

# PLEASE NOTE VENUE

## **GENERAL PURPOSES (POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW) SUB-COMMITTEE AGENDA**



**Tuesday 21 August 2007**

**at 2.00pm**

**in Conference Room 1,  
Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre,  
Kendal Road, Hartlepool**

MEMBERS: GENERAL PURPOSES (POLLING  
DISTRICT REVIEW) SUB COMMITTEE:

Councillor J Marshall (Chair);  
Councillors Akers-Belcher, Griffin, Fleming, Morris, Shaw and Worthy.

Resident Representatives:  
Joan Steel (North), Bob Farrow (Central), Michael McKie (South).

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**
- 3. ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION**
  - 3.1 Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – *Chief Solicitor*
- 4. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS ARE URGENT**



**Report of:** Chief Solicitor

**Subject:** REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To invite the Committee to start the process of identifying polling places and polling districts.

**2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 At their meeting on 25 July 2007, the General Purposes Committee resolved to establish a sub-committee to undertake the work involved in the review of polling districts and polling stations as required by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (EAA 2006).

2.2 The committee also approved a timetable for the review which is as follows

<u>2007</u>	<u>Event</u>
1 <sup>st</sup> week September	G.P. (or sub) meeting – preliminary proposals
2nd week September	- ditto -
16 September	R.O. report on proposals
16 September	Public consultation/scrutiny commences
8 November	Public consultation/scrutiny concludes
15 November	G,P meeting – final proposals
22 November	Council meeting
1 December	New register incorporating changes published

2.3 In the light of concerns expressed by members of the committee regarding the time available for public consultation, further consideration has been given to options to advance the commencement of consultation and to defer the date for implementation of the review. In consequence, it has been agreed with the Chairman that the first meeting of the sub-committee should take place earlier than proposed in the timetable, thereby enabling the second meeting to be advanced to the beginning of September (3 September).

- 2.4 Additionally, an assessment has been made of the latest date by which the review could be completed. In this respect, concerns centre around the timing of the issue of the new registers of electors, which are required to be published on 1<sup>st</sup> December. Whilst the ideal position would be to incorporate changes in the new register, it is felt to be acceptable that the changes be given effect by republishing the register on 1 January 2008 – but in this case, anyone wishing to have a copy of the register incorporating new district boundaries would have to wait until 1 January. In relation to the review programme this would enable the changes to be referred to Council on 13 December 2007 (with a fall-back of a special Council meeting before Christmas if approval was not given on that date). In turn this would extend the consultation period by a further 2 weeks approx.
- 2.5 Overall, these changes to the programme would build a further 3 – 4 weeks into the consultation period.
- 2.6 The approach to review of the boundaries and polling places is set out in the EC Circular 28/2007 (attached at Appendix 10) which explains the processes and basis for the review. The most practical approach is to consider the availability of premises likely to be available and suitable for use as polling stations and then to build polling district boundaries around them. In considering polling stations, members attention is drawn particularly to paras 28 - 38 of the guidance which comment on the relevant principles -
- All electors must have reasonable facilities to vote;
  - The place must be accessible for all voters, including those with disabilities;
  - There should not be major obstacles between voters and their polling stations;
  - Polling places should be within the polling district unless this is not possible;
  - Each parish must be a separate polling district; if this creates too large a district, it should be split into separate districts.
- 2.7 Appendices - provide the following information/details
- 1) Current district boundaries - maps showing location of most recently used polling stations
  - 2) List of existing halls/rooms available for public use/hiring (to follow)
  - 3) Electorate at existing polling stations
  - 4) Turnout at existing polling stations
  - 5) Postal vote applications ward by ward
  - 6) Any comments received in respect of last used polling stations
  - 7) Information relating to future residential development (to follow)
  - 8) Draft Hartlepool Borough Council Accessibility Strategy (to follow)
  - 9) Future population estimates from Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit (to follow)
  - 10) EC Circular 28/2007

### **3. ISSUES**

3.1 Members need to determine at this and the next meeting;

- The ideal number of polling districts per ward - the ratio of electors
- The preferred polling places having regard to the issues referred to above;
- The boundaries of polling districts within each ward.

### **4. CONCLUSION**

4.1 It is suggested that at this meeting, members express views on these issues, taking note of the incidence of postal application, the comments on last used polling stations, accessibility issues, and observations received to date in response to the notice of review.

4.2 Members views on the approach to establishing district boundaries would also be welcomed. The broad options are

- Linear polling districts with polling places at top, middle or bottom of the 'line'; or
- Square polling districts with polling places at centre of the square.

4.3 Preferences expressed by members would then be compiled into a Proposals Document for approval at their next meeting (3 September) and the Returning Officer's comments on the proposed polling places prepared. The formal consultation period would thus be able to start immediately after that meeting.

4.4 Members would then no doubt wish to give consideration to the future programme, with particular reference to the timing of future meetings of the sub-committee, committee and Council submission. The following timetable may be appropriate -

<u>2007</u>	<u>Event</u>
22 November	Polling Districts Review Sub-committee - consider consultation responses
3 December	General Purposes Committee - receive sub-committee report
13 December	Council - receive and approval final proposals

### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members –

- (a) determine their preferred location of polling stations
- (b) determine their general approach to determination of polling district boundaries, and
- (c) consider the future programme of meeting.

WARD/PARISH	POTENTIAL POLLING STATION VENUES	COUNCIL VENUE
<b>BRUS</b>	St John Vianneys Primary School, King Oswy Drive West View Community Centre, Miers Ave St John Vianneys Church, King Oswy Drive West View Methodist Church Hall, King Oswy Drive St Thomas Mores Parish, Easington Road The TA Centre, Easington Road. West View Baptist Church, Miers Avenue Holy Trinity Church Hall, Davison Drive West View Project, Miers Avenue West View Primary School, Davison Drive	C C
<b>BURN VALLEY</b>	Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldon Grove Eldon Grove Primary School, Eldon Grove Blakelock Day Centre, Blakelock Road. St Matthews Church Hall, Elwick Road Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwick Road Salvation Army Building, Park Road	C C C
<b>DYKE HOUSE</b>	Brougham Annexe, Wharton Terrace. Dyke House Comp School, Raby Road. Dyke House Comp School, Raby Road. Lime Crescent Flats, Lime Crescent. Chatham House, Chatham Road, St Oswalds Church Hall, Millbank Road	C C C
<b>ELWICK/Hart Hart Elwick Elwick Newton Bewley Dalton Piercy Claxton Brierton</b>	Village Hall, Front Street. Hart Primary School, Magdalene Drive. Elwick Primary School, North Lane WI Hall, The Green. The Blue Bells PH, Newton Bewley. Village Hall, Dalton Piercy.	C C
<b>FENS</b>	Fens Primary School, Catcote Road. Fens Hotel PH, Catcote Road.	C
<b>FOGGY FURZE</b>	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road. Stranton Primary School, Southburn Terrace. St Cuthberts Primary School, Stratford Road St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road. Belle Vue Social Club PH, Kendal Road. Belle Vue Community Centre, Kendal Road. St Aidans Church Hall, Sussex Street.	C C
<b>GRANGE</b>	Lynnfield Community & Learning Centre, Lynnfield School St Lukes Church, Tunstall Avenue St Johns Ambulance Building, Sandringham Road. Grange Road Methodist Church, Grange Road. St Pauls Church Hall, Murray Street. Albany Court, Alma Street. Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/ Stanhope Avenue. St Josephs Church Hall, Hutton Avenue.	C
<b>GREATHAM</b>	Greatham Primary School, Egerton Terrace. Greatham Community Centre, Front Street.	C

WARD/PARISH	POTENTIAL POLLING STATION VENUES	COUNCIL VENUE
<b>HART</b>	Barnard Grove Primary School, King Oswy Drive. Clavering Primary School, Clavering Road. St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road. Bamburgh Court, Bamburgh Road.	C C
<b>OWTON</b>	Owton Manor Primary School, Eskdale Road. Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road. Grange Primary School, Owton Manor Lane Manor College of Technology, Owton Manor Lane. Manor West Centre, Unit 4, Brierton Lane Shops. Hourglass PH, Erskine Rd. Health Centre, Brierton Lane. Gardner House, Brierton Lane. Esha Ness Court, Brierton Lane. Wynyard House, Wynyard Road. St Patricks Church Hall, Maxwell Road. Manor Residents Assoc, Kilmarnock Road.	C C C C
<b>PARK</b>	High Tunstall School, Elwick Road. West Park Primary School, Coniscliffe Road. Summerhill Woodland Park, Summerhill Lane. Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park, The Parade. Hartlepool Cricket Club PH, Park Drive.	C C C
<b>RIFT HOUSE</b>	English Martyrs RC School, Catcote Road. Rift House Primary School, Masefield Road Kingsley Primary School, Taybrooke Ave. Brierton Community Sports Centre, Brierton Lane. Brierton Comprehensive School, Catcote Road. Church of Latter Day Saints, Catcote Road. Masefield Road Day Nursery, Masefield Road. Sixth Form College, Blakelock Rd. Orwell Walk Flats.	C C C C C
<b>ROSSMERE</b>	Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road. St Aidans Primary School, Loyalty Road. Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way. Rossmere Primary School, Catcote Road. St Teresas Primary School, Callander Road. St Teresas RC Church, Breamer Road. Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland road. Golden Flatts Primary School, Seaton Lane. Newholm Court, Ormesby Road. Scout Hut, Brierton Lane. Rossmere/Ardrossan Community Building, Rossmere Way. St James Church Hall, Rossmere Way,	C C C C C C C C
<b>ST HILDA</b> <b>Hartlepool Headland</b> <b>Hartlepool Headland</b> <b>Hartlepool Headland</b> <b>Hartlepool Headland</b> <b>Hartlepool Headland</b>	St Helens Primary School, Corporation Road. St Begas RC School, Thorpe Street. Carnegie Buildings, Northgate. Headland Sports Centre, Union Street Borough Hall, Middlegate. Anchor Court, Church Close. Community Room, 6 Heronspool Close. Community Centre, Otterpool Close. Abdiel Centre, Clearpool Close	C C C C C

WARD/PARISH	POTENTIAL POLLING STATION VENUES	COUNCIL VENUE
<b>SEATON</b>	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane. Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way. Seaton Community Centre, Elizabeth Way Holy Trinity Primary School, Crawford Street. Schooner PH, Warrior Drive. Bowls Pavillion, Seaton Park. Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Street. Methodist Church, Seaton Lane. Meadowfield Court, Elizabeth Way.	C C C C
<b>STRANTON</b>	Mill House Leisure Centre, Raby Road. Baltic Suite, Historic Quay, Marina Way. Central Library, York Road. Burbank Community House, Burbank Street Town Hall, Raby Road Civic Centre, Victoria Road. Church of Nazarene, Lowthian Road. Masonic Hall, Raby Road. People Centre, Raby Road. Osborne Hall, Osborne Road. Richard Court, Lister Street. Ward Jackson Primary School, Clark Street College of Further Education, Stockton Street. Westbourne Methodist Church, Stockton Road	C C C C C C
<b>THROSTON</b>	Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove. Throston Grange Primary School. Throston Grange Library Jesmond Road Primary School, Jesmond road. Sacred Heart Primary School, Hart Lane. Boys Welfare Club, Wiltshire Way.	C C C C C

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## Polling Station Electorate Statistics for Borough

Number	PD	Polling Place Address	Total	Ineligible Young	Qual	Postal	Eligible Proxy	Station	Total
<b>Brus</b>									
1	AA	St John Vianneys Church, King Os	2,030	9	0	380	1	1,641	2,021
2	AB	Training Room 1, West View Com	2,344	14	0	334	1	1,996	2,330
3	AC	St Thomas Mores Parish Centre, r	388	2	0	83	0	303	386
<b>Brus Total</b>			<b>4,762</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,940</b>	<b>4,737</b>
<b>Burn Valley</b>									
4	BA	Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldo	1,250	11	0	160	4	1,079	1,239
5	BB	Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwic	1,655	16	0	174	1	1,465	1,639
6	BC	Entrance Foyer, Oxford Road Bap	1,364	5	0	185	1	1,174	1,359
<b>Burn Valley Total</b>			<b>4,269</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3,718</b>	<b>4,237</b>
<b>Dyke House</b>									
7	CA	Communal Room, Lime Crescent Fl1	1,016	7	0	139	0	870	1,009
8	CB	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road	1,176	8	0	184	1	984	1,168
9	CC	The Library, Brougham Annexe,	1,626	12	0	218	0	1,396	1,614
<b>Dyke House Total</b>			<b>3,818</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>541</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,250</b>	<b>3,791</b>
<b>Fens</b>									
10	EA	Front Entrance, Fens Hotel, Catc	1,295	10	0	204	2	1,081	1,285
11	EB	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primar	1,460	8	0	217	3	1,235	1,452
12	EC	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primar	1,336	10	0	192	2	1,134	1,326
<b>Fens Total</b>			<b>4,091</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3,450</b>	<b>4,063</b>
<b>Foggy Furze</b>									
13	FA	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Sto	1,225	5	0	158	2	1,062	1,220
14	FB	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratfo	1,362	11	0	129	1	1,222	1,351
15	FC	Belle Vue Way Social Club, Kenda	1,431	11	0	196	0	1,224	1,420
<b>Foggy Furze Total</b>			<b>4,018</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,508</b>	<b>3,991</b>
<b>Grange</b>									
16	GA	Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporte	1,441	4	0	193	1	1,244	1,437
17	GB	Lynnfield Community and Learning	1,413	7	0	201	0	1,205	1,406
18	GC	Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/St	1,123	10	0	162	3	951	1,113
<b>Grange Total</b>			<b>3,977</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>556</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,400</b>	<b>3,956</b>
<b>Greatham</b>									
19	HA	Portacabin, Layby adj to 457 Cat	890	2	0	138	0	750	888
20	HB	Greatham Community Centre, Fron	801	6	0	99	7	696	795
<b>Greatham Total</b>			<b>1,691</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1,446</b>	<b>1,683</b>
<b>Hart</b>									
21	IA	Barnard Grove Primary School, In	1,001	4	0	133	1	864	997
22	IB	St Marks Community Centre, Clav	1,583	16	0	185	2	1,382	1,567



23	IC	Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Cour	1,479	12	0	216	2	1,251	1,467
24	ID	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell	536	1	0	114	1	421	535
<b>Hart Total</b>			<b>4,599</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>648</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3,918</b>	<b>4,566</b>

## Appendix 3

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## Polling Station Electorate Statistics for Borough

<b>Owton</b>									
25	JA	Manor West Centre, Unit 4, Brier	1,546	11	0	177	1	1,358	1,535
26	JB	Training Room, Owton Manor Co	1,123	3	0	154	0	966	1,120
27	JC	Community Room, Grange Primar	1,513	7	0	193	0	1,313	1,506
<b>Owton Total</b>			<b>4,182</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3,637</b>	<b>4,161</b>
<b>Park</b>									
28	KA	D Block, High Tunstall School, EI	1,738	13	0	300	1	1,425	1,725
29	KB	Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Pa	1,987	12	1	344	5	1,630	1,974
30	KC	Hartlepool Cricket Club, Park Driv	964	5	0	136	4	823	959
<b>Park Total</b>			<b>4,689</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>780</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3,878</b>	<b>4,658</b>
<b>Rift House</b>									
31	LA	The Training Room, Masefield Ro	924	3	0	214	0	707	921
32	LB	Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Ki	2,218	13	1	371	2	1,833	2,204
33	LC	Brierton Community Sports Centre,	1,516	5	0	400	1	1,111	1,511
<b>Rift House Total</b>			<b>4,658</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>985</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,651</b>	<b>4,636</b>
<b>Rossmere</b>									
34	MA	The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery,	635	1	0	90	0	544	634
35	MB	Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Ros	1,484	9	0	227	1	1,248	1,475
36	MC	Rossmere/Ardrossan Community	1,352	11	0	256	2	1,085	1,341
37	MD	Training Room, Jutland Road Com	1,202	9	0	144	1	1,049	1,193
<b>Rossmere Total</b>			<b>4,673</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>717</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3,926</b>	<b>4,643</b>
<b>Seaton</b>									
41	OA	The Conservatory, The Schooner,	1,907	8	0	290	3	1,609	1,899
42	OB	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Sta	2,105	15	0	286	0	1,804	2,090
43	OC	Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Eliz	1,297	7	0	221	3	1,069	1,290
<b>Seaton Total</b>			<b>5,309</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>797</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>4,482</b>	<b>5,279</b>
<b>St. Hilda</b>									
38	NA	Community Room, 6 Heronspool C	1,513	6	0	193	1	1,314	1,507
39	NB	The Community Room, St Helens P	1,550	11	0	171	1	1,368	1,539
40	NC	Constables Lounge, Borough Hall,	1,272	8	0	145	0	1,119	1,264
<b>St. Hilda Total</b>			<b>4,335</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,801</b>	<b>4,310</b>
<b>Stranton</b>									
44	PA	Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisu	1,071	6	0	120	0	945	1,065
45	PB	Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Par	844	0	0	140	0	704	844
46	PC	Central Library, York Road	1,134	5	0	168	2	961	1,129
47	PD	Burbank Community House, Burba	850	4	0	90	0	756	846

<b>Stranton Total</b>			<b>3,899</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,366</b>	<b>3,884</b>
<b>Throston</b>									
48	QA	Portacabin, Moorhen Road/Thros	1,737	11	1	295	2	1,430	1,725
49	QB	Main Hall, Throston Grange Com	1,823	13	0	315	1	1,495	1,810
50	QC	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road	1,193	5	0	183	0	1,005	1,188
<b>Throston Total</b>			<b>4,753</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>793</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3,930</b>	<b>4,723</b>
<b>Borough Total</b>			<b>67,723</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10,017</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>57,301</b>	<b>67,318</b>

