements allow for two polling stations to be located at Abbots Green Primary School at elections where the turnout is anticipated to be higher. No representations have been made by political parties or the local councillors to change this and, therefore, officers suggest that no further polling districts need to be created at this stage.

5.3.3 St Olaves Ward, in Bury St Edmunds, is projected to have 3,261 electors by 2015/2016. The current arrangements are that two polling stations are used in the one location at elections where the turnout is anticipated to be higher. Representations have been received from Bury St Edmunds Town Council and a Borough Councillor to split the Ward into two polling districts and thereby separate the 'Howard Estate' and the 'Mildenhall Road Estate' within their distinct identities. A summary of the facts are included below:-

Description	BAL – St Olaves Ward	
No of electors in ward	3,320	
No of electors with postal votes	430	
No of electors who can vote at polling stations	2,890	
Estimated increase in cost of providing two polling stations at two different locations for single scheduled election (includes rent, staff, training)	£560	
Description	BAL1 – St Olaves Part 1	BAL2 – St Olaves Part 2
Proposed no of electors who can vote at polling stations for proposed new polling districts	2,148	724

Officers are not minded to recommend this proposal for the following reasons:-

- (a) the proposed divide does not split the polling district into equal sizes and would create the smallest polling district within Bury St Edmunds. Although there is a smaller polling district in Haverhill (WAS3 Haverhill East Part 3), this polls with WAU2 Haverhill South Part 2 in one polling station;
- (b) the creation of two polling districts would mean that there would be no alternative polling stations in either district and if either one was unavailable for an election, the electors would have to poll outside of their polling district;
- (c) one of the reasons given for the proposal was that some electors did not vote in the Referendum because they live on the Mildenhall Road Estate and were being asked to vote on the Howard Estate. Although there was a slightly higher turnout

percentage from the Howard Estate for the Referendum, the opposite was true for the General Election; and

- (d) we are unable to amend ward boundaries as part of this review, however when such a review is carried out, a proposal could be made to amend the ward boundary of Northgate Ward, in Bury St Edmunds, to include all of the electors on the Mildenhall Road Estate.
- 5.3.4 Southgate Ward, in Bury St Edmunds, is projected to have 2,921 electors by 2015/2016. The current arrangements are that two polling stations are used in the one location at elections when the turnout is anticipated to be higher. No representations have been made by political parties or the local councillors to change and, therefore, officers suggest that the current single polling district is maintained particularly as there is no obvious alternative building within the Ward which could be used as a second polling venue and the current venue is considered to be central.
- 5.3.5 Haverhill North Part One is projected to have 3,005 electors by 2015/2016 following considerable growth. The current arrangements are for only one polling station but this may not be sufficient as elector numbers increase. There is currently no suitable building within the Polling District other than New Cangle Primary School in which a polling station could be located although any suggestions for alternative venues would be welcomed. As elector numbers increase, officers will establish whether a second polling station at New Cangle Primary School is required. In this situation, we would need to ensure good communications with the Head Teacher to minimise disruption to pupils.
- 5.3.6 Haverhill West Part Two is projected to have 2,759 electors by 2015/2016. The current arrangements are for two polling stations located in 2 portacabins in the car park in Sainsburys when the turnout is anticipated to be higher. Officers consider that although far from ideal, this remains the best available option as there is no other suitable location for a polling station within the district so no change is proposed.

6. Conclusion

- 6.1 The two representations to create new polling districts have been reflected in the forecast growth figures. The projected elector totals indicate that two polling stations should be provided at elections when the turnout is anticipated to be higher. In both cases, these can (and have at previous elections) been provided in the one location, but as elector numbers increase, and where an alternative polling place is available, officers recommend the creation of polling districts in these Wards.

