

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

## REPORT TO POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No. 5

meeting date: TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2014  
 title: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES  
 submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
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### 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To consider the recommendations arising from the Council's Polling District and Polling Place Review 2014 and make recommendations to Full Council.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- Council Ambitions - }
  - Community Objectives - }
  - Corporate Priorities - }
  - Other Considerations - }
- The Council aims to be a well managed Council. The electoral process is a vital part of the Council's role within the community it serves.

### 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (the "**Act**") introduced a number of changes to the Representation of the People Act 1983, including a requirement for the Council to review UK Parliamentary Polling Districts at least every four years.

2.2 The Electoral, Registration and Administration Act 2013 (the "**2013 Act**") introduced a change to the timing of these compulsory reviews so that the next compulsory review must be started and completed between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015. Subsequent compulsory reviews must be started and completed within the period of 16 months that starts on 1 October of every fifth year after 1 October 2013.

2.3 The Act provides that the requirement to review polling districts and polling places relates solely to Parliamentary elections. Constituency boundaries are not the subject of the review, which is confined to the division of Parliamentary constituencies into Polling Districts and Polling Places. The following definitions are given in the Act:

- A Polling District is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a UK parliamentary constituency for the purposes of a UK parliamentary election.
- A Polling Place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the ((Acting)) Returning Officer.
- A Polling Station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.

2.4 Whilst the review is confined to Polling Districts and Polling Places for Parliamentary Constituencies, the Electoral Commission advises that as polling districts and polling places for other elections are based on UK parliamentary polling arrangements, the requirements of any other elections that are held within the local authority area should be taken into consideration as part of the review. There is a requirement to consult the ((Acting)) Returning Officer (Parliamentary Elections). The ((Acting))

Returning Officer for Local Government Elections in the Ribble Valley Borough Council area is the Council's Chief Executive

- 2.5 The Electoral Commission has published a guidance document 'Reviews of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations' ('Guidance') which the Council has referred to in conducting its review. The Guidance advises that as part of the review process, Local Authorities must:
- seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
  - seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- 2.6 The Council's Electoral and Licensing Officer has completed a review of each polling place and station as recommended in the Guidance, and so has thoroughly assessed their accessibility, and suitability.
- 2.7 The Guidance recommends that an evidence base is assembled to include information such as electorate figures, proposed areas of new development, record of comments or complaints or any other relevant information eg from Polling Station Managers, Premises Managers. This has been done however, a small Authority such as Ribble Valley, where the Elections and Electoral Registration duties are carried out by the same officer, ensures that officer has a good working knowledge of demographic changes within Polling Districts and their impact on Polling during a Election, and is familiar with all Polling Places, their limitations, the mitigation measures which can be put in place, and the availability of other premises within the Polling District.
- 2.8 Amongst the factors that should be considered when reviewing existing polling places or assessing new polling places, the following are suggested:

Location – Is it reasonably accessible within the polling district? Does it avoid barriers for the voter such as steep hills, major road, rivers etc? Are there any convenient transport links?

Size – Can it accommodate more than one polling station if required? If multiple polling stations are required, is the polling place capable of accommodating all voters going into and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?

Availability – Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections. Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a neighbouring development?

Accessibility – Is the building acceptable to all those entitled to attend?

### Consultation

- 2.9 The review was undertaken in accordance with the relevant legislation and Guidance and commenced on 31 March 2014 with the publication of the Notice of Review and information provided on a dedicated page on the Council's website.
- 2.10 The Consultation period ran from 31 March 2014 until 30 June 2014. Copies of the Notice and information on where documents could be found were sent to all Councillors, Parish Councils, the parliamentary MP, all Northwest MEPs, local representatives of each political party and disability groups. A press release was also issued, and copies of the Notice and information of the existing polling districts and polling places was made available in Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley Libraries.

2.11 The Consultation allowed electors of the Ribble Valley and other interested parties to make representations in relation to the size and boundaries of the polling districts, and/or the location and suitability of polling places.

2.12 The ((Acting)) Returning Officer's comments were published; sent to all persons listed in paragraph 2.4 above and placed in the Clitheroe, Longridge and Whalley libraries.