## Local Government Elections - Thursday 4 May 2006

	Ward and Polling Station	Eligible Electors	Verified Votes	% Voters
	<b>Burn Valley (Borough)</b>			
1	Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldon Grove	1,147	365	31.82%
2	Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwick Road	1,502	336	22.37%
3	Entrance Foyer, Oxford Rd Baptist Church, Caledonian Rd	1,189	234	19.68%
	Postal Votes	514	312	60.70%
	TOTAL	4,352	1,247	28.65%
	<b>Dyke House (Borough)</b>			
4	Portacabin, Ivy Grove	891	168	18.86%
5	Nursery Unit, Jesmond Road Primary School	1,087	159	14.63%
6	The Library, Brougham Annexe, Wharton Terrace	1,376	262	19.04%
	Postal Votes	489	313	64.01%
	TOTAL	3,843	902	23.47%
	<b>Elwick (Borough)</b>			
7	Village Hall, Front Street	443	150	33.86%
8	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	86	19	22.09%
9	Women`s Institute Hall, The Green	453	207	45.70%
10	Portacabin, The Wynd/Wynyard Woods	109	46	42.20%
11	Village Hall, Dalton Piercy	190	60	31.58%
12	Portacabin, Car park rear of the Blue Bells	60	24	40.00%
	Postal Votes	214	127	59.35%
	TOTAL	1,555	633	40.71%
	<b>Fens (Borough)</b>			
13	Front Entrance, Fens Hotel	1,114	299	26.84%
14	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School	1,310	441	33.66%
15	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School	1,167	388	33.25%
	Postal Votes	459	336	73.20%
	TOTAL	4,050	1,464	36.15%
	<b>Foggy Furze (Borough)</b>			
16	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road	1,110	342	30.81%
17	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road	1,235	317	25.67%
18	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre, Kendal Rd	1,210	213	17.60%
	Postal Votes	425	282	66.35%
	TOTAL	3,980	1,154	28.99%
	<b>Grange (Borough)</b>			
19	Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporters Club Car Park	1,279	341	26.66%
20	Lynnfield Community & Learning Centre, ent from Elcho St	1,315	262	19.92%
21	Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/Stanhope Avenue	988	271	27.43%
	Postal Votes	513	303	59.06%
	TOTAL	4,095	1,177	28.74%
	<b>Hart (Borough)</b>			
8	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	239	61	25.52%
22	Barnard Gr Primary School, Infant ent from King Oswy Dr	926	374	40.39%
23	St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road	1,438	402	27.96%
24	Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Court, .	1,279	344	26.90%
	Postal Votes	457	311	68.05%
	TOTAL	4,339	1,492	34.39%
	<b>Owton (Borough)</b>			
25	The Lounge, Hour Glass	1,346	175	13.00%
26	Training Room, Owton Manor Community Cte, Wynyard Rd	947	125	13.20%
27	Community Room, Grange Primary School	1,351	163	12.07%
	Postal Votes	457	279	61.05%
	TOTAL	4,101	742	18.09%

	Ward and Polling Station	Eligible Electors	Verified Votes	% Voters
	<b>Park (Borough)</b>			
28	D Block, High Tunstall School	1,484	432	29.11%
29	Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park	1,692	561	33.16%
30	Hartlepool Cricket Club, Park Drive	826	366	44.31%
	Postal Votes	644	416	64.60%
	TOTAL	4,646	1,775	38.20%
	<b>Rift House (Borough)</b>			
31	The Training Room, Masfield Road Day Nursery	691	125	18.09%
32	Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Kingsley Primary School	1,852	452	24.41%
33	Communal Lounge, Orwell Walk Flats, Orwell Walk	1,112	209	18.79%
	Postal Votes	943	599	63.52%
	TOTAL	4,598	1,385	30.12%
	<b>Rossmere (Borough)</b>			
34	The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road	544	163	29.96%
35	Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way	1,300	229	17.62%
36	Rossmere Community Building, Rossmere Way	1,144	305	26.66%
37	Training Room, Jutland Rd Community Centre, Jutland Rd	955	122	12.77%
	Postal Votes	589	390	66.21%
	TOTAL	4,532	1,209	26.68%
	<b>Seaton (Borough)</b>			
41	The Conservatory, The Schooner	1,708	368	21.55%
42	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane	1,913	532	27.81%
43	Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way	1,107	306	27.64%
	Postal Votes	583	377	64.67%
	TOTAL	5,311	1,583	29.81%
	<b>St. Hilda (Borough)</b>			
38	Community Room, 6 Heronspool Close, .	1,308	213	16.28%
39	The Community Room, St Helens Primary School	1,438	532	37.00%
40	Constables Lounge, Borough Hall	1,093	306	28.00%
	Postal Votes	420	377	89.76%
	TOTAL	4,259	1,428	33.53%
	<b>Stranton (Borough)</b>			
44	Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisure Centre	952	130	13.66%
45	Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Park	650	84	12.92%
46	Central Library, York Road	973	169	17.37%
47	Burbank Community House, Burbank Street entrance	685	147	21.46%
	Postal Votes	480	266	55.42%
	TOTAL	3,740	796	21.28%
	<b>Throston (Borough)</b>			
48	Portacabin, Footpath leading from Moorhen Road	1,509	249	16.50%
49	Main Hall, Throston Grange Community Cte, Glamorgan Gr	1,567	327	20.87%
50	Nursery Unit, Jesmond Road Primary School	1,041	202	19.40%
	Postal Votes	616	366	59.42%
	TOTAL	4,733	1,144	24.17%
		Total Electorate Eligible	Total Verified Votes	% of total electorate
		62,134	18,131	29.18%

## Local Government Elections - Thursday 3 May 2007

	Ward and Polling Station	Eligible Electors	Verified Votes	% Voters
	<b>Brus</b>			
1	St John Vianneys Church, King Oswy Drive	1,641	220	13.41%
2	Training Room 1, West View Community Centre	1,996	266	13.33%
3	St Thomas Mores Parish Centre	303	49	16.17%
	Postal Votes	797	590	74.03%
	TOTAL	4737	1125	23.75%
	<b>Burn Valley (Borough)</b>			
4	Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldon Grove	1079	322	29.84%
5	Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwick Road	1465	316	21.57%
6	Entrance Foyer, Oxford Road Baptist Church, Cal	1174	187	15.93%
	Postal Votes	519	412	79.38%
	TOTAL	4,237	1,237	29.20%
	<b>Dyke House (Borough)</b>			
7	Communal Room Lime Crescent	870	166	19.08%
8	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road	984	112	11.38%
9	The Library, Brougham Annexe, Wharton Terrace	1396	191	13.68%
	Postal Votes	541	434	80.22%
	TOTAL	3,791	903	23.82%
	<b>Fens (Borough)</b>			
10	Front Entrance, Fens Hotel	1081	212	19.61%
11	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School	1235	389	31.50%
12	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School	1134	335	29.54%
	Postal Votes	613	486	79.28%
	TOTAL	4,063	1,422	35.00%
	<b>Foggy Furze (Borough)</b>			
13	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road	1062	280	26.37%
14	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road	1222	220	18.00%
15	Belle Vue Social Club	1224	171	13.97%
	Postal Votes	483	384	79.50%
	TOTAL	3,991	1,055	26.43%
	<b>Grange (Borough)</b>			
16	Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporters Club Car Park	1243	330	26.55%
17	Lynnfield Community and Learning Centre, entrar	1205	258	21.41%
18	Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/Stanhope Avenue	951	253	26.60%
	Postal Votes	556	396	71.22%
	TOTAL	3,955	1,237	31.28%
	<b>Greatham (Borough)</b>			
19	Portacabin Layby Adj to 457 Catcote Road	750	258	34.40%
20	Greatham Community Centre	696	319	45.83%
	Postal Votes	237	179	75.53%
	TOTAL	1,683	756	44.92%
	<b>Hart (Borough)</b>			
21	Barnard Grove Primary School, Infant entrance fro	864	330	38.19%
22	St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road	1382	347	25.11%
23	Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Court	1251	285	22.78%
24	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	421	95	22.57%
	Postal Votes	648	455	70.22%
	TOTAL	4,566	1,512	33.11%
	<b>Owton (Borough)</b>			
25	Manor West Centre	1358	140	10.31%
26	Training Room, Owton Manor Community Centre,	966	92	9.52%
27	Community Room, Grange Primary School	1313	142	10.81%

	Postal Votes	524	393	75.00%
	TOTAL	4,161	767	18.43%
	<b>Park (Borough)</b>			
28	D Block, High Tunstall School	1425	375	26.32%
29	Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park	1630	444	27.24%
30	Hartlepool Cricket Club, Park Drive	823	355	43.13%
	Postal Votes	780	574	73.59%
	TOTAL	4,658	1,748	37.53%
	<b>Rift House (Borough)</b>			
31	The Training Room, Masefield Road Day Nursery	707	106	14.99%
32	Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Kingsley Primary S	1833	409	22.31%
33	Brierton Community Sports Centre	1111	171	15.39%
	Postal Votes	985	752	76.35%
	TOTAL	4,636	1,438	31.02%
	<b>Rossmere (Borough)</b>			
34	The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road	544	133	24.45%
35	Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way	1248	206	16.51%
36	Rossmere Community Building, Rossmere Way	1085	224	20.65%
37	Training Room, Jutland Road Community Centre	1049	125	11.92%
	Postal Votes	717	557	77.68%
	TOTAL	4,643	1,245	26.81%
	<b>St. Hilda (Borough)</b>			
38	Community Room, 6 Heronspool Close, .	1314	161	12.25%
39	The Community Room, St Helens Primary School	1368	298	21.78%
40	Constables Lounge, Borough Hall	1119	371	33.15%
	Postal Votes	509	384	75.44%
	TOTAL	4,310	1,214	28.17%
	<b>Seaton (Borough)</b>			
41	The Conservatory, The Schooner	1609	364	22.62%
42	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane	1804	497	27.55%
43	Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way	1069	299	27.97%
	Postal Votes	797	596	74.78%
	TOTAL	5,279	1,756	33.26%
	<b>Stranton (Borough)</b>			
44	Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisure Centre	945	123	13.02%
45	Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Park	704	82	11.65%
46	Central Library, York Road	961	142	14.78%
47	Burbank Community House, Burbank Street Entra	756	101	13.36%
	Postal Votes	518	372	71.81%
	TOTAL	3,884	820	21.11%
	<b>Throston (Borough)</b>			
48	Portacabin, Footpath leading from Moorhen Road	1430	249	17.41%
49	Main Hall, Throston Grange Community Centre, G	1495	294	19.67%
50	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road Primary School	1005	166	16.52%
	Postal Votes	793	556	70.11%
	TOTAL	4,723	1,265	26.78%

Total Electorate Eligible	Total Verified Votes	% of total electorate
67,317	19,500	28.97%

## Parliamentary Election - 5/5/05

## Polling Station and Postal Vote Electorate Statistics for Parliamentary Borough of Hartlepool

PS No	PD	Polling Station Address	Eligible Electorate excl PVs	Number Per BP Account	Number in Box	+/- Difference	% Turnout
1	AA	Portacabin, King Oswy Drive Shopping Parade, C	1,715	750	749		43.67
2	AB	Training Room 1, West View Community Centre, I	2,048	810	810		39.55
3	AC	St Thomas Mores Parish Centre, rear of the Prest	331	124	124		37.46
4	BA	Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldon Grove	1,150	662	661		57.48
5	BB	Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwick Road	1,552	725	725		46.71
6	BC	Entrance Foyer, Oxford Road Baptist Church, Cal	1,200	471	471		39.25
7	CA	Portacabin, Ivy Grove	909	323	323		35.53
8	CB	Nursery Unit, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jes	1,316	464	464		35.26
9	CC	The Library, Brougham Annexe, Wharton Terrace	1,401	558	559		39.90
10	DA	Village Hall, Front Street, Hart	454	297	297		65.42
11	DB,ID,QA	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Moorhen Road	1,688	823	823		48.76
12	DC	Women`s Institute Hall, The Green, Elwick, Hartle	462	324	324		70.13
13	DD	Portacabin, The Wynd/Wynyard Woods, Wynyard	56	35	35		62.50
14	DE,DF	Village Hall, Dalton Piercy	181	110	110		60.77
15	DG,DH	Portacabin, Layby at Newton Bewley	66	43	43		65.15
16	EA	Portacabin, Fens Shopping Parade, Catcote Road	1,161	598	597		51.42
17	EB	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbr	1,362	907	907		66.59
18	EC	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbr	1,198	732	731		61.02
19	FA	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road	1,153	667	667		57.85
20	FB	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road	1,253	636	636		50.76
21	FC	Belle Vue Community Sports & Youth Centre, Ker	1,227	425	425		34.64
22	GA	Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporters Club Car Park,	1,322	684	684		51.74
23	GB	Lynnfield Community and Learning Centre, entran	1,438	541	541		37.62
24	GC	Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/Stanhope Avenue	996	551	551		55.32
25	HA	Portacabin, Layby adj to 457 Catcote Road, Catc	863	538	537		62.22
26	HB	Greatham Community Centre, Front Street, Great	706	412	412		58.36
27	IA	Barnard Grove Primary School, Infant entrance fro	968	673	673		69.52
28	IB	St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road	1,462	870	870		59.51
29	IC	Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Court	1,310	711	710		54.20
30	JA	Portacabin, Car Park rear of Brierton Shops, Brier	1,345	488	488		36.28
31	JB	Training Room, Owton Manor Community Centre,	959	319	319		33.26

PS No	PD	Polling Station Address	Eligible Electorate excl PVs	Number Per BP Account	Number in Box	+/- Difference	% Turnout
32	JC	Community Room, Grange Primary School, Owton	1,371	488	488		35.59
33	KA	D Block, High Tunstall School, Elwick Road	1,554	977	977		62.87
34	KB	Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park, The Parade	1,746	1097	1097		62.83
35	KC	Portacabin, Valley Drive/Carisbrooke Road	849	633	633		74.56
36	LA	The Training Room, Masefield Road Day Nursery,	697	276	276		39.60
37	LB	Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Kingsley Primary S	1,884	968	968		51.38
38	LC	Communal Lounge, Orwell Walk Flats	1,119	436	436		38.96
39	MA	The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road	569	330	330		58.00
40	MB	Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way	1,344	635	635		47.25
41	MC	St James Church Hall, Rossmere Way	1,160	608	608		52.41
42	MD	Training Room, Community Centre, Jutland Road	951	367	367		38.59
43	NA	Community Room, 6 Heronspool Close	1,310	448	447		34.12
44	NB	The Community Room, St Helens Primary School	1,444	680	680		47.09
45	NC	Constables Lounge, Borough Hall, Middlegate	1,129	592	592		52.44
46	OA	Portacabin, Warrior Drive/ Courageous Close	1,696	962	962		56.72
47	OB	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane	1,973	1148	1148		58.19
48	OC	Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way	1,145	701	700		61.14
49	PA	Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisure Centre, Raby	945	292	292		30.90
50	PB	Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Park, Hartlepool Hist	619	159	159		25.69
51	PC	New Life Fellowship, Osborne Road/Dalton Street	1,008	332	332		32.94
52	PD	Burbank Community House, Burbank Street entra	694	247	247		35.59
53	QB	Main Hall, Throston Grange Community Centre, G	1,635	769	769		47.03
54	QC	Nursery Unit, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jes	1,074	567	567		52.79
		Postal Voters	7,648	5553	5553		72.61
Parliamentary Borough of Hartlepool Total			68,816	35,536	35,529	0	51.63

		Postal Votes Ballot Box 1		2000	2000		
		Postal Votes Ballot Box 2		1303	1303		
		Postal Votes Ballot Box 3		1471	1471		
		Postal Votes Ballot Box 4		779	779		

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POSTAL VOTE STATISTICS BY WARD

Appendix 5

Polling District	Location	Electorate	Postal	Proxy	Postal Proxy
AA -	St John Vianney Church	2027	389	1	0
AB -	West View Community Centre	2327	327	0	0
AC -	St Thomas Mores Centre	383	79	0	0
	BRUS	4737	795	1	0

BA -	Eldon Grove Sports Centre	1242	158	0	0
BB -	Oasis Gospel Hall	1650	174	0	0
BC -	Oxford Road Baptist Church	1355	182	0	0
	BURN VALLEY	4247	514	0	0

CA -	Lime Crescent Flatlets	1013	135	0	0
CB -	Jesmond Road School	1172	183	1	1
CC -	The Library Brougham Annexe	1620	219	0	0
	DYKE HOUSE	3805	537	1	1

DA -	Village Hall Front Street Hart Village	484	50	0	0
DB -	Portacabin Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	110	21	0	0
DC -	WI Hall The Green Elwick Village	529	106	0	0
DD -	Portacabin The Wynd/Wynyard Woods	167	30	0	0
DE -	Village Hall Dalton Piercy	181	34	1	0
DF -	Village Hall Dalton Piercy	32	0	0	0
DG -	Portacabin Blue Bells Newton Bewley	25	4	0	0
DH -	Portacabin Blue Bells Newton Bewley	65	22	0	0
	ELWICK	1593	267	1	0

EA -	The Fens Hotel	1287	201	0	0
EB -	Fens School Nursery	1456	224	3	0
EC -	Fens School Nursery	1332	191	2	0
	FENS	4075	616	5	0

FA -	Foggy Furze Branch Library	1218	159	1	0
FB -	St Cuthberts Church Hall	1355	129	1	0
FC -	Belle Vue Social Club	1418	193	0	0
	FOGGY FURZE	3991	481	2	0

GA -	Portacabin Supporters Club	1435	191	1	0
GB -	Lynnfield Community & Learning Centre	1388	204	0	0
GC -	Walmsley Hall Osborne Rd/Stanhope Ave	1117	156	0	0
	GRANGE	3940	551	1	0