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APPENDIX 1

St Edmundsbury Borough Council – Polling District Review Background information for consultees

Polling district – the geographic areas into which a council divide its area for the purposes of conducting elections. In making the designations Councils are required to seek to provide all electors with as reasonable facilities for voting as are practical, and to have regard to accessibility when making any designations for polling places. Where areas are parished each parish should normally be a polling district in its own right unless there is a compelling reason otherwise. In reality this means that many of the polling districts in St Edmundsbury are pre-defined as a result of parish arrangements and the only question to consider is whether it would make for more effective arrangements if the parish were divided into parish wards. Currently in the rural areas of St Edmundsbury there are only two instances where parishes have been warded, and in each case the warding has been necessitated by the parish straddling two wards and separate polling districts being required to facilitate the two different sets of parishioners to vote in different Borough wards. In urban areas there is potentially more scope to alter the boundaries of polling districts. Here the prime consideration is to achieve reasonable facilities for voting for all the electors, so far as practicable.

Polling place – this can either be as broad as a geographic area, or as tightly defined as a specific building. Councils are not generally obliged to designate polling places. The only circumstance in which they must make a designation is if polling cannot take place within the polling district. This usually only arises when there are no suitable premises or locations for a temporary building within the polling district. In these instances the Council must designate a polling place. If no polling place is designated then the whole polling district is treated as the polling place. St Edmundsbury has previously followed the practice of only designating polling places where out of district polling is necessary as to designate polling places as a matter of routine can cause administrative difficulties if buildings are not available for use at a particular election.

Polling stations – the polling station is the actual room used for polling. The choice of polling station rests with the Returning Officer, not with the Council, so this review is not about the buildings used, but about the administrative areas into which the Register of Electors is divided. Having said that as indicated in the covering letter if any individual or organisation responding to this review has suggestions about alternative venues then the Returning Officer would be pleased to consider them, but they will not form part of the formal review report to the Council.

What is included in the review – The Council is only obliged to conduct a review of any area which it has not reviewed within the last 4 years. In that period St Edmundsbury has consulted on arrangements across a range of areas in the Borough as the need as arisen. However, for the sack of clarity and completeness, the whole of the Borough will be included in the review.

What is not included in the review – as already indicated the location of polling stations does not form part of the formal review. Also excluded from the review are proposals for the alteration of the boundaries of the wards or parishes, or the number of councillors on a council. All these are issues which have their own separate review processes.

How the review is being conducted - The final decision on designations of polling districts and polling places will be made by the full Council of St Edmundsbury. As the terms of reference for the Council's Democratic Renewal Working Party include advising the Council on electoral matters, the outcomes of this consultation process will, in the first instance, be considered by the Working Party at its meeting on 8 September. The Panel will then forward recommendations to the full Council meeting on 27 September. Although the full Council will be free to debate the recommendations it is anticipated that the detailed work of the review and discussion of any proposals for change will take place at the meeting of the Working Party. Although there is no automatic right of access to the meeting for members of the public the Chairman of the Working Party is happy for any individual or organisation to attend the meeting to hear the debate on this item.

Current polling district and polling place designations - Attached are schedules of the current designations. For those consultees in urban areas a map of the current polling districts is enclosed. For rural areas where the polling districts are the parishes maps have not been thought necessary, but they can be provided if required.

Suggesting a change to an existing polling district or polling place designation - When making a suggestion for a change please outline the reasons for making the change, such as improved convenience for all electors in the ward. When considering any proposals for change the Council will be aiming, so far as practicable, to make equitable arrangements for polling right across the Borough. Proposals will be considered in this wider context, as well as with regard to the convenience of the local arrangements.

Who is being consulted? - All Borough and County Councillors for St Edmundsbury, Parish Councils, the Returning Officer of each parliamentary constituency within the Borough, the County Returning Officer and local political parties.

If you have any queries about the polling district review process, or require further information, please contact

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St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Schedule of Polling Districts:

Ward	Register	Description/Location
Abbeygate	BAF	Abbeygate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
Bardwell	WAA	Bardwell Parish
	WAC	Barnham Parish
	WAJ	Coney Weston Parish
	WAO	Euston Parish
	WAP	Fakenham Magna Parish
	WAY	Village Parish Ward of Honington Parish
	WBK	Sapiston Parish
Barningham	WAD	Barningham Parish
	WAX	Hepworth Parish
	WAZ1	Hopton Parish
	WAZ2	Knettishall Parish
	WBG	Market Weston Parish
	WBP	Thelnetham Parish
Barrow	WAE	Barrow Parish
	WAM	Denham Parish
	WBL1	Great Saxham Parish
	WBL2	Little Saxham Parish
	WBS	Westley Parish
Cavendish	SSA	Cavendish Parish
	SSC	Denston Parish
	SSD	Hawkedon Parish
	SSE	Poslingford Parish
	SSF	Stansfield Parish
	SSG	Brockley Parish
Chedburgh	WAH	Chedburgh Parish
	WAI	Chevington Parish
	WBI	Rede Parish
	WBT	Whepstead Parish
	WBZ	Hawstead Parish
Clare	SSB	Clare Parish
Eastgate	BAG1	Eastgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
	BAG2	
Fornham	BAO1	Village Ward of Fornham All Saints Parish
	BAP1	Fornham St Genevieve Parish
	BAP2	Fornham St Martin Parish
Great Barton	BAB	Great Barton Parish
Haverhill East	WAS1	Haverhill East Ward of Haverhill Town Council
	WAS2	
	WAS3	
Haverhill North	WAT1	Haverhill North Ward of Haverhill Town Council
	WAT2	

Ward	Register	Description/Location
	WAT3	
Haverhill South	WAU1	Haverhill South Ward of Haverhill Town Council
	WAU2	
Haverhill West	WAV1	Haverhill West Ward of Haverhill Town Council
	WAV2	
Horringer & Whelnetham	BAT	Nowton Parish
	BAX	Great Whelnetham Parish
	BAY	Little Whelnetham Parish
	BBA1	Horringer Parish
	BBA2	Ickworth Parish
Hundon	WBB	Hundon Parish
	WBN	Stoke-by-Clare Parish
	WBO	Stradishall Parish
	WBW	Wixoe Parish
Ixworth	WBC1	Ixworth Parish
	WBC2	Ixworth Thorpe Parish
Kedington	WAB	Barnardiston Parish
	WBD	Kedington Parish
Minden	BAH1	Minden Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
	BAH2	
Moreton Hall	BAI1	Moreton Hall Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
	BAI2	
Northgate	BAJ	Northgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
Pakenham	BAA1	Ampton Parish
	BAA2	Little Livermere Parish
	BAA3	Timworth Parish
	BAS	Great Livermere Parish
	BAU	Pakenham Parish
	BAW	Troston Parish
	BAZ	Honington Station Parish Ward of Honington Parish

Ward	Register	Description/Location
Risby	WAL1	Culford Parish
	WAL2	West Stow Parish
	WAL3	Wordwell Parish
	WAQ	Flempton Parish
	WAW	Hengrave Parish
	WBE	Lackford Parish
	WBJ	Risby Parish
	WCA	Ingham Parish
Risbygate	BAK1	Risbygate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
	BAK2	
Rougham	BAC	Bradfield Combust with Stanningfield Parish
	BAD	Bradfield St Clare Parish
	BAE	Bradfield St George Parish
	BAV	Rushbrooke with Rougham Parish
Southgate	BAM	Southgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
St Olaves	BAO2	Town Ward of Fornham All Saints Parish
	BAL	St Olaves Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
Stanton	WBM	Stanton Parish
Westgate	BAN1	Westgate Ward of Bury St Edmunds Town Council
	BAN2	
Wickhambrook	WAN	Depden Parish
	WAR	Hargrave Parish
	WBF	Lidgate Parish
	WBH	Ousden Parish
	WBU	Wickhambrook Parish
Withersfield	WAF1	Great Bradley Parish
	WAF2	Little Bradley Parish
	WAK	Cowlinge Parish
	WBQ	Great Thurlow Parish
	WBR	Little Thurlow Parish
	WBV	Withersfield Parish
	WBX	Great Wratting Parish
	WBY	Little Wratting Parish

Polling Districts as scheduled by full Council on 2 October 2007.

St Edmundsbury Borough Council

Schedule of Polling Places:

Polling places have been designated for those Polling Districts listed in the table below. In all other instances the Polling District is the Polling Place.