### 3 ISSUES

3.1 Nine responses were received during the consultation periods which are detailed below and in **Appendix 1**. These responses and the comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer have been considered in full. The recommendations in respect of each of these are as follows:

#### Billington

3.2 Responses were received from the Labour Party and four electors regarding the location of the polling station. The Labour Party was concerned at the 20.92% turnout considering the high population density in Billington and attributed this to the relocation of the polling place at the last election. They recommend moving the polling place back to the previous location (Hodgefield). The four electors all comment that the polling place is too far away for residents and especially the elderly. They suggest various alternatives namely, Ebenezer Church, Billington Garden Community Hall and the previous location at Hodgefield

3.3 The polling place was moved from its previous location at Hodgefield at the last election due to works due to be carried out to the building. Ribble Valley Homes (who own the building) has confirmed that it will remain unavailable for the 2015 elections. It was a term of the Housing Stock Transfer Agreement that building is available for use as a polling place. Ribble Valley Homes has therefore proposed that it provide (at its own cost) a portakabin (which has provisions to make it accessible to all) and that this be placed within the grounds of the Hodgefield site. It is proposed that this be accepted subject confirmation that sufficient space is available and to appropriate terms being agreed with Ribble Valley Homes.

#### Littlemoor

3.4 Responses were received from the Labour Party and Clitheroe Town Council requesting that the Polling Places be returned to its previous location at Ribblesdale School. The Labour Party indicated that its relocation to the Garden Room at St James's Church had resulted in a number of electors expressing concern at the distance of the new polling station from the Town Centre and Bolland Prospect. The polling place was moved from Ribblesdale School due to a number of issues, not least that election times often clash with exam periods. Whilst Ribblesdale School is the preferred site these issues would need to be resolved before the polling place could be relocated there. It is therefore proposed that the polling place, be located in the body of St James's Church, (this being a larger space than the Garden Room) but that further discussions take place with Ribblesdale School to establish if agreement can be reached.

#### St Mary's

3.5 Responses were received from Clitheroe Town Council and Councillor Brown requesting that the Polling Place be relocated. Clitheroe Town Council wanted it relocated to the St Mary's centre. Councillor Brown commented that the St Mary's centre is not a good site nor is the Parish Hall due to poor parking facilities and lack of disabled access. He suggests that the Grammar School's York Street and Chatburn Road sites or Brookside School should be used.

- 3.6 The polling place has previously been at the Grammar School, (York Street site) and was moved from here as a result of internal changes to the building which made its use impractical. Similarly, the polling place has previously been at the St Mary's Centre but was moved from here as the election times clashed with times of drama performances at the centre and was not practical. The Grammar School, (Chatburn Road site) and Brookside School are within different wards and so are not appropriate for use. Brookside School is also already used as a polling place for Salthill. It is therefore recommended that the polling place remains unchanged.

#### Dilworth, Longridge

- 3.6 The (Acting) Returning Officer's comment was that the Station Buildings should be considered as an alternative to the current polling place at the Civic Hall. A response was received from an elector stating that whilst he had no disagreement with this proposal short stay parking difficulties at Berry Lane (particularly for the disabled who have no dedicated spaces) ought to be considered.
- 3.7 The Station Buildings have been reviewed by the Council's Electoral and Licensing Officer and the problems with disabled access have been noted but also the fact that the building is considered too small to provide suitable provision for voting.
- 3.8 It is proposed therefore that there be no change to the current polling place.

#### Wiswell

- 3.9 A response was received from Wiswell Parish Council stating that the Parish Council are very concerned that there is no disabled access in the portakabins used as a polling station, leaving many residents unable to vote. It is proposed that the Council investigate whether a portakabin can be provided which has provision to make it accessible to all.

#### Grindleton 2

- 3.10 The (Acting) Returning Officer comments that consideration should be given to merging Grindleton 1 with Grindleton 2 and therefore having only one polling district and one polling place as currently set for Grindleton 1. Having considered the nature of the area and the distance for voters to travel from areas of Grindleton 2 it is proposed to retain the two separate polling districts.
- 3.11 The proposal for each polling district and place are set out in the schedule appended to this report as **Appendix 1**, Committee is asked to consider these and approve their recommendation to Full Council.

## 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:
- Resources – N/A.
  - Technical, Environmental and Legal – The Council has a duty to carry out the review.
  - Political – N/A.
  - Reputation – N/A.

**5 RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

- 5.1 Consider the proposals for polling districts and polling places in the Ribble Valley Parliamentary constituency as set out at Appendix 2.
- 5.2 Recommend the proposals to Full Council for approval.

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**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 1 None.

For further information please ask for Mair Hill, extension 3216.