HA -	Portacabin Layby adj to 457 Catcote Road	886	138	0	0
HB -	Greatham Community Centre	795	98	1	0
	GREATHAM	1681	236	1	0

IA -	Barnard Grove Primary School	994	133	1	0
IB -	St Marks Community Centre	1580	184	1	0
IC -	Bamburgh Court	1471	216	1	0
ID -	Portacabin Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	539	118	0	0
	HART	4584	651	3	0

Polling District	Location	Electorate	Postal	Proxy	Postal Proxy
JA -	Manor West Centre Brierton Lane Shops	1540	175	1	0
JB -	Owton Manor Community Centre	1122	160	0	0
JC -	Grange Primary School, Owton Manor Lane	1501	187	0	0
	OWTON	4163	522	1	0
KA -	D Block High Tunstall School	1725	293	1	0
KB -	Bowls Pavillion Ward Jackson Park	1977	341	1	0
KC -	Hartlepool Cricket Club Park Drive	957	134	0	0
	PARK	4659	768	2	0
LA -	Masefield Road Day Nursery	914	215	0	0
LB -	Kingsley Primary School	2207	369	3	0
LC -	Brierton Community Sports Centre	1509	401	1	0
	RIFT HOUSE	4630	985	4	0
MA -	The Shop Tanfield Road Nursery	636	88	0	0
MB -	Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way	1483	226	0	0
MC -	Rossmere/Ardrossan Community Centre	1341	263	1	0
MD -	Jutland Road Community Centre	1199	146	1	0
	ROSSMERE	4659	723	2	0
NA -	Community Room Heronspool Close	1514	199	0	0
NB -	St Helens Primary School	1546	170	1	0
NC -	Constables Lounge Borough Hall	1265	143	0	0
	ST HILDA	4325	512	1	0
OA -	The Schooner Conservatory	1900	291	1	0
OB -	Seaton Carew Branch Library	2096	282	0	0
OC -	Seaton Carew Youth Centre	1293	222	0	0
	SEATON	5289	795	1	0
PA -	Mill House Leisure Centre Raby Road	1065	120	0	0
PB -	Baltic Suite Historic Quay	841	144	0	0
PC -	Central Library York Road	1124	169	0	0
PD -	Burbank Community House	848	88	0	0
	STRANTON	3878	521	0	0
QA -	Portacabin Moorhen Rd/Throston Grange Lane	1732	296	3	0
QB -	Throston Grange Community Centre Glamorgan Gr	1813	318	1	0
QC -	Jesmond Road School	1189	184	0	0
	THROSTON	4734	798	4	0
	TOTALS	68990	10272	30	1

**POLLING STATIONS – COMMENTS/OBSERVATIONS RECEIVED**

Situation of Polling Stations	Comments/Observations Received
<b>Brus Ward</b>	
St John Vianneys Church, King Oswy Drive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No heating – staff uncomfortable (2007)</li> </ul>
Training Room 1, West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue	
St Thomas Mores Parish Centre, rear of the Presbytery, Easington Road	
<b>Burn Valley</b>	
Eldon Grove Sports Centre, Eldon Grove	
Oasis Gospel Church Hall, Elwick Road	
Entrance Foyer, Oxford Road Baptist Church, Caledonian Road	
<b>Dyke House Ward</b>	
Communal Room, Lime Crescent Flatlets, Lime Crescent	
Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jesmond Road	
The Library, Brougham Annex, Wharton Terrace	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue with accessibility – door locked, unable to gain entry (2007)</li> </ul>
<b>Elwick Ward</b>	
Village Hall, Front Street, Hart	
Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	
Women's Institute Hall, The Green, Elwick	
Portacabin, The Wynd/Wynyard Woods, Wynyard	
Village Hall, Dalton Percy	
Portacabin, Car Park rear of the Blue Bells. Newton Bewley	
<b>Fens Ward</b>	
Front Entrance on Catcote Road, The Fens Hotel	
Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbray Road	
Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbray Road	
<b>Foggy Furze Ward</b>	
Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road	
St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road	
Belle Vue Social Club, Kendal Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Considered unsuitable new venue and access issues raised</li> </ul>
<b>Grange Ward</b>	
Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporters Club Car Park, Sandringham Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General accessibility issue</li> <li>Noisy generators/vibrating floors</li> </ul>
Lynnfield Community and Learning Centre, entrance from Elcho Street	
Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/Stanhope Avenue	
<b>Greatham</b>	
Portacabin, Layby adj to 457 Catcote Road, Catcote Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General accessibility issue</li> <li>Noisy generators/vibrating floors</li> </ul>
Greatham Community Centre, Front Street, Greatham	
<b>Hart Ward</b>	
Barnard Grove Primary School, Infant entrance from King Oswy Drive	
St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road	
Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Court, .	
Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General accessibility issue</li> <li>Noisy generators/vibrating floors</li> </ul>

## APPENDIX 6

<b>Owton Ward</b>	
Manor West Centre, Unit 4, Brierton Lane Shops	
Training Room, Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road	
Community Room, Grange Primary School, Owton Manor Lane	
<b>Park Ward</b>	
D Block, High Tunstall School, Elwick Road	
Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park, The Parade	
Hartlepool Cricket Club, Park Drive	
<b>Rift House Ward</b>	
The Training Room, Masefield Road Day Nursery, Masefield Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Issue with accessibility – door locked, unable to gain entry</li> </ul>
Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Kingsley Primary School, Taybrooke Avenue	
Brierton Community Sports Centre, Brierton Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Location not suitable due to walking distance for electors</li> </ul>
<b>Rossmere Ward</b>	
The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road	
Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way	
Rossmere/Ardrossan Community Building, Rossmere Way	
Training Room, Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland Road	
<b>St. Hilda Ward</b>	
Community Room, 6 Heronspool Close, .	
The Community Room, St Helens Primary School, Corporation Road entrance	
Constables Lounge, Borough Hall, Middlegate	
<b>Seaton Ward</b>	
The Conservatory, The Schooner, Warrior Drive	
Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane	
Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessibility issue – no dropped kerb for disability chairs or scooters</li> </ul>
<b>Stranton Ward</b>	
Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisure Centre, Raby Road	
Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Park, Hartlepool Historic Quay, Marina Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accessibility issue – difficulty of dropped kerb from car park to entrance of polling station (ramp required)</li> </ul>
Central Library, York Road	
Burbank Community House, Burbank Street entrance	
<b>Throston Ward</b>	
Portacabin, Footpath leading from Moorhen Road, Throston Grange Lane	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>General accessibility issue</li> <li>Noisy generators/vibrating floors</li> </ul>
Main Hall, Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove	
Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jesmond Road	

## STATEMENT ON PROPOSED DEVELOPMENTS IN HARTLEPOOL PROVIDED BY REGENERATION & PLANNING DEPT

Whilst this statement is primarily concerned to highlight areas where there will be new housing development, it is considered appropriate also to refer to areas where there may be demolition of housing.

Starting from the north:

Housing development is on-going at **Middle Warren** (primarily Hart Ward) where it is expected there will be another 850 - 900 dwellings constructed (including those comprising the Hartfields Extra Care Retirement Village). This would represent an additional 1900 to 2000 people. It is likely that the retirement village (242 units) will be completed within the next year or so. The housing being developed by the private housebuilders is expected to be provided over the next 6 or 7 years at a rate of about 100 – 120 dwellings pa.

A proposed development for about 480 dwellings on the **former Britmag site** (Brus and St Hilda wards) is currently being considered. If approved, the development would probably be spread over at least 8 years starting in about 2009. Ultimately there could be about 1000 – 1200 additional population in this area.

Underway at present in Brus ward are the Westwood Close and Nicholson Way developments – 66 dwellings – about 150 persons. These developments should be completed in the next year or so.

There are a number of small developments underway in St Hilda ward totalling about 40 dwellings (100 population). However, the **Victoria Harbour** development is expected to provide up to 3450 dwellings over a 20-25 year period. Depending on the type of housing provided, the population in the Victoria Harbour could be anything from 5000 to 8500 persons. The development is unlikely to start before 2008/09 and is likely to provide initially about 100 dwellings pa rising to 200 pa after the first five years or so.

Housing Market Renewal initiatives in **North Central Hartlepool** (primarily in Dyke House Ward) is likely to result in an overall decline in population as fewer houses will be built to replace those demolished. Phase 1 in the Chatham Road area will see a reduction of about 100 dwellings (equivalent to up to 130 population). 273 houses will be demolished this year and replacement dwellings (179) provided at a rate of about 40 pa from next year.

A further 70 or so dwellings are earmarked for clearance in Dyke House over the next year or so and Phase 2 of the HMR initiatives may see a further demolition of about 200 dwellings sometime in the next five years.

Further HMR initiatives in **West Central Hartlepool** will result in the clearance this year of about 350 dwellings in Grange ward to be replaced over the next three to five years by 156 dwellings. The net reduction of population would

be about 350 to 400 persons. There could be a further 50 – 150 dwellings cleared in the future.

A further 30 or so dwellings are being cleared in Stranton ward this year. However new dwellings (apartments / studio flats) are currently being provided at the former Co-op in Stockton Street (49 units) and the former Ords premises in Tower Street (20 units) so the overall effect in population terms will not be significant.

However, development of apartments at the **Marina** (Stranton ward) is continuing and permission exists for about another 850 units. Development here is not expected to exceed about 40 units (60 persons) pa. Further, there is an existing permission for 74 flats in Mainsforth Terrace which could be provided over the next two or three years. If this proceeds, there could be 100 -120 additional persons.

It is probable that there will be some demolition in the **Belle Vue** area (Foggy Furze ward) over the next few years, possibly up to 130 dwellings (say 300 population). Redevelopment of such areas would result in fewer new houses, so over the longer term, there could be a net loss of about 100 persons in this area.

A new development at **Golden Flatts** (Rossmere ward) will provide 83 dwellings (200-220 persons) over the next two years, and a further 60 or so dwellings (about 150 persons) will be developed at **Wynyard** (Elwick Ward), probably over about 4 years.

#### SUMMARY OF CHANGES (COMPILED BY ELECTORAL SERVICES)

Ward	Area	Year	Properties (Approx)	Residents* (Approx)
Brus	Britmag Site	2009-2011	200	460
	Westwood Close & Nicholson Way	2007-2008	65	150
Dyke House	HMR Phase 1	2007-2011	-100	-130
	HMR Phase 2	2008-2011	-150	-200
Elwick	Wynyard	2007-2011	60	150
Foggy Furze	Belle Vue	2007-2009	-40	-100
Grange	HMR	2007-2011	-200	-350-400
Hart	Middle Warren	2007-2011	440	1000
	Hartfields Village	2007-2008	240	360
Rossmere	Golden Flatts	2007-2009	80	200-220
St Hilda	Small developments	2007-2008	40	100
	Victoria Harbour	2009-2011	200	460
Stranton	Marina	2007-2011	160	240
	Mainsforth Tce	2007-2010	75	100-120

\* Note persons not electors

## ACCESS STRATEGY FRAMEWORK

To ensure that Hartlepool residents and visitors get the best in terms of service and support, the Council has developed an Access Strategy framework to provide an inclusive society where members of the public can, in practice, without discrimination- direct or indirect - and regardless of their personal situation (in terms of their ethnicity, disability, age, gender, sexual orientation and religious beliefs) have real and equal access to Council service and support, information, employment, education, transport and buildings, land, sites and other facilities.

There are 6 key themes that the framework addresses:

- Access to Council services and support
- Access to Council Information
- Access to Council employment
- Access to Council education
- Access to Council transport
- Access to Council buildings, land, sites and other facilities

### Aim

To provide an inclusive society where all Hartlepool residents and visitors

- have equal access to all Council services and support, information, employment, education, transport and buildings, land, sites and other facilities without discrimination (both direct and indirect) except where statutory restrictions or other eligibility criteria apply
- to ensure that all Hartlepool residents and visitors are aware of what is available/provided and how to access them

### Key principles

- That all Council services are delivered in line with people's needs
- The people of Hartlepool have a right to expect to have an excellent level of service
- That all Council services and support, information, employment, education, transport and buildings, land, sites and other facilities should be accessible to all and where necessary, reasonable adjustments should be made to remove barriers preventing such access

### Key Outcomes

- The people of Hartlepool are satisfied that they have equality of access to all Council services, information, employment, education, transport and buildings, land, sites and other facilities
- An inclusive society is created within Hartlepool
- All council services are accessible and that their provision is free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination and sensitive to the needs of all

local communities, subject to any statutory restrictions or other eligibility criteria which apply

It is recognised that achievement of some of the key outcomes will take some time and will be subject to the availability of resources to the Council. General priorities for the next 3 years will be outlined in the Race, Gender and Disability Equality Scheme(s) with more detailed and objectives and actions being identified in Corporate and Departmental Plans, cross referenced to individual Access Strategies. Predictive Impact Assessments (DIA's) will be undertaken whenever significant changes to policies and procedures are being planned and access will be a key feature of such assessments.

### Monitoring Arrangements

Monitoring of progress will be undertaken via the Race, Gender and Disability Equality Scheme(s) annual reports and standard performance management arrangements. Retrospective Impact Assessments (INRA's) will be undertaken in respect of all services as part of a rolling programme and access will be a key feature of such assessments.

### Legislative Framework

The Race Relations (Amendment) Act 2000 requires the Council to

- promote race equality
- eliminate unlawful racial discrimination
- promote equality of opportunity between persons of different racial groups and
- promote good relations between persons of different racial groups

The Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Disability Act 2001, requires the Council to prepare an accessibility strategy for schools which seeks to:

- Increase the extent to which disabled pupils can participate in the school curriculum;
- Improve the physical environment of schools to increase the extent to which disabled pupils can take advantage of education and associated services;
- Improve the delivery to disabled pupils of written information which is provided to pupils who are not disabled, within a reasonable period and in a format which takes account of the preferred means of communication expressed by pupils or parents.

The Disability Discrimination Act 2005, requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to the need to

- eliminate harassment and unlawful discrimination against disabled persons (including making reasonable adjustments in relation to disabled people)
- promote positive attitudes towards disabled persons
- encourage participation by disabled persons in public life and



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- promote equality of opportunity between disabled persons and other persons

The Equality Act 2006, requires the Council, when exercising its functions, to have due regard to the need to

- eliminate unlawful discrimination and harassment due to gender, age, religion and sexual orientation and
- promote equality of opportunity between men and women

### Inter-relationships and dependencies

There is a clear relationship and inter-dependency between the 6 key themes, for example

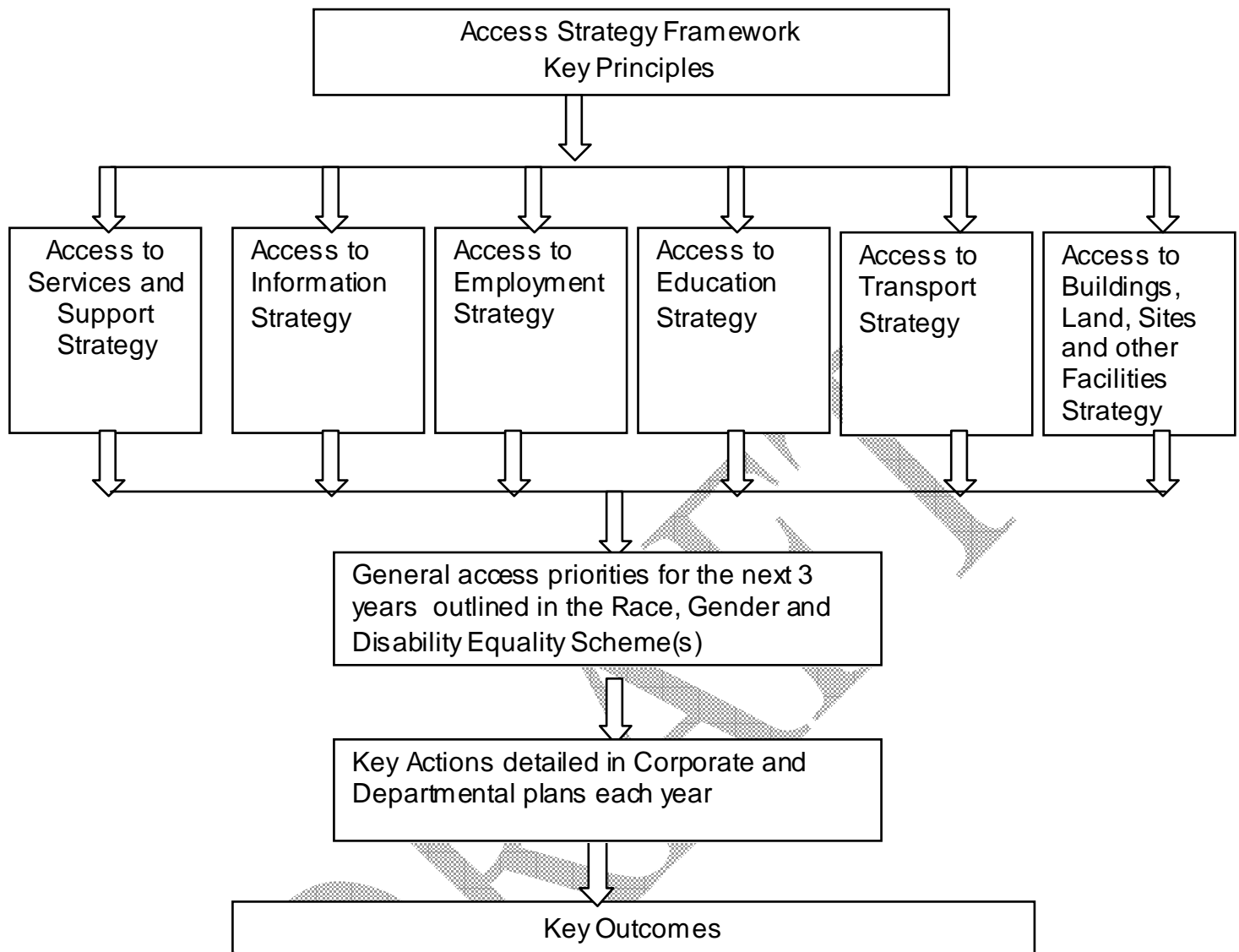
- access to services or education may be denied simply due to the building where the service or education is being provided not being accessible or suitable transport is not available
- Hartlepool residents may not access a particular service because they are not aware of it
- Some people may experience additional hurdles in accessing services such as having learning difficulties, English not being their first language, having a disability etc.