Polling District		Borough Ward for Polling District	Polling Place		Borough Ward for Polling Place
Letters	Name		Letters	Name	
WAZ2	Knettishall Parish	part Barningham Ward	WAZ1	Hopton Parish	part Barningham Ward
BAP1	Fornham St Genevieve Parish	part Fornham Ward	BAP2	Fornham St Martin Parish	part Fornham Ward
WAS2	Haverhill East Part 2	part Haverhill East Ward	Within 200 metres of the boundary of the WAS2 polling district		part Haverhill East Ward
WAS3	Haverhill East Part 3	part Haverhill East Ward	WAU2	Haverhill South Part 2	part Haverhill South Ward
WAT3	Haverhill North Part 3	part Haverhill North Ward	WAV1	Haverhill West Part 1	part Haverhill West Ward
BBA2	Ickworth Parish	part Horringer & Whelnetham Ward	BBA1	Horringer Parish	part Horringer & Whelnetham Ward
BAY	Little Whelnetham Parish	part Horringer & Whelnetham Ward	BAX	Great Whelnetham Parish	part Horringer & Whelnetham Ward
WBC2	Ixworth Thorpe	part Ixworth Ward	WBC1	Ixworth	part Ixworth Ward
BAA2	Little Livermere Parish	part Pakenham Ward	BAA1	Ampton Parish	part Pakenham Ward
BAA3	Timworth Parish	part Pakenham Ward	BAA1	Ampton Parish	part Pakenham Ward
BAZ	Station Ward of Honington Parish	part Pakenham Ward	WAY	Village Ward of Honington Parish	part of Bardwell Ward
WAL2	West Stow Parish	part Risby Ward	WAL1	Culford Parish	part Risby Ward
WAL3	Wordwell Parish	part Risby Ward	WAL1	Culford Parish	part Risby Ward

Polling District		Borough Ward for Polling District	Polling Place		Borough Ward for Polling Place
Letters	Name		Letters	Name	
WAW	Hengrave Parish	part Risby Ward	WAQ	Flempton Parish	part Risby Ward
if no accommodation is available in WAW					
WAF2	Little Bradley Parish	part Withersfield Ward	WAF1	Great Bradley Parish	part Withersfield Ward
WBR	Little Thurlow Parish	part Withersfield Ward	WBQ	Great Thurlow Parish	part Withersfield Ward
WBY	Little Wratting Parish	part Withersfield Ward	WBD	Kedington Parish	part Kedington Ward

Polling Places designated at the full Council meeting on 2 October 2007.

Projection of Significant Growth (10 units or more) in the next 5 years

Polling District	Where a PD polls with another	Residential properties	Electors	Postal	% Postal	Electors less postal	Average no. of electors per property	Additional households (growth of more than 10 units)	Forecast of additional electors based on average	Forecast elector total	Forecast of electors (excluding postal based on %)
Bury St Edmunds											
BAF – Abbeygate		2,645	3,786	696	18.38%	3,090	1.43	195	279	4,065	3,318
BAG1 – Eastgate Part 1		580	826	144	17.43%	682	1.42		0	826	682
BAG2 – Eastgate Part 2		738	1,060	231	21.79%	829	1.44	50	72	1,132	885
BAH1 – Minden Part 1		625	1,139	181	15.89%	958	1.82		0	1,139	958
BAH2 – Minden Part 2		1,398	2,433	403	16.56%	2,030	1.74		0	2,433	2,030
BAI1 – Moreton Hall Part 1		1,219	2,252	364	16.16%	1,888	1.85		0	2,252	1,888
BAI2 – Moreton Hall Part 2		2,076	3,438	590	17.16%	2,848	1.66	266	441	3,879	3,213
BAJ – Northgate		1,076	1,854	302	16.29%	1,552	1.72	35	60	1,914	1,602
BAK1 – Risbygate Part 1		641	1,033	182	17.62%	851	1.61	15	24	1,057	871
BAK2 – Risbygate Part 2		1,879	2,704	443	16.38%	2,261	1.44	134	193	2,897	2,422
BAL – St Olaves		1,929	3,317	430	12.96%	2,887	1.72	250	430	3,747	3,261
BAM – Southgate		2,064	3,447	611	17.73%	2,836	1.67	62	104	3,551	2,921
BAN1 – Westgate Part 1		978	1,875	302	16.11%	1,573	1.92		0	1,875	1,573
BAN2 – Westgate Part 2		883	1,515	339	22.38%	1,176	1.72		0	1,515	1,176
Haverhill											
WAS1 – Haverhill East Part 1		1,433	2,565	327	12.75%	2,238	1.79		0	2,565	2,238
WAS2 – Haverhill East Part 2	Within 200m of boundary	1,241	2,318	298	12.86%	2,020	1.87		0	2,318	2,020