Constituency: <b>Ribble Valley</b> Ward: <b>Edisford and Low Moor</b>							
<b>Existing arrangements</b>							
PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CA	1551	115	1436	Henthorn Community Centre Hazel Grove, Clitheroe BB7 2PY	No	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.							
<b>Representations received CA:</b> None.							
<b>Recommendation:</b>							
Polling District – No change. Polling Place – No change							
CB	774	661	708	St Ann's Court Low Moor, Clitheroe BB7 2NW	No	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.							
<b>Representations received CB:</b> None							
<b>Recommendation:</b>							
Polling District – No change. Polling Place – No change							

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**St Mary's**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CC	2322	229	2093	St Mary Magdalen's Church, Church Street, Clitheroe BB7 2DD	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CC:** Councillor Brown – “St Mary's Church is not a good site ... due to poor parking facilities and lack of disabled access”.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No Change

Polling Place – No Change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Salthill**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CD	2446	194	2221	Brookside Primary School Bright Street, Clitheroe BB7 1NW	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received:** None

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change.

Constituency:  
**Ribble Valley**  
 Ward:  
**Littlemoor**

Existing arrangements							
PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CE	2428	243	2185	The Garden Room, St James Church, St James Street, Clitheroe BB7 1HH	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Alternative to Ribblesdale School

**Representations received CE:**

Ribble Valley Labour Party – Relocation of the polling station from Ribblesdale School to the Garden Room for the Littlemoor ward bye election held on 1 August 2013 resulted in a number of electors expressing concern at the distance of the new location from the town centre and Bolland Prospect areas. Most of these complainants did not own or have access to cars. Analysis of the verification statements for the European Elections, issued by Ms Jane Reason on 23 May 2014, showed a turnout of 25.95% at the Garden Room, albeit a significant variation between the ballot boxes at 28.1% and 23.8%. This variance is statistically significant. Ribble Valley Labour Party therefore contends that a relocation of the Littlemoor polling station to a more central venue within the ward would be appropriate, possibly a return to Ribblesdale School, in order to promote an increased turnout.

Clitheroe Town Council – “That the polling station in the Littlemoor ward in Clitheroe be located at Ribblesdale School”.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – This be relocated to the body of St James’s Church, be further discussion to take place with Ribblesdale School.

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Primrose**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CF	2514	150	2364	The Kings Centre Millthorne Ave, Clitheroe BB7 2LE	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CF:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Alston & Hothersall**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CG CX1	2077	190	1887	St Lawrence Church, Chapel Hill, Longridge PR3 3JY	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CG & CX1:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Dilworth & Derby**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CH1 CH2	4259	288	3971	Longridge Civic Hall, Calder Avenue, Longridge PR3 3HJ	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Consider Station Buildings as an alternative.

**Representations received CH1 & CH2:** An elector commented that they did not object to the (Acting) Returning Officer's comment but noted that there were problems with disabled parking on Berry Lane.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Thornley**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	PD
CN	306	27	279	Little Town Dairy, Chipping Lane, Preston PR3 2TB	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CN:**

Recommendation: None

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Read & Simonstone

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Building	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CI	1128	85	1043	United Reformed Church East View, Read, BB12 7PS	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CI:** None

CY	954	79	875	Old C of E School, School Lane, Simonstone, BB12 7HR	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CY:** None

### **Recommendation: CI**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

### **Recommendation: CY**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Sabden**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CJ	1165	87	1078	St Mary's Parochial Hall 49 Whalley Road, Sabden, BB7 9DZ	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CJ:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Aighton, Bailey & Chaigley**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CK	606	50	556	ABC Memorial Hall, Avenue Road, Hurst Green BB7 9QQ	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CK:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

CL	180	13	167	Bashall Eaves Village Hall, Clitheroe Road, Bashall Eaves BB7 3DA	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Continue to look for alternative venue within Chaigley.

**Representations received:** None

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

CW	203	12	191	Hazelwood Panstones Farm, Gallows Lane, Ribchester PR3 3XX	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CW:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

SA	163	7	156	Bashall Eaves Village Hall Clitheroe Road, Bashall Eaves BB7 3DA	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received SA:** None

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Chipping

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CM1 CM2 CM3	1000	59	941	Chipping & District Memorial Hall Garstang Road, Chipping PR3 2QH	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CM1, CM2 & CM3:** None

### Recommendation:

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

SG	125	4	121	Dunsop Bridge Village Hall Trough Road, Dunsop Bridge BB7 3BG	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received SG:** None.

### Recommendation:

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Chatburn**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CO	929	65	864	Chatburn Methodist Chapel Downham Road, Chatburn BB7 4AU	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CO:** None

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change.