It is recognised that there is not always a clear distinction between the 6 key themes for example provision of sports pitches may be considered as both a service and a facility

As the Access Strategy Framework is fundamental to the way the Council operates, there are relationships with other strategies, plans, policies etc including

- Council Plan
- Departmental Plans
- Communicating with your Council Strategy
- Race and Diversity Scheme
- Disability Equality Scheme
- Gender Equality Scheme
- Equality and Diversity Policy
- People Strategy
- Equality and Diversity in Employment Policy
- Transport Plan
- Accessibility Strategy for Hartlepool Childrens' Services

### The Framework



### Individual Strategies

Each individual Strategy details

- how it contributes to the overall Access Strategy Framework
- who can access the strategy
- key principles
- aims and what must be done to achieve them
- responsibilities
- performance measures

The main areas covered by each individual strategy is set out below

#### A) Access to Services and Support Strategy (hyperlink)

The Access to Services and Support Strategy sets out the Council's overall strategy in relation to access to Council services and support. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Provision of information about all services and support
- Removal of physical, transport or personal barriers to services and support
- Equitable treatment of people, free from prejudice and unlawful discrimination, who access services and support
- Inclusive access to services and support that meet the needs of the community.
- Access to all council services and support, facilities, & sites

### B) Access to Information Strategy (hyperlink)

The Access to Information Strategy sets the standards to be adhered to when making information available to Hartlepool residents and visitors. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Paper Information
- Information accessible via computers/websites
- Translation Services
- Communication Services

### C) Access to Employment Strategy (hyperlink)

The Access to Employment Strategy sets out the overall strategy in relation to Council employment. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Pay and Conditions

### D) Access to Education (hyperlink)

The Access to Education Strategy sets out the overall strategy in relation to Education. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Education for school aged pupils
- Promotion of inclusive education in schools
- Hartlepool Inclusion Standard
- (MH to add in respect of Adult Education)
- (Adult Education)

### E) Access to Transport Strategy (hyperlink)

The Access to Transport Strategy sets out the overall strategy in relation to Council transport. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Transport provided directly by the Council
- Transport commissioned/subsidised by the Council

- Transport Infrastructure/Highway

### F) Access to Buildings, Land, Sites and other Facilities (hyperlink)

The Access to Buildings, Land, Sites and other Facilities Strategy sets out the overall strategy in relation to Council buildings, land, sites and other facilities. The key areas covered by the strategy include

- Buildings
- Land
- Sites
- Other facilities

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## POPULATION ESTIMATES FROM TEES VALLEY JOINT STRATEGY UNIT

<b>Hartlepool persons</b>	<b>1991</b>	<b>1996</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2026</b>	<b>2031</b>
0-15	20155	20296	19682	18548	17491	16952	16762	16376	15945
16-34	24968	22947	21023	20660	21432	21751	21077	19909	18942
35-64	32551	33397	34995	36096	36237	35065	34747	34523	33324
65+	13384	13757	14452	14813	15283	17015	18467	20181	22263
<b>Total</b>	<b>91058</b>	<b>90397</b>	<b>90152</b>	<b>90117</b>	<b>90443</b>	<b>90783</b>	<b>91054</b>	<b>90989</b>	<b>90474</b>

Source : ONS, Population Estimates Unit & Popgroup Model (TVU report)

Date 15/0807

Priority	Med
Event specific	No
Action required	No
Area	Great Britain
Retain	Until replaced

## Circular EC28/2007

### Reviews of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

26 June 2007

For the attention of:

**The Electoral Registration Officer**

District, metropolitan borough and London borough authorities in England  
Unitary authorities in England and Wales  
Unitary authorities and joint boards in Scotland

**The Acting Returning Officer**

Parliamentary constituencies in England and Wales

**The Returning Officer**

Parliamentary constituencies in Scotland

**The Returning Officer**

District, metropolitan borough and London borough authorities in England  
Unitary authorities in England, Scotland and Wales

For the information of:

**The Chief Electoral Officer**

Northern Ireland

## Introduction

1. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (EAA 2006) introduced a duty for all polling districts and polling places to be reviewed by the end of 2007<sup>1</sup>.
2. The aim of this circular is to provide a guide to the relevant legislation and practical procedures involved in conducting a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

## Definition of terms

3. **Parliamentary constituencies:** these cannot be changed by the review. The division of these constituencies into polling districts and places is the subject of the review.
4. **Polling district:** the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.
5. **Polling place:** the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.
6. **Polling station:** the room or building where the poll takes place. Chosen by the Returning Officer for the election and publicised on the Notice of Poll or the Notice of Situation of Polling Stations and communicated via poll card after the Notice of Election. The Returning Officer must make a formal comment as part of this review both into the existing polling stations used and the polling stations that would probably be used based on any newly recommended polling places.

## What is not being reviewed

7. The following are not covered by the review:
  - **The boundaries of UK parliamentary constituencies.** Authorities with impending parliamentary boundary changes must focus their review on the current arrangements and not the new boundaries which will, in due course, come into effect. Practically it might be reasonable to consider what any change to the parliamentary arrangements may require although the polling arrangements which would be required due to any future boundary changes are a different process
  - **The borders and names of local authorities and electoral areas within local authorities**<sup>2</sup>
8. Polling districts and places for local government elections are not automatically part of the review. RPA 1983 Sections 18A to 18E deal with parliamentary polling districts and places and require the 4 yearly review,

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<sup>1</sup> Section 18C(1), Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983), as inserted by Section 16, EAA 2006

<sup>2</sup> However the ability to rename parish, communities and wards may be introduced in the near future

whereas local government polling districts and places are covered by section 31 of the RPA 1983.

9. The Commission advises that reviews of parliamentary polling arrangements should always be conducted simultaneously with a review of local government arrangements. The polling districts and places for UK parliamentary and local government elections should always be the same.

## Aim of the review

10. Local authorities are required to divide their area into polling districts for the purposes of parliamentary elections and to designate polling places for these polling districts, and to keep these under review.
11. By conducting this statutory review of polling places, local authorities must demonstrate that they have, as far as is practicable, met the criteria set out in legislation<sup>3</sup>.
12. Relevant authorities must:
  - (a) seek to ensure that all the electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
  - (b) seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons<sup>4</sup>.
13. In an ideal world electoral administrators would have the choice of a range of fully accessible buildings, conveniently located for the electors in the area. In practice however this is not always the case and there may be little choice available. If it is necessary to use a place where the access is not ideal then every reasonable adjustment must be undertaken to provide access for all electors.
14. The key things to bear in mind when conducting this review is that all decisions made must be consulted upon, measured, and practical. The whole process should be as transparent and open as possible to avoid possible conflict.

## The review process

15. A review of polling districts and polling places must be conducted by the end of 2007 (and at least every 4 years after that).
16. The review is a function of the council and not the Electoral Registration Officer or Returning Officer, so funding should be made available from the council for the review.

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<sup>3</sup> RPA 1983 Section 18C and Schedule A1

<sup>4</sup> RPA 1983 Section 18B



The process requires:

## Preliminary stage

17. The first stage of the review process involves giving notice of the review<sup>5</sup>. The notice must be published using the following methods:

- conspicuous poster given at least at the council office and within each parliamentary constituency
- on the council website. We recommend at least a link on the website front page

18. The notice should state:

- That the local authority is conducting a review of polling districts and polling places
- That the Returning Officer will make a comment on proposed polling stations
- That electors within the authority or within a parliamentary constituency which has any part in the authority may make a representation
- That the authority would welcome any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to make a representation or to comment on the authorities proposals, the Returning Officer's representation or any other matter
- That persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places
- The postal address, email address and website address at which documents can be inspected and representations made
- An indication of the timetable of the review and a deadline for representations

19. The authority should consider sending a copy of the notice to potentially interested parties such as councillors, disability groups and other stakeholders. It may be useful to include details of the review in any council newsletter and possibly a note in a local newspaper.

20. A set of reference documents should be gained from the various parts of the council to assist with the review. These documents should include:

- A set of maps including small and large scale maps. The more detailed maps should show residential property boundaries to assist with the drawing of the boundaries of the polling districts
- A report from the planning department detailing any proposed areas of new development and the approximate numbers of dwellings and expected population numbers for the areas within the authority
- Any local authority or national statistics estimates for population change within the area, if possible referenced on numbers eligible or not through age and nationality
- A list of current elector numbers broken down into wards and polling districts

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<sup>5</sup> RPA 1983 Schedule A1 and The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006

- Any records on responses from polling station inspectors and polling station staff on the condition and accessibility of the currently used polling stations
- Any comments or complaints regarding the current arrangements from the public, elected members and other bodies
- Any list of public buildings, private and public buildings available for hire, etc.
- Up to date information gained from the existing and possible polling station venue operators as to continued availability (such as any expected renovation work or other future plans)
- Any general advice on access to buildings with regard to disabled persons available from national and local organisations
- The authority's current policy and statements on disability access

## The proposal stage

21. The authority must devise a proposal for the new polling district and polling place arrangements. There is no requirement to change any existing arrangements however any change or decision to make no change must be supported by a reason.
22. The Returning Officer for each parliamentary constituency either wholly or partly within the local authority area must be consulted<sup>6</sup>.
23. The Returning Officer must comment on all existing polling stations used at elections and any new polling stations which would probably be chosen if the new proposals were accepted by the authority.
24. The Returning Officer's report must focus on the suitability of the existing and proposed polling stations in relation to:
  - Access for all electors including those with any disability
  - Facilities for the required staff, tables, booths and notices

The attached appendix gives a guide to reporting on the suitability of a polling station

25. The location of the proposed polling districts and places are the responsibility of the local authority and the locations of the polling stations are the responsibility of the Returning Officer. Where possible the review process should be undertaken in a joint manner. Although this is clearly most convenient where the Returning Officer is an officer of the local authority conducting the review. The Commission recognises that there are often situations when they are different people, and in such instances it is recommended that regular meetings to draw up a common approach are undertaken.
26. When conducting the review the legislation suggests a top down approach starting with polling districts, followed by choosing places and then considering

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<sup>6</sup> Schedule A1, Paragraph 2, RPA 1983

stations. However, the Commission recommends that good quality polling station sites are identified first and can then be used to build polling places and then districts around them.

27. It may be practicable to set up a sub-committee involving members of the council to work with the proposals before they reach the full council. Alternatively the proposals could be sent to the leadership of the different groups on the council and meetings arranged to discuss any issues. This should ensure the proper scrutiny of and confidence in the proposals in an efficient manner. Authorities may find it useful to have such a group involved throughout the review so that any possibly contentious decisions are managed throughout the process with no stakeholder believing there has been insufficient consultation or due process given to a decision.

### How to decide on polling districts and polling places

28. All electors must have reasonable facilities to be able to vote. The place for voting must be accessible for all electors including those with disabilities. The polling station should be easy to find on polling day and as close to electors as possible. There should not be major barriers between voters and their polling station. Major roads, rivers and the like could therefore be considered as starting points for polling district boundaries unless there is good quality, accessible crossing points.
29. Polling places should be within the polling district unless it is not possible to find a suitable place within the area.
30. Administrators should decide on the appropriate number of electors per polling station and place. If there appears to be a need in all or particular elections (considering, for example, UK Parliamentary elections may have a higher turnout than local government elections) for multiple polling stations in a polling place, it will need to be considered if the polling place can accommodate them. Consideration should be given to the numbers of electors who now vote by post as they will not be voting at the station itself although they may cancel their absent vote before the deadline or drop off their postal ballot pack on polling day.
31. The choice of polling place will often be a balance between the quality (access, facilities, etc.) of a building and the distances between the residents and that building compared to other options for polling places. There is no fixed rule on how to decide how this should be done. The legislation provides that all electors in a constituency should have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances. Administrators should show they followed a reasonable methodology in arriving at their choice.
32. In England each parish is to be a separate polling district and in Wales each community should be a separate polling district<sup>7</sup>. This means that a parish or community must not be in a polling district which has a part of either a different parish or community or no parish or community at all. A good starting point would be to create each parish, ward in a warded parish, town council (or town

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<sup>7</sup> RPA 1983 Section 18A (3)

council ward) or community including as one complete polling district. If this is too large to provide the ease of access that is required then they can then be split into smaller districts.

33. In Scotland each electoral ward<sup>8</sup> must be divided into two or more polling districts. However due to the increased size of such wards it is unlikely that they would not be split at least into two different polling districts.
34. When a parish, warded parish, town council or community is split or a Scottish electoral ward is not split the decision must be clearly reasoned in the review document for the council to consider.
35. The Commission is aware that some authorities designate the entire polling district as the polling place so that it is easier for polling stations to be altered in the event of a building becoming unavailable. This is now discouraged by Section 18B(4)(e) of the RPA 1983 which suggests that the polling place should be defined.
36. Many administrators decide not to define the polling place in case that building became unavailable in the run up to an election. However if a building became unavailable before an election and there is no time to conduct a review to choose a new polling place, the polling place can be changed by the authority immediately. This can be achieved by a simple declaration or notice that a polling place has been changed. Any change could be made by the proper officer<sup>9</sup> of the council by notice published at their office<sup>10</sup>. A review into the polling place should then be made when time allows.
37. A common complaint by electors is that their polling station has been moved and they find it more difficult to get to the new one. There should always be consideration as to whether a change in polling district or place will bring a benefit to the electors in that area.
38. Once a decision on the proposals is made two key factors must be addressed in the reasoning given for the change to or maintaining the status quo:
- The reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency
  - The accessibility for disabled persons to the probable polling stations within the polling place

## The consultation stage

39. The consultation stage is for representations and comments on the local authority proposals for polling districts and places. There are two parts to this:
- A compulsory submission from the Returning Officer of the parliamentary constituency
  - Submissions from other persons and bodies. These can be referenced to the Returning Officer's proposed polling stations as well as the

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<sup>8</sup> RPA 1983 Section 18A. Defined by Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004

<sup>9</sup> Or other officer representing the authority

<sup>10</sup> And / or such other method that the authority considered appropriate

authority proposals

40. The Returning Officer's report is based on deciding on the probable polling stations due to the new authority proposals and analysing those polling stations. A useful basis for this report is the section above on deciding polling stations and the use of the appendix on the analysis of potential polling stations.
41. The authority must publish the Returning Officer's comments within 30 days of receipt<sup>11</sup>. The comments should be published in a conspicuous place at the council offices and in at least one place within each parliamentary constituency. It should also be published on the council website. The Commission suggests that the response could be copied and bound or joined into a booklet and made available in council offices, libraries, community centres or other places where residents may visit.
42. Many parliamentary constituencies cross local authority boundaries. While the local authority conducts and makes the final decision on the review the Returning Officer of the parliamentary constituency has the statutory requirement to comment on proposed polling stations within any proposed polling district. Both offices should work together to come to a satisfactory agreement if there is a difference of opinion.
43. The authority must consult widely on the review and seek out the views of interested groups or bodies including electors, candidates and agents, political parties and members of the council. Consultees should be asked for comment both in general and if appropriate about the particular buildings within the authority.
44. It will be particularly important to consult with those who have experience of assessing access for persons with different disabilities. These could include disability sections or occupational health departments within the council as appropriate, local disability groups and also for national groups such as charities who have guides on access. The authority should give consideration to the different types of disability which may make voting in person more difficult and consider the council's own policy on disabled access.
45. Each of these bodies has the right to comment on the recommendations proposed by the Returning Officer and should be asked to consider the implications of these (i.e. what other building could be used instead).
46. Any elector for a parliamentary constituency either within or partly within the local authority area may comment on any of the recommendations within the whole local authority area.
47. Any person or body which makes a comment has the right and indeed should be encouraged to suggest an alternative polling place / station and should be encouraged to give a reason for the alternative proposal so that it may be given appropriate consideration.

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<sup>11</sup> The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. Regulation 3. This applies throughout England, Scotland and Wales

## Conclusion of review

48. The council must produce final proposals for the new polling districts and places. The final proposals must be made after taking into consideration all of the representations made.
49. The council must agree on the proposals for polling districts and places (depending on the council structure this may be a matter for full council and/or the executive). The meeting must minute the fact that the proposals were agreed.
50. Administrators may find it much more practical to have a concluded review before publication of the revised register. In order to arrange this the dates of the council meetings and the dates by which items for the agenda for such meetings must be made should be considered. The review officers should work closely with the lead officer in charge of the council meetings to ensure they know the deadline for the review to be completed and that the council will find time to include the review in the agenda.

## Publishing stage

51. Once the council has agreed on the proposals, the new polling districts and polling places must be made available to the public. These should also be made available at the council offices, in at least one place in each constituency and on the council's website. The reasons for the choice of every polling district and polling place must be given; these do not have to be too detailed but should show how accessibility issues were considered. Along with the reasons for the final decision of the review, the following must also be published:
  - (a) all correspondence sent to a Returning Officer in connection with the review
  - (b) all correspondence sent to any person whom the authority thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability
  - (c) all representations made by any person in connection with the review
  - (d) the minutes of any meeting held by the authority to consider any revision to the designation of polling districts or polling places within its area as a result of the review
  - (e) details of the designation of polling districts or polling places within its area as a result of the review
  - (f) details of the places where the results of the review have been published
52. The register must now be altered to show the changes in polling districts. If the change has been agreed before the publication of the revised register then the alteration can wait until that time. Otherwise alterations will be made by the publication of another revised register or on a notice of alteration. As implementation must occur in 2007, if the 1 December register is missed the change would have to be implemented by way of an additional revised register being published before 31 December 2007.