Polling District	Where a PD polls with another	Residential properties	Electors	Postal	% Postal	Electors less postal	Average no. of electors per property	Additional households (growth of more than 10 units)	Forecast of additional electors based on average	Forecast elector total	Forecast of electors (excluding postal based on %)
WAS3 – Haverhill East Part 3	With WAU2	386	598	72	12.04%	526	1.55		0	598	526
WAT1 – Haverhill North Part 1		1,435	2,780	462	16.62%	2,318	1.94	425	823	3,603	3,005
WAT2 – Haverhill North Part 2		1,216	1,920	206	10.73%	1,714	1.58	15	24	1,944	1,735
WAT3 – Haverhill North Part 3		588	1,002	133	13.27%	869	1.70		0	1,002	869
WAU1 – Haverhill South Part 1		1,517	2,689	256	9.52%	2,433	1.77		0	2,689	2,433
WAU2 – Haverhill South Part 2		727	1,162	163	14.03%	999	1.60	100	160	1,322	1,136
WAV1 – Haverhill West Part 1		474	914	190	20.79%	724	1.93	17	33	947	750
WAV2 – Haverhill West Part 2		1,692	3,127	452	14.45%	2,675	1.85	53	98	3,225	2,759
Rural											
SSB – Clare		995	1,692	262	15.48%	1,430	1.70	60	102	1,794	1,516
WAE – Barrow		712	1,294	202	15.61%	1,092	1.82	33	60	1,354	1,143
WAH – Chedburgh		253	506	70	13.83%	436	2.00	52	104	610	526
WBC1 – Ixworth		911	1,752	203	11.59%	1,549	1.92	90	173	1,925	1,702
WBC2 – Ixworth Thorpe	With WBC1	24	43	10	23.26%	33	1.79		0	43	33
WBM – Stanton		1,181	1,996	302	15.13%	1,694	1.69	70	118	2,114	1,794