## Following the review

53. It is vital that electors are made aware of any changes made to the place they must attend to vote. The poll card for the next electoral cycle should indicate if their station has changed<sup>12</sup>. We would also recommend that, where authorities produce confirmation of registration notices in the spring that they also include details of any changes made to the polling places and stations to allow the elector to consider their method of voting.
54. An authority may wish to undertake their next full review earlier than the four year maximum period. This may make it more convenient in either ensuring districts and places are most appropriate before certain elections or for using any non-election year when there is more time to conduct a review.
55. The polling districts and places must be kept under review between major reviews. Changes to polling districts and polling places can be made at any time, and not just at the times for a full review (see your council constitution as to who may change polling places and / or districts). We suggest using some of the following techniques.
56. There should be continuous communication with operators of polling places to ascertain details of any refurbishments or other non accessibility issues. The dates for fixed-term elections are known well in advance and polling places should be booked well in advance (perhaps as soon as the previous election is over and any comments on the polling place are considered).
57. Surveys of polling places should be made by polling station inspectors and polling staff, in addition to the recording of any elector complaints. Results of these should be used to keep polling places under review after each electoral event. If it is identified as necessary, polling places should be changed.
58. Those areas which have had a review of either polling district or place between the four yearly reviews must also be part of the next major review.

## Appeals Process<sup>13</sup>

59. Following the conclusion of the local authority's review individuals have a right to make representations to the Electoral Commission. Representations to the Commission should be made within six weeks of the publication date of the finalised review. The Commission will only consider representations that the review process has not been conducted correctly (see paragraph 61 below). The Commission has deemed that six weeks is a reasonable time for this, however a reasoned explanation of circumstances for later representations will be considered.

### Who is entitled to make a representation to the Commission?

60. The following may make representations to the Commission:

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<sup>12</sup> As electors may vote in one type of election but not others

<sup>13</sup> Section 18D RPA 1983

- An interested authority in England and Wales.
  - In England, the council of a parish
  - In England, if a parish does not have a council, the meeting of a parish<sup>14</sup>, or
  - in Wales, the council of a community<sup>15</sup>
- Not less than 30 electors in the constituency<sup>16</sup>
- An elector who has previously made a representation to the local authority and only after a local authority issues a determination regarding the representation
- A person who is not an elector in a constituency in the authority's area but who the Commission determines has a sufficient interest or expertise in relation to the accessibility of disabled persons to the polling places<sup>17</sup>

### Format for all representations:

61. All representations made to the Commission must be in writing either by post, e-mail or fax. The representation must be as specific as possible. The representation should clearly state the manner in which the local authority has failed to properly conduct a polling review. There are only two grounds on which a representation may state that a local authority has failed to conduct a proper review:

- (a) The local authority has failed to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency
- (b) The local authority has failed to take sufficient account of accessibility to disabled persons of the polling stations within a polling place

62. Representations based on any other premise will not be considered.

63. The representation should include the location and any other relevant information regarding the polling place/station at issue, stating specifically why it is inaccessible or does not meet the reasonable requirements of the electors.

64. A representation may also include for consideration specific recommendations for alterations to the polling places.

### Decision making process of the Commission

65. Upon receipt of a representation, the Commission will request all relevant documentation from the local authority in relation to the polling review.

66. The Commission will show the local authority the representation.

67. The Returning Officer is entitled to make observations on the representation submitted to the Commission and should give a report on the probable polling stations which would be used should the representation be successful.

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<sup>16</sup> Among these electors, none may be electors who have an anonymous entry in the register of parliamentary electors or local government electors. Part 1, Section 18D(7), RPA.

<sup>17</sup> Section 18D RPA 1983



68. The documentation from the local authority, the observations of the Returning Officer and any other relevant information will be taken into consideration in conjunction with the representation.
69. The Commission may seek advice from persons with expertise on accessibility issues when making its decision.
70. Should the Commission's decision be to alter a polling district and the council would need to republish its electoral register to incorporate the new changes.
71. The Commission will set out in writing its conclusions and reasons for its decision. The Commission's decision will be issued to the person(s) who made the representation, the local authority and the Returning Officer. The decision and related documents will also be published on the Commission's website.
72. In accordance with the RPA 1983, the Commission may direct the local authority to consider alterations to the polling places as the Commission deems necessary under the review.<sup>18</sup> After two months, if the local authority has failed to make the alterations the Commission is empowered by the Act to make the alterations themselves as if the local authority had implemented them.
73. Please send any representations to:
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The Electoral Commission  
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Email: [appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk)

## Resources

The Electoral Commission documents:

Equal access to electoral procedures.

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/GoodPracticeequalaccess-finalversion\\_11561-9041\\_ENSW.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/GoodPracticeequalaccess-finalversion_11561-9041_ENSW.pdf)

Equal access to democracy.

[www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/Access\\_9786-7962\\_ENSW.pdf](http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/files/dms/Access_9786-7962_ENSW.pdf)

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<sup>18</sup> Part 1, section 18D(4), RPA 1983

## Further reading and information

The Commission cannot be responsible for the content of these documents:

The review of polling places, polling districts and access arrangements from the AEA

[www.aea-elections.co.uk/annualeminars/downloads/pp\\_review\\_access\\_2007.pdf](http://www.aea-elections.co.uk/annualeminars/downloads/pp_review_access_2007.pdf)

Polls apart research by the disability rights group Scope

[www.pollsapart.org.uk/](http://www.pollsapart.org.uk/)

The Disability Rights Commission

[www.drc-gb.org/](http://www.drc-gb.org/)

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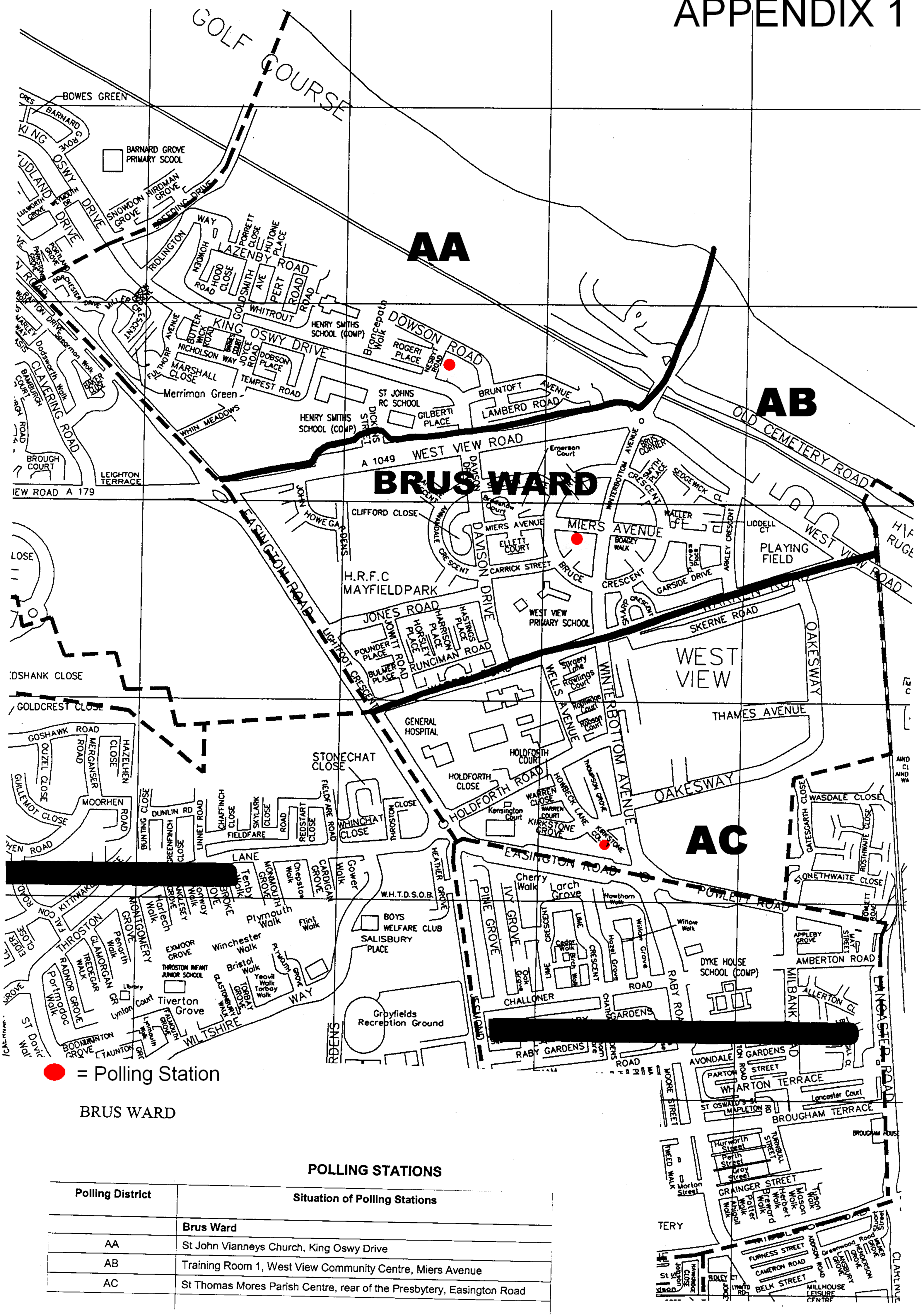
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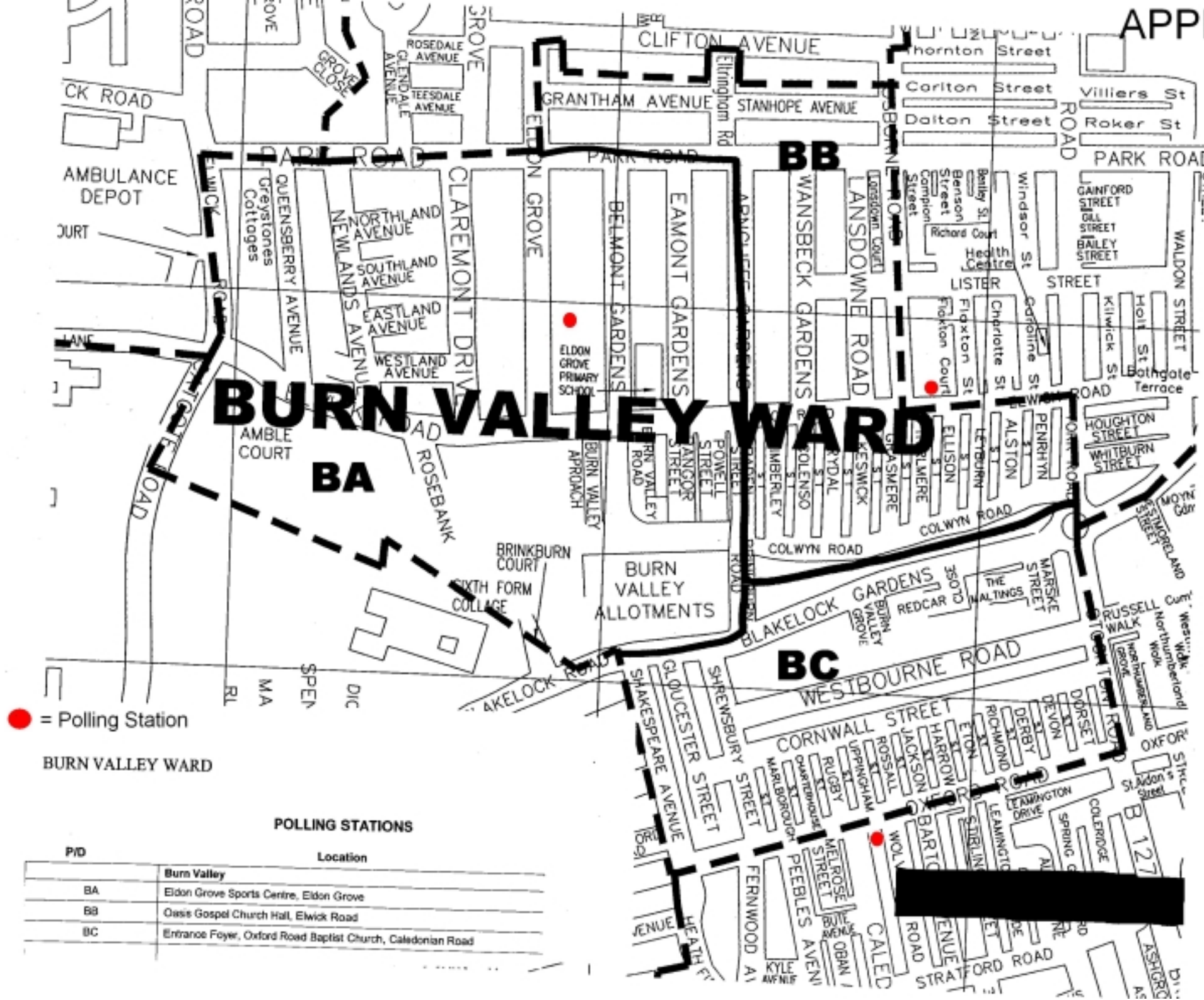
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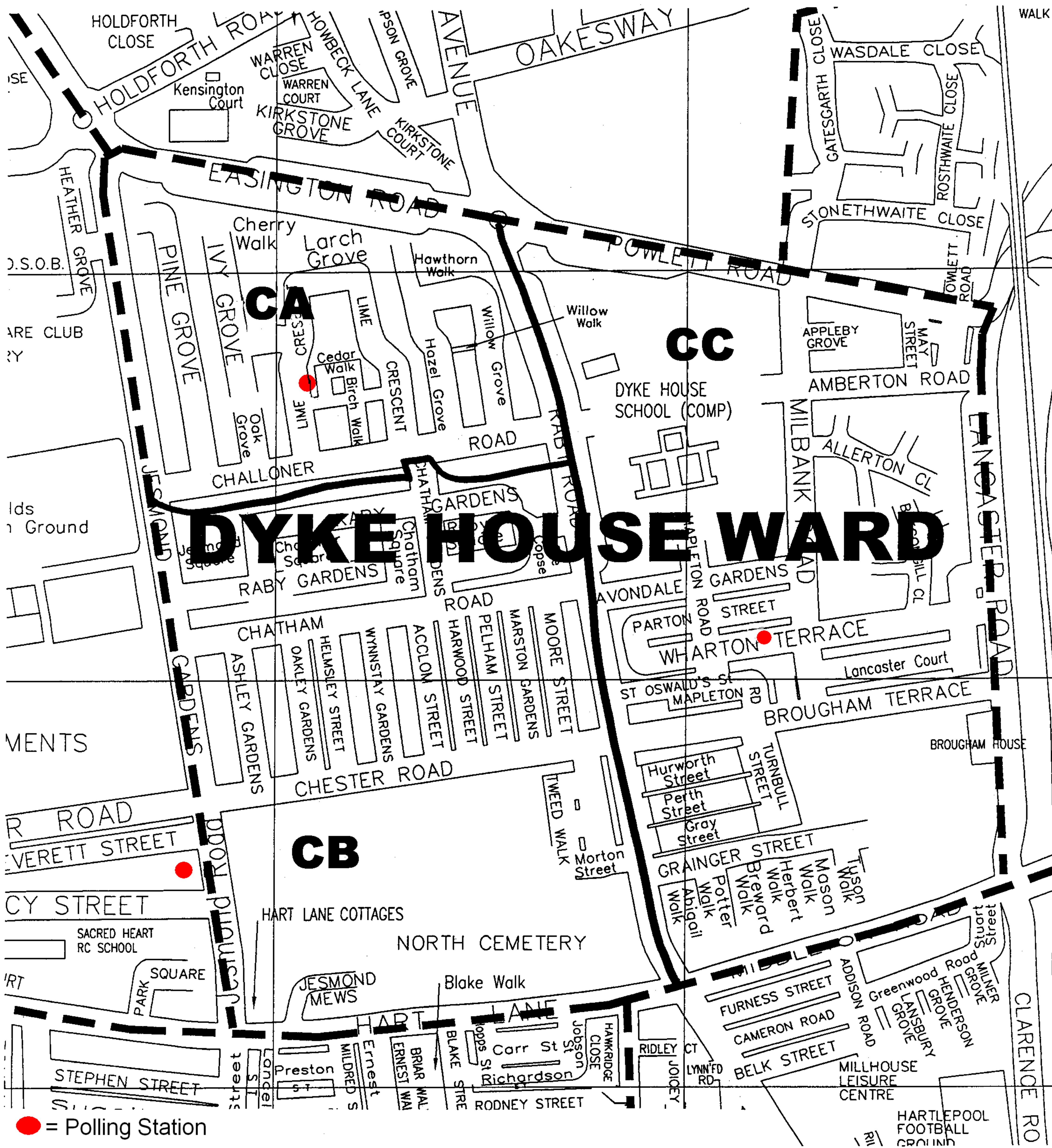
BRUS WARD

POLLING STATIONS

Polling District	Situation of Polling Stations
Brus Ward	
AA	St John Vianneys Church, King Oswy Drive
AB	Training Room 1, West View Community Centre, Miers Avenue
AC	St Thomas Mores Parish Centre, rear of the Presbytery, Easington Road







DYKE HOUSE WARD

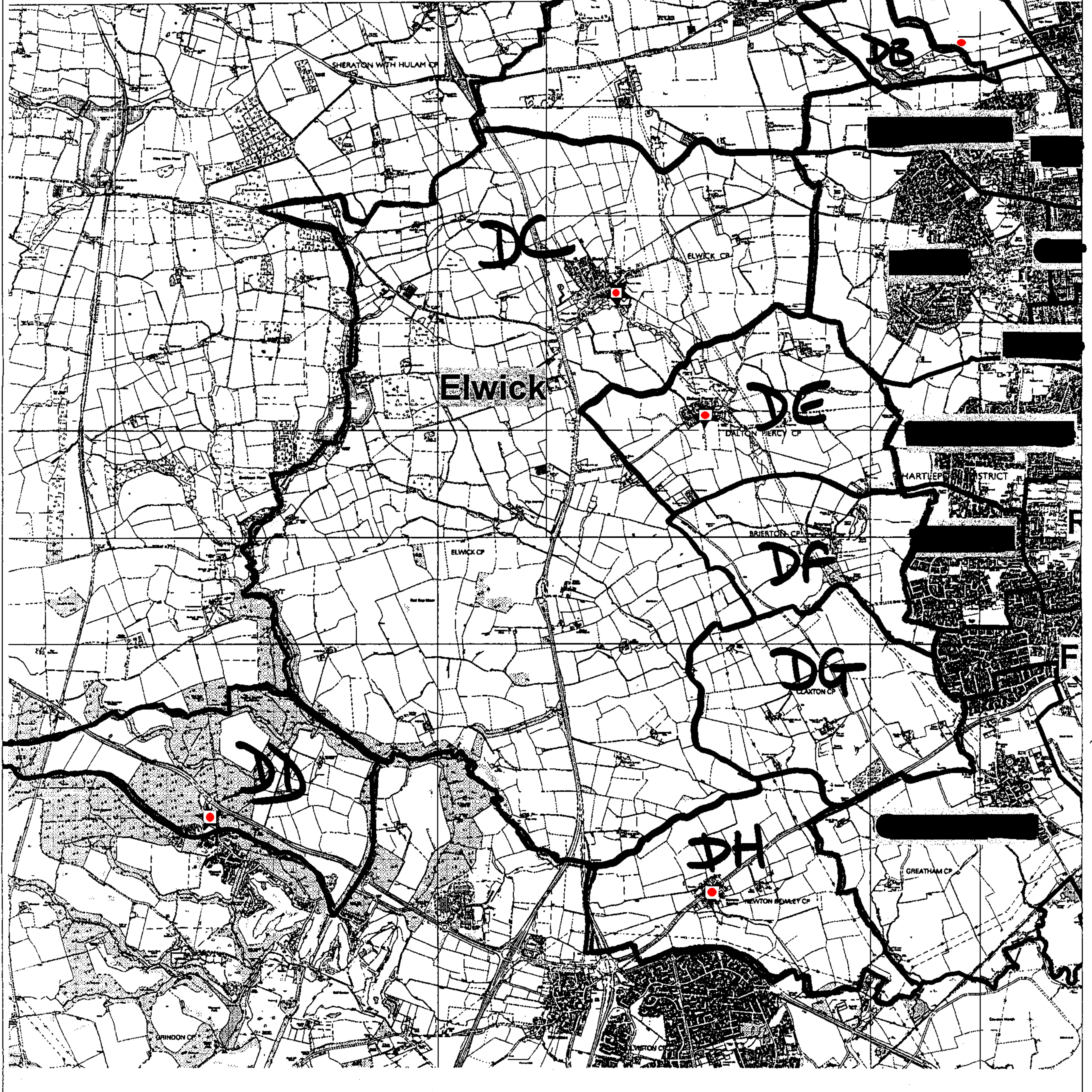
POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
	Dyke House Ward
CA	Communal Room, Lime Crescent Flatlets, Lime Crescent
CB	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jesmond Road
CC	The Library, Brougham Annexe, Wharton Terrace

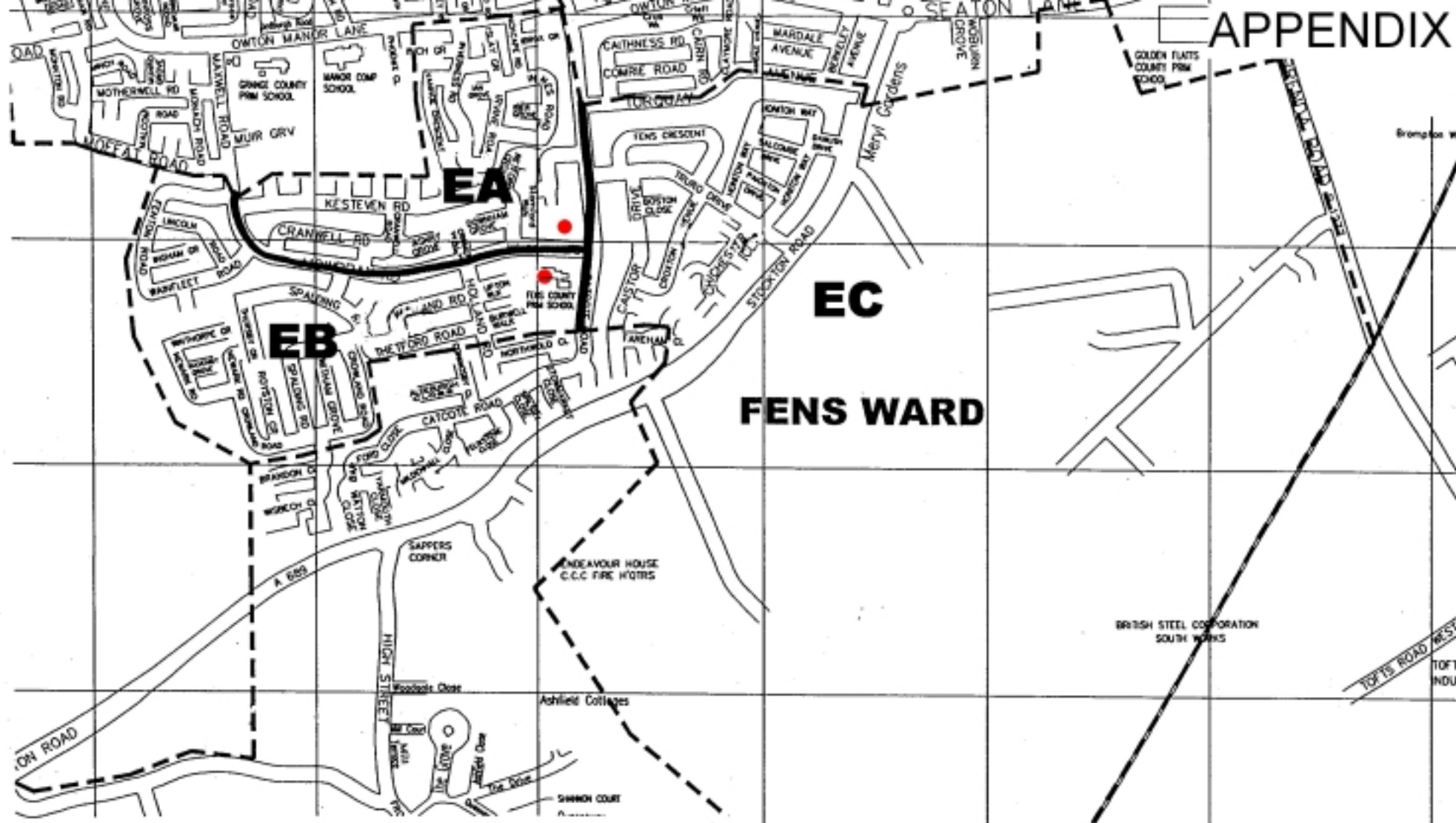


### Location

	<b>Elwick Ward</b>
DA	Village Hall, Front Street, Hart
DB	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way
DC	Women`s Institute Hall, The Green, Elwick
DD	Portacabin, The Wynd/Wynyard Woods, Wynyard
DE/DF	Village Hall, Dalton Piercy
DG/DH	Portacabin, Car park rear of the Blue Bells, Newton Bewley







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FENS WARD

#### POLLING STATIONS

	Fens Ward
EA	Front Entrance on Catcote Road, The Fens Hotel
EB	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbray Road
EC	Nursery Classroom, Fens Primary School, Mowbray Road

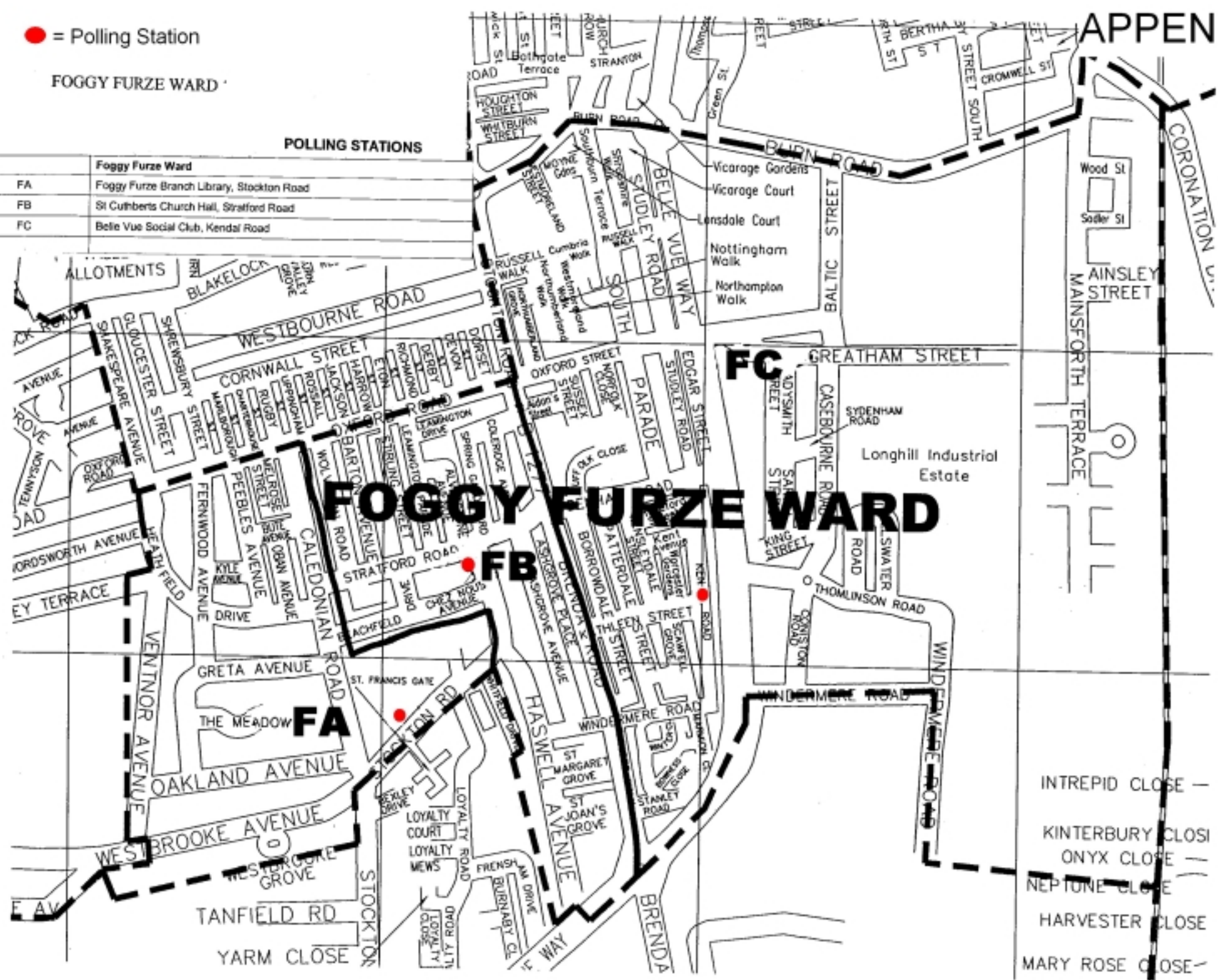


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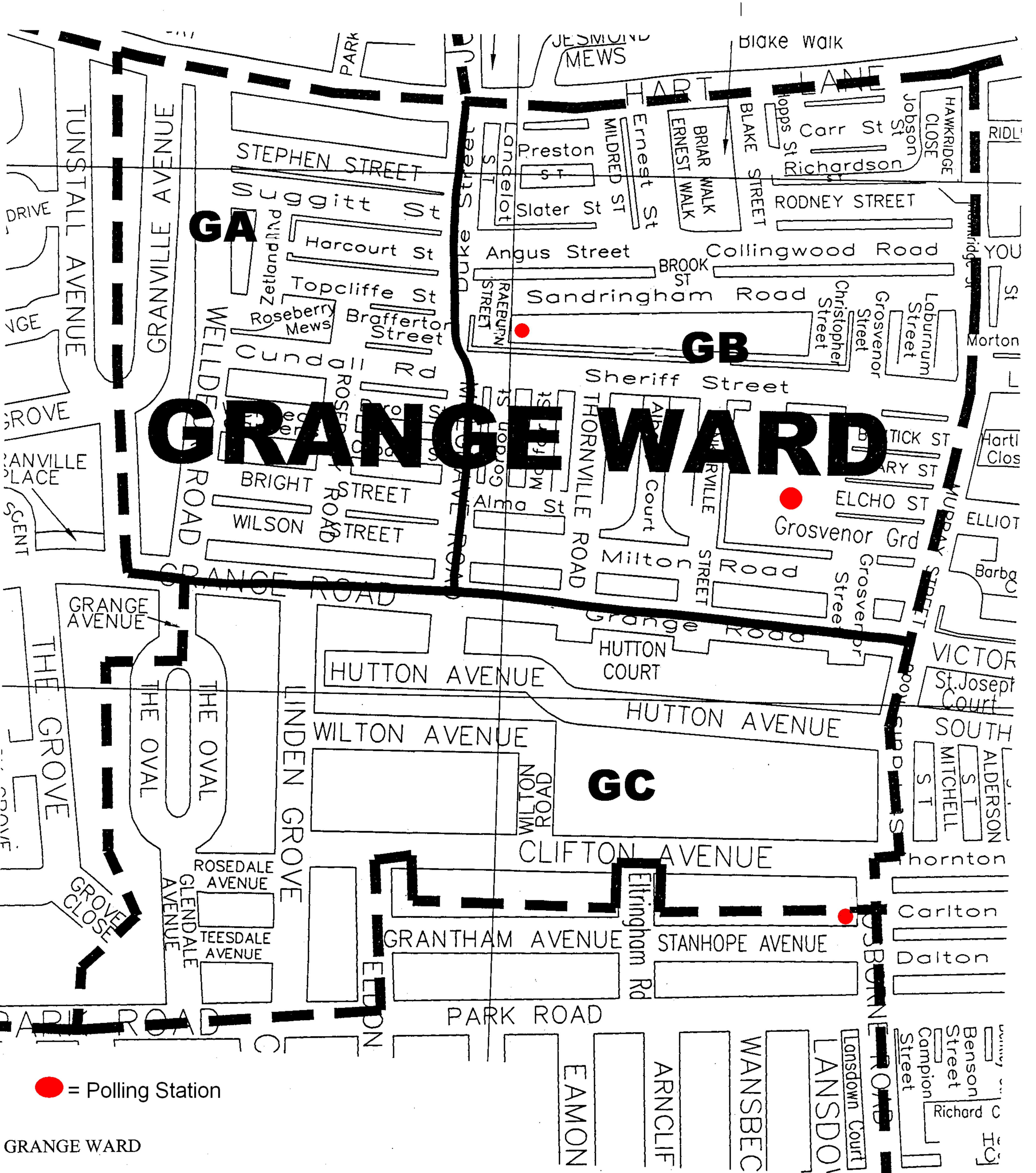
FOGGY FURZE WARD

## POLLING STATIONS

	Foggy Furze Ward
FA	Foggy Furze Branch Library, Stockton Road
FB	St Cuthberts Church Hall, Stratford Road
FC	Belle Vue Social Club, Kendal Road



- INTREPID CLOSE —
- KINTERBURY CLOSE —
- ONYX CLOSE —
- NEPTUNE CLOSE —
- HARVESTER CLOSE —
- MARY ROSE CLOSE —



GRANGE WARD

POLLING STATIONS

Location	
	Grange Ward
GA	Portacabin, Hartlepool Supporters Club Car Park, Sandringham Road
GB	Lynnfield Community and Learning Centre, entrance from Elcho Street
GC	Walmsley Hall, Osborne Road/Stanhope Avenue