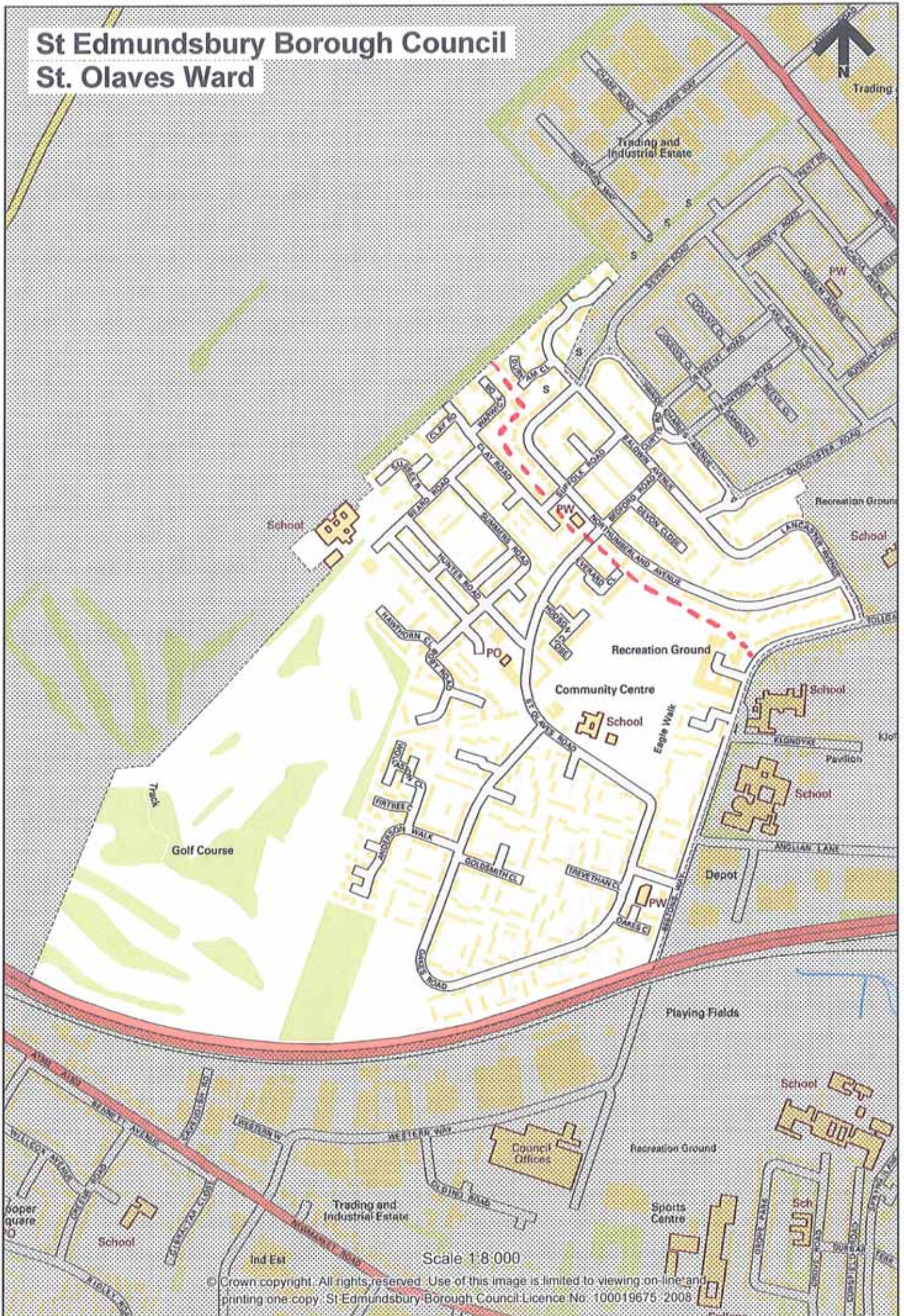
This table is based on figures taken from the 2009/10 St Edmundsbury Annual Monitoring Report.

Rural Polling Districts have only been listed if growth of 10 units or more is planned for a site up to and including 2014/2015 (so planning permissions for smaller numbers of units have not been included and no estimate has been made of the likelihood of increased elector numbers through in-filling or the sub-division of existing units). The elector totals excludes postal voters and the forecast for additional electors has been calculated by taking the average number of electors per household in the existing polling district and multiplying this by the number of units anticipated in the developments and then applying the % number of postal voters.