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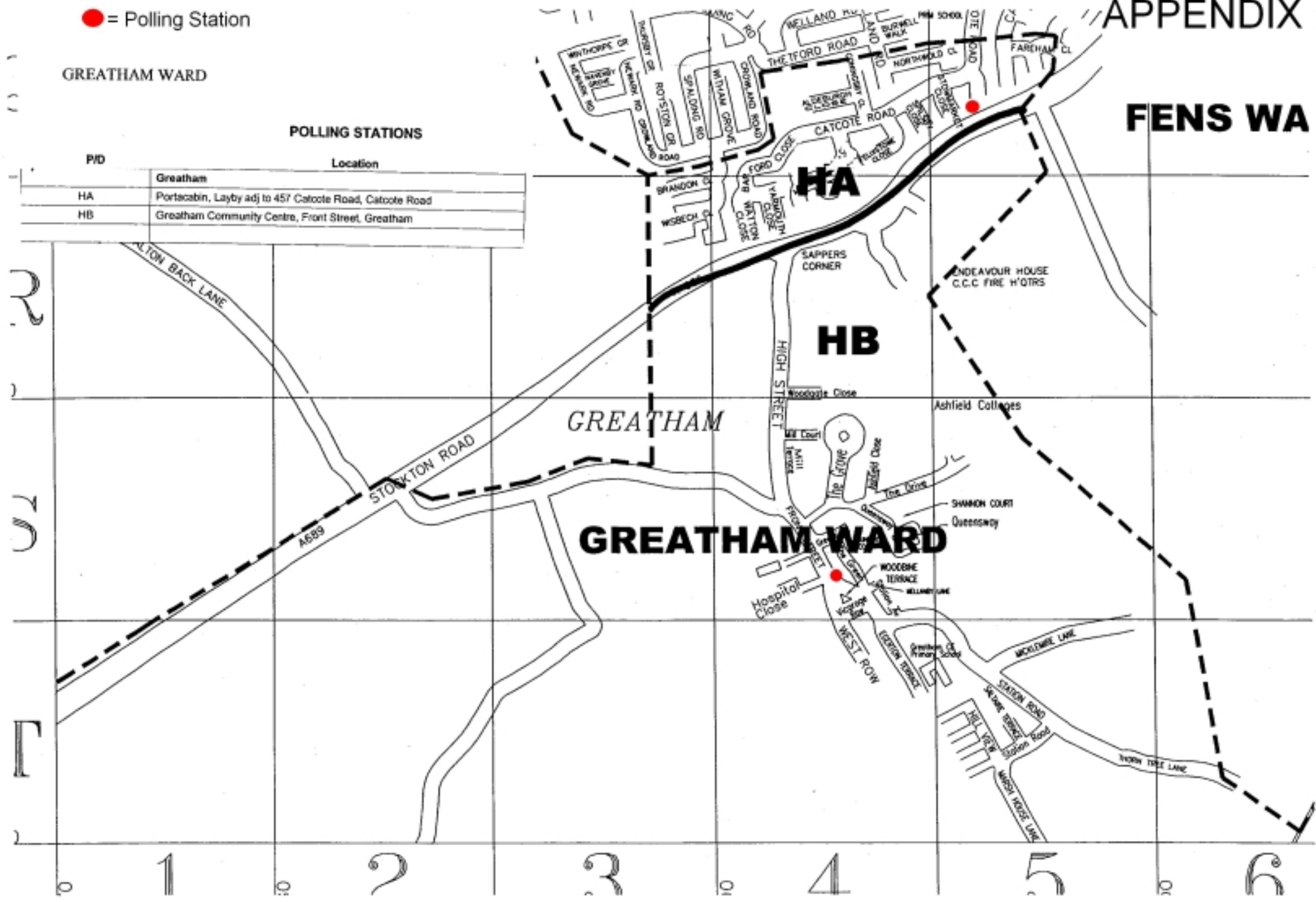
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GREATHAM WARD

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P/D	Location
	Greatham
HA	Portacabin, Layby adj to 457 Catcote Road, Catcote Road
HB	Greatham Community Centre, Front Street, Greatham





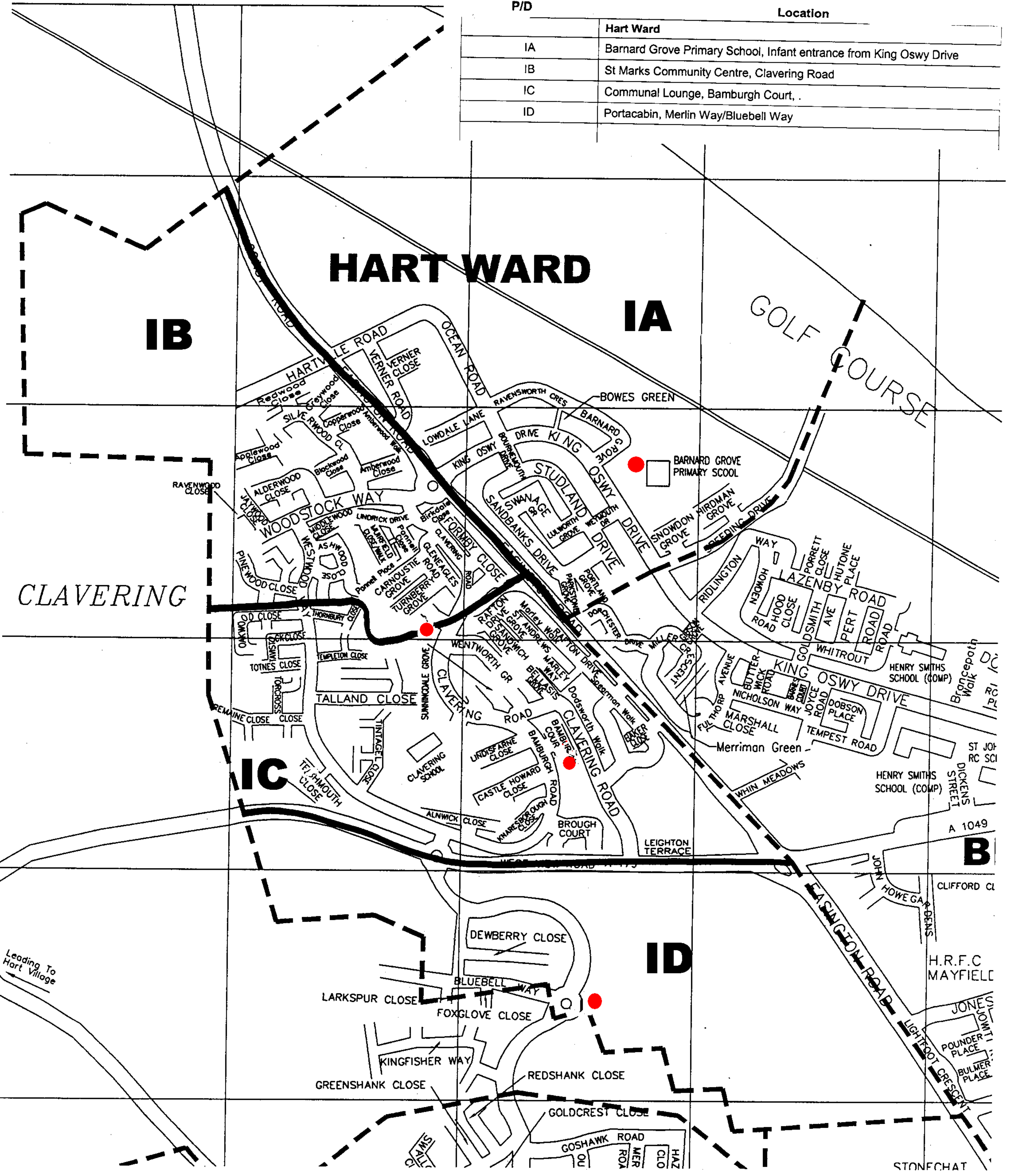
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HART WARD

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POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
	Hart Ward
IA	Barnard Grove Primary School, Infant entrance from King Oswy Drive
IB	St Marks Community Centre, Clavering Road
IC	Communal Lounge, Bamburgh Court, .
ID	Portacabin, Merlin Way/Bluebell Way

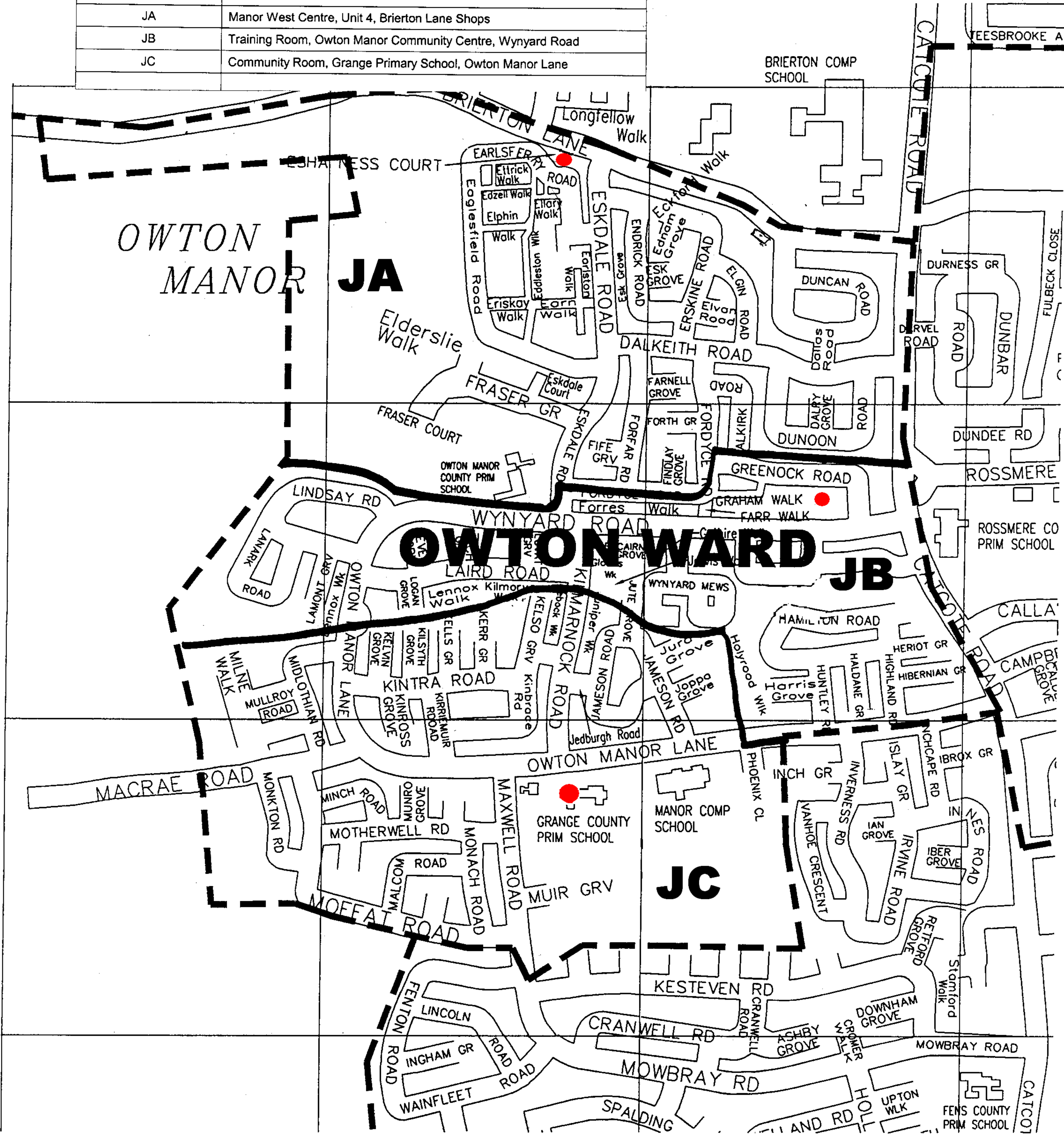


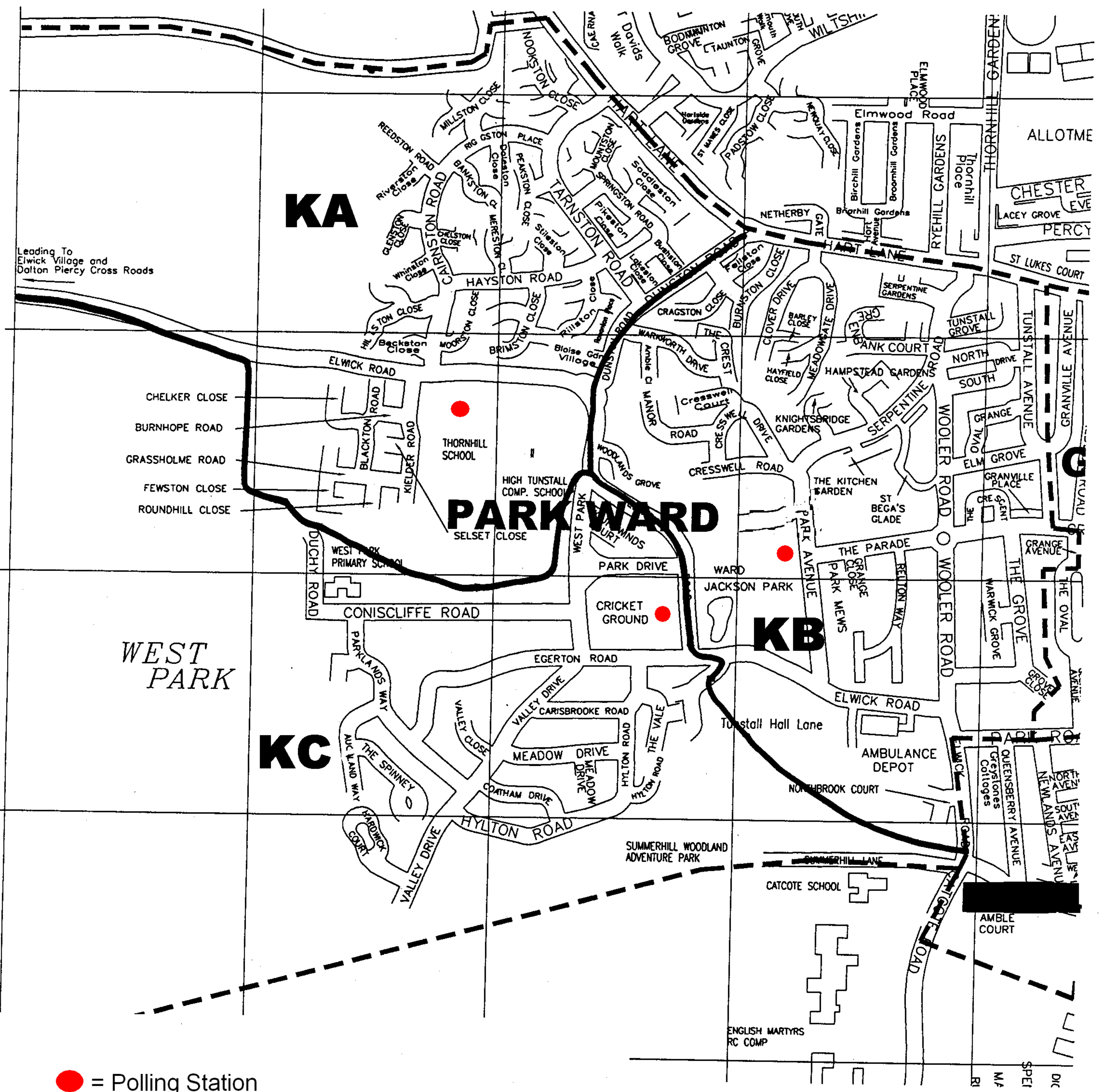
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OWTON WARD

POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
	Owton Ward
JA	Manor West Centre, Unit 4, Brierton Lane Shops
JB	Training Room, Owton Manor Community Centre, Wynyard Road
JC	Community Room, Grange Primary School, Owton Manor Lane



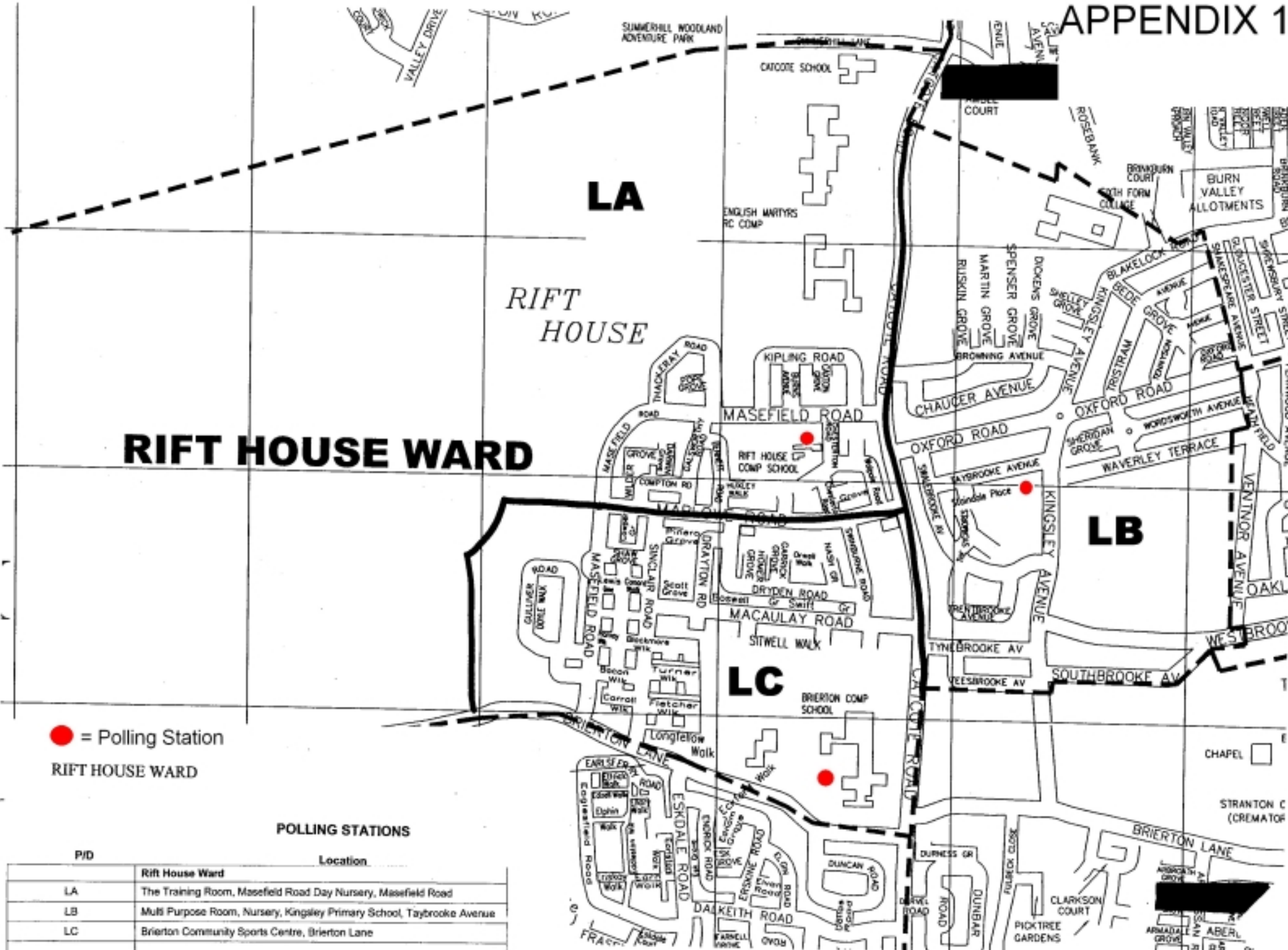


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PARK WARD

POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
	Park Ward
KA	D Block, High Tunstall School, Elwick Road
KB	Bowls Pavilion, Ward Jackson Park, The Parade
KC	Hartlepool Cricket Club, Park Drive