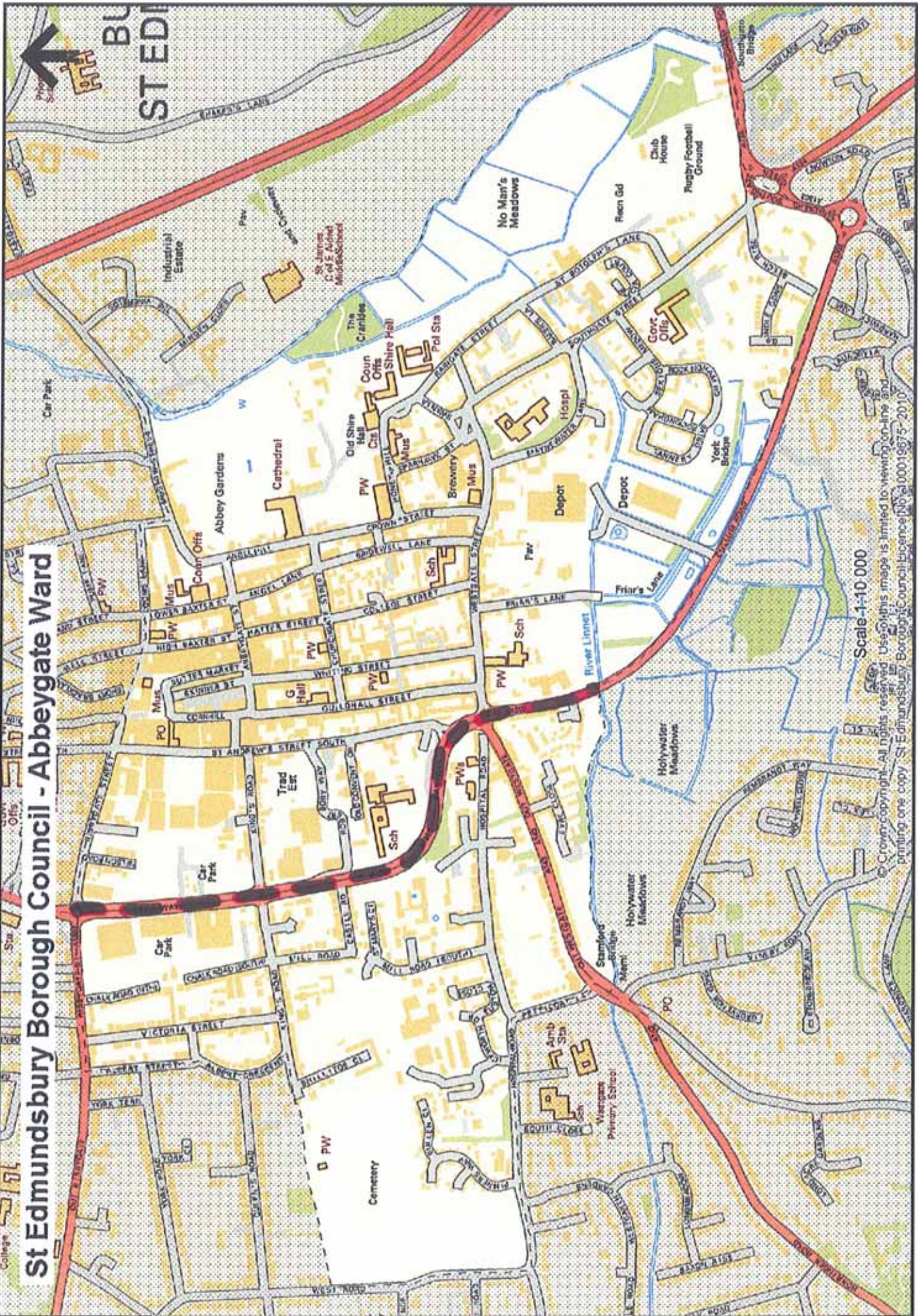
APPENDIX 3

Representation received from	Comment on the review
Cllr Christopher Spicer	Recommended no changes
Troston Parish Council	The Parish Council are content with the current arrangements.
Great Livermere Parish Council	The Parish Council are content with the current arrangements.
Chedburgh Parish Council	The Parish Council are content with the current arrangements.
Rougham Parish Council	The Parish Council are content with the current arrangements.
Cllr Diane Hind	Initially asked whether it was feasible to have a second polling district in Northgate and asked for further information but has not formally requested a change.
Haverhill Town Council	The Town Council proposed changes to ward boundaries but it was explained that this wasn't covered by this type of review. Details of the proposed changes have been held on file for any future boundary review.
Bury St Edmunds Town Council	Proposed 2 changes: 1 – To create a second polling district in St Olaves Ward separating the Howard and Mildenhall Road estates with a possible polling station being Northumberland Ave Methodist Church 2 – To create a second polling district in Abbeygate Ward using Parkway as a divide and with a possible polling station being St Peters Church in Hospital Road
Bradfield St Clare Parish Council	The Parish Council are content with the current arrangements but stressed that the council are adamant that polling should take place within the village.
Cllr Paul Hopfensperger	Proposed a second polling district in St Olaves Ward separating the Howard and Mildenhall Road estates and suggested that residents in the Mildenhall Road polling district could poll at the polling station in Anselm Avenue (which is in Northgate Ward) or they could be given the choice of where to poll.
Cllr Gordon Cox	Recommended no changes

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