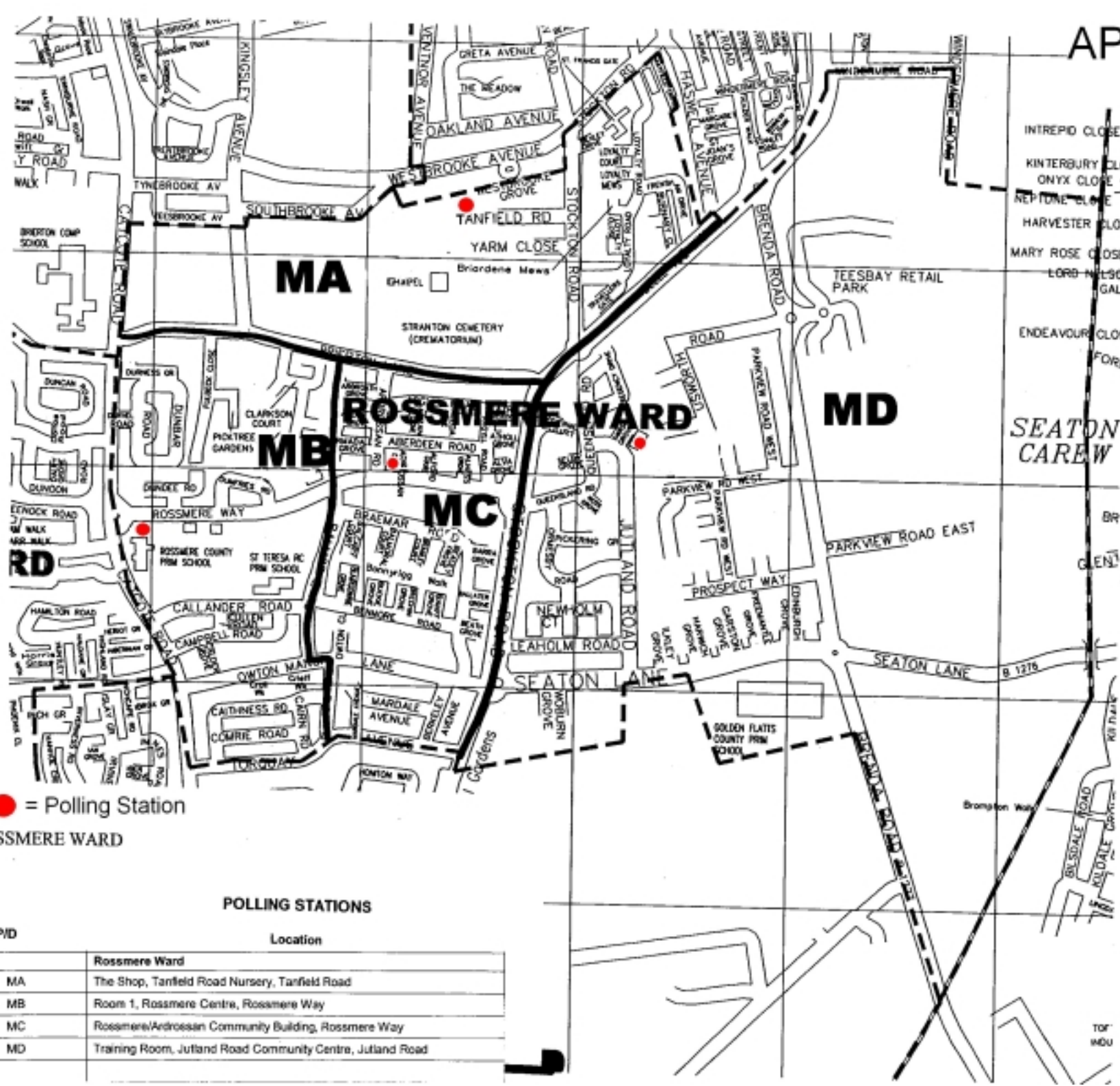




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RIFT HOUSE WARD

## POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
LA	The Training Room, Masefield Road Day Nursery, Masefield Road
LB	Multi Purpose Room, Nursery, Kingsley Primary School, Taybrooke Avenue
LC	Brierion Community Sports Centre, Brierion Lane



● = Polling Station

ROSSMERE WARD

#### POLLING STATIONS

P/D

Location

P/D	Location
MA	The Shop, Tanfield Road Nursery, Tanfield Road
MB	Room 1, Rossmere Centre, Rossmere Way
MC	Rossmere/Androssan Community Building, Rossmere Way
MD	Training Room, Jutland Road Community Centre, Jutland Road

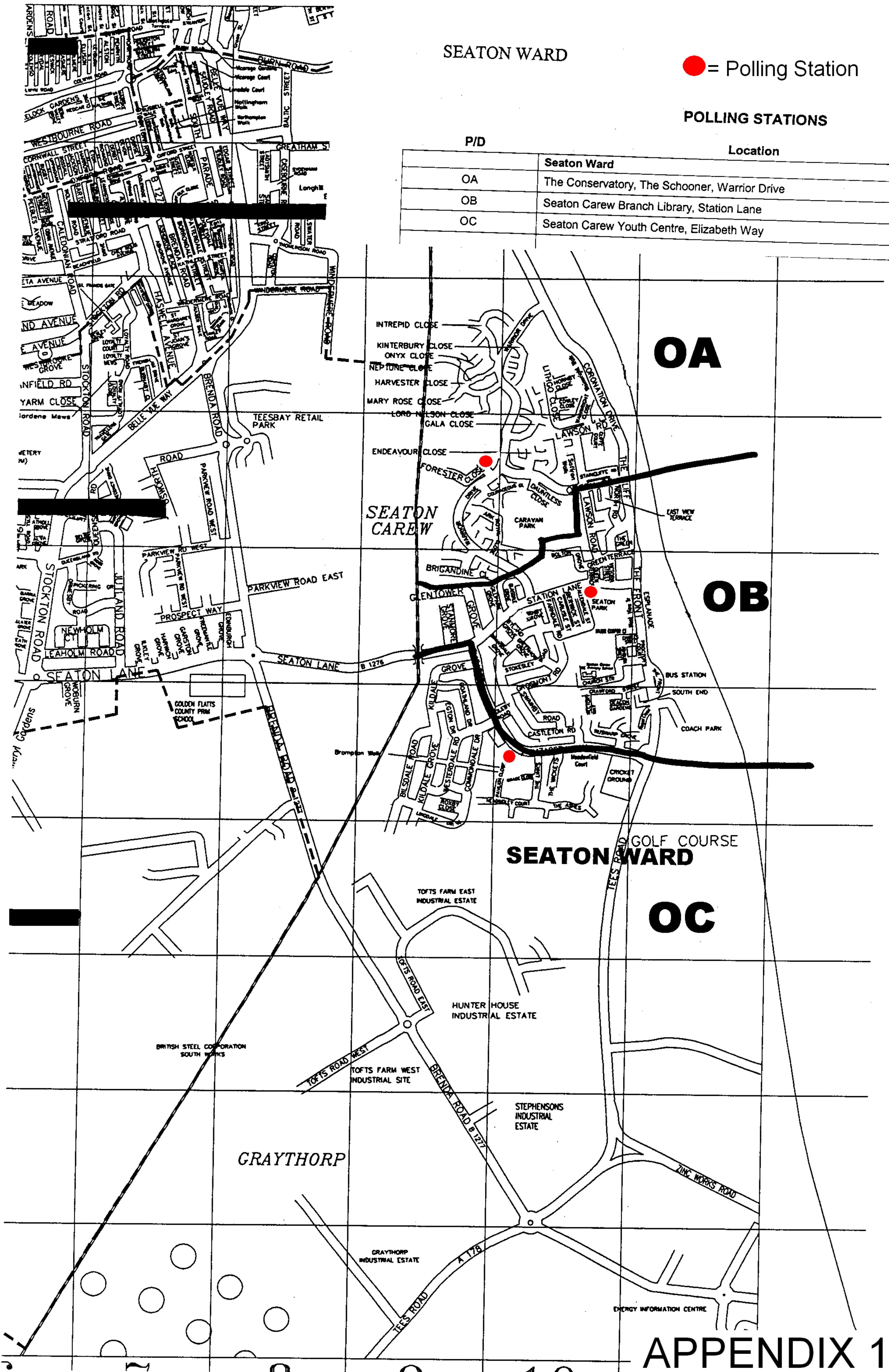


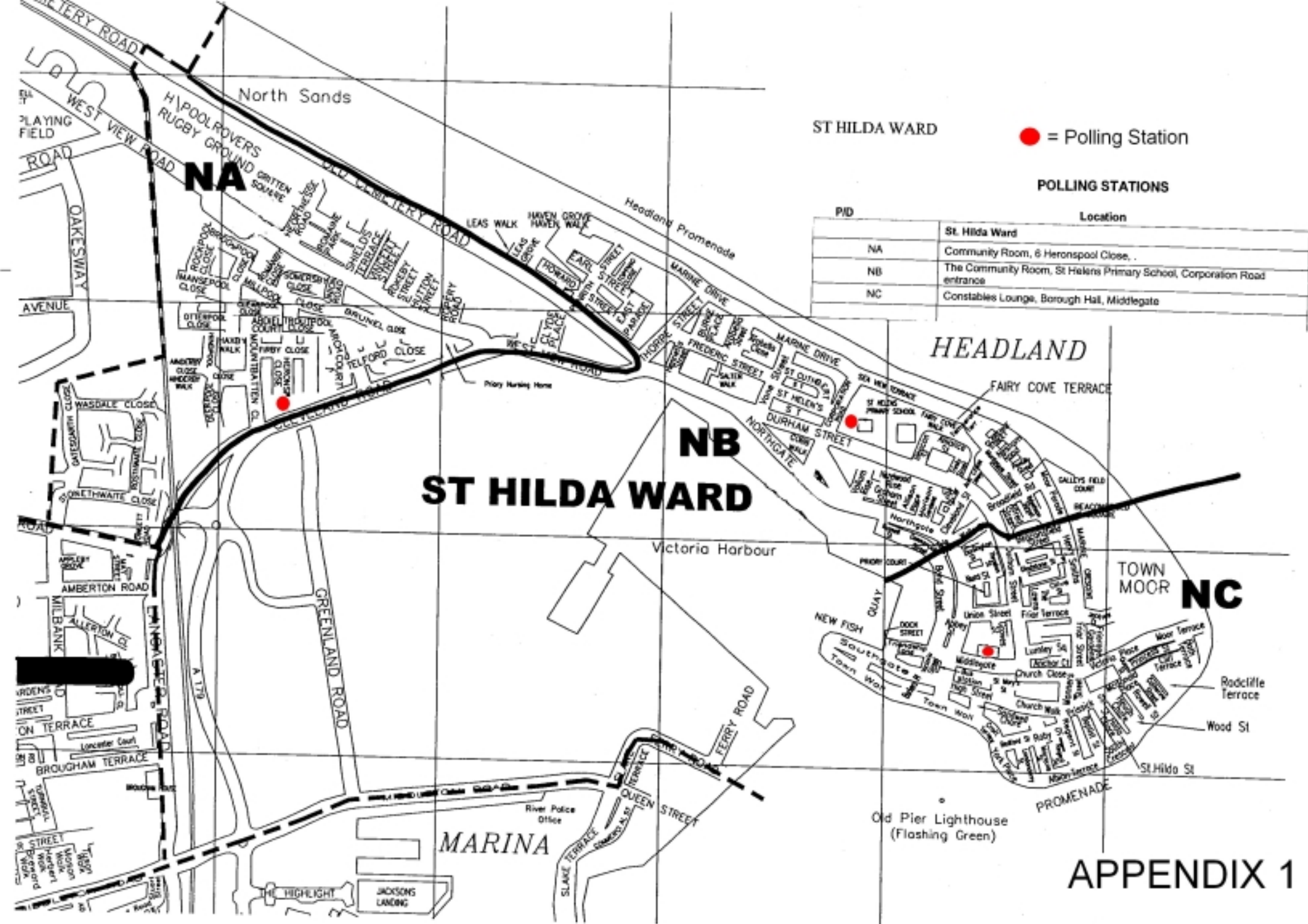
# SEATON WARD

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## POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
OA	Seaton Ward
OB	The Conservatory, The Schooner, Warrior Drive
OC	Seaton Carew Branch Library, Station Lane
	Seaton Carew Youth Centre, Elizabeth Way





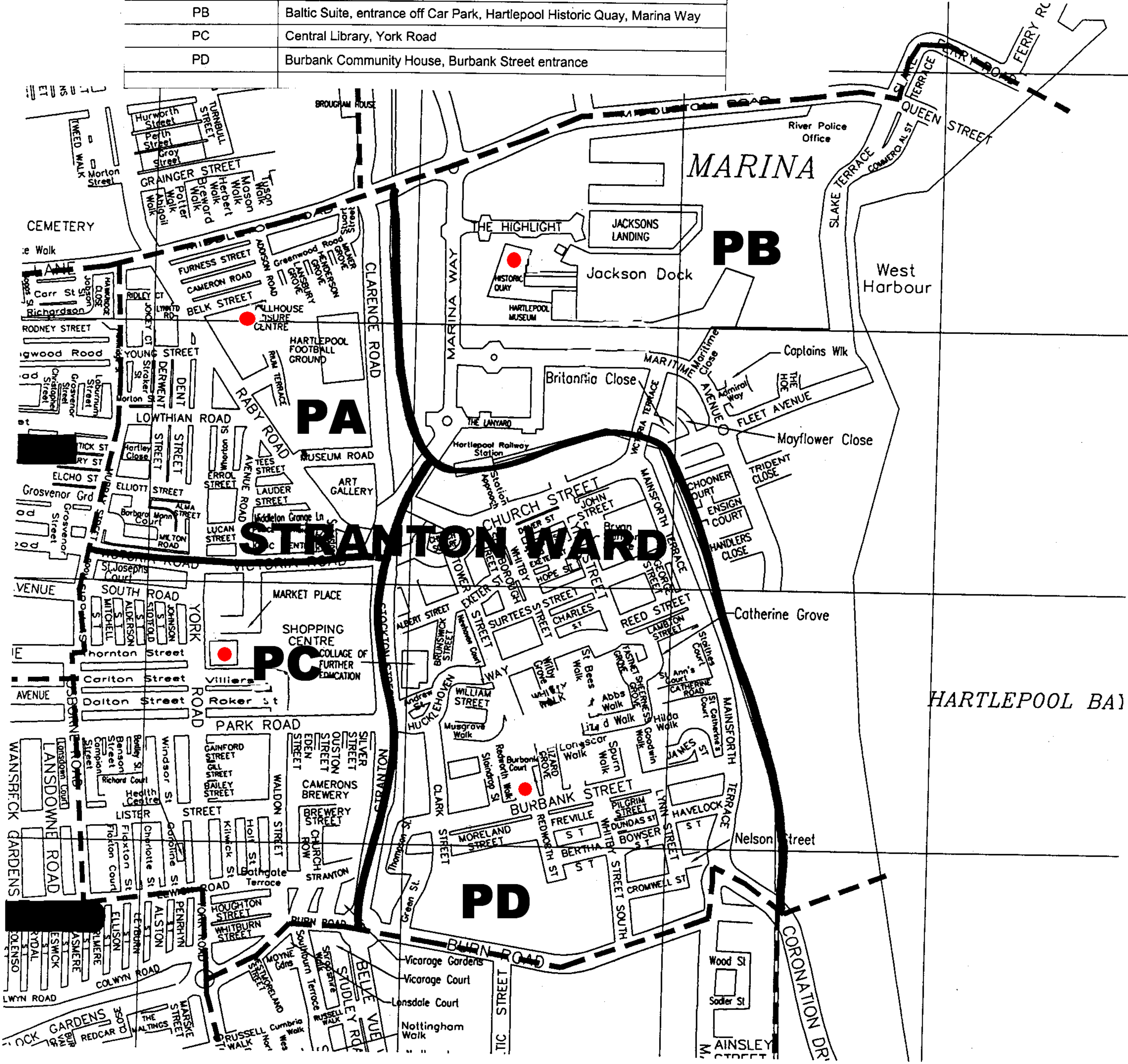


STRANTON WARD

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POLLING STATIONS

P/D	Location
PA	Entrance Foyer, Mill House Leisure Centre, Raby Road
PB	Baltic Suite, entrance off Car Park, Hartlepool Historic Quay, Marina Way
PC	Central Library, York Road
PD	Burbank Community House, Burbank Street entrance



THROSTON WARD

● = Polling Station

POLLING STATIONS

P/D

Location

P/D	Location
Throston Ward	
QA	Portacabin, Footpath leading from Moorhen Road, Throston Grange Lane
QB	Main Hall, Throston Grange Community Centre, Glamorgan Grove
QC	Foundation Stage, Jesmond Road Primary School, Jesmond Road

Leading To  
Elwick Village  
Dalton Piercy