CP1 CP2	171	11	160	Downham Village Hall Pendle Road, Downham BB7 4BR	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CP1, CP2:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Wiswell & Pendleton

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CQ CT1	821	61	741	Barrow Primary School Old Row, Barrow BB7 9AZ	Minimal	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CQ, CT1:** None.

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

CR	99	2	97	Pendleton Village Hall, Main Street, Pendleton BB7 1PT	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received CR:** None.

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

CS	252	19	233	Mobile Unit, Coronation Gardens, Wiswell BB7 9DD	Yes	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Alternative venues will be considered if available.

**Representations received CS:** Wiswell Parish Council – The Parish Council are very concerned that there is no disabled access in the portakabins used as a polling station, leaving many residents unable to vote.

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change but if possible obtain a portakabin with a ramp and consider alternative venue if one can be identified.

CU1 CU2	87	3	84	Worston Mission Rooms Worston BB7 1QA	Minimal	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CU1, CU2:** None.

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Whalley**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CT2 SB	192	16	176	All Hallows Church, Church Lane, Mitton BB7 9PH	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CT2, SB:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

CV	2868	271	2597	Whalley Methodist Church King Street, Whalley BB7 9SN	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received CV:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Ribchester**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
CX2	1267	89	1178	St Wilfrids Village Hall Riverside, Ribchester PR3 3XP	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received CX2:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Mellor**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
DA	362	38	324	Mellor Brook Community Centre, Whalley Road Mellor Brook BB2 7PS	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received DA:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

DB	1921	236	1689	Mellor Village Hall Mellor Lane, Mellor BB2 7EW	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received DB:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Clayton le Dale with Ramsgreave

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
DC	148	20	128	The Heatley Rooms, St Mary's Church, Longsight Road, Osbaldeston BB2 7HX	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received DC:** None

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

DD	648	70	578	Mobile Unit 2, Portakabin, Ramsgreave Road, Ramsgreave BB1 9BH	Yes	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Alternative locations will be considered.

**Representations received DD:** None

#### **Recommendation:**

Investigate whether portakabin can be provide which is accessible to all.

DH DI	1333	127	1206	Salesbury Memorial Hall, Ribchester Road, Clayton-le-Dale BB1 9HT	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received DH, DI:** None

#### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Billington & Brockhall/Old Langho

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
DE	1315	86	1229	Billington and Langho Community Hall Off Whalley road, Billington BB7 8AB	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: New venue being assessed.

**Representations received DE:** Responses were received from the Labour Party and four electors regarding the location of the polling station. The Labour Party were concerned at the 20.92% turnout considering the high population density in Billington and attributed this to the relocation of the polling place at the last election. They recommend moving the polling place back to the previous location (Hodgefield). The four electors all comment that the polling place is too far away for residents and especially the elderly. They suggest various alternatives namely, Ebenezer Church, Billington Garden Community Hall and the previous location at Hodgefield

### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – Relocate to mobile unit (accessible to all) within the grounds of the previous Hodgefield site.

DK	1100	111	989	The Avenue @ Brockhall Brockhall Village, Old Langho BB6 8AY	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: consider alternative polling place if one becomes available.

**Representations received DK:** None.

### **Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Langho**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
DF	1819	154	1665	St Mary's Parish Centre St Mary's Church, York Lane, Langho	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received DF:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

DG	82	6	76	The Avenue @ Brockhall Brockhall Village, Old Langho BB6 8AY	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Alternative polling station will be considered if found.

**Representations received DG:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

**Wilpshire**

**Existing arrangements**

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
DJ	2110	218	1892	Wilpshire Methodist Church Ribchester Road, Wilpshire BB1 9HU	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received DJ:** None.

**Recommendation:**

Polling District – No change.

Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Waddington & West Bradford

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
SC	927	90	837	St Helens Church, Edisford Road, Waddington BB7 3HS	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received SC:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SF	293	18	275	Sawley Village Hall, The Old School Sawley BB7 4LE	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received SF:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SN	566	33	533	Grindleton Pavilion Sawley Road, Grindleton	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: new venue being assessed.

**Representations received SN:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SO	94	20	74	Harrop Chapel Harrop Fold, Bolton by Bowland BB7 4PJ	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Consider merging with Grindleton (SN)

**Representations received SO:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SP	679	61	618590	West Bradford Village Hall Grindleton Road, West Bradford BB7 4TE	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received SP:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

Constituency:

Ribble Valley

Ward:

## Bowland, Newton & Slaidburn

### Existing arrangements

PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
SD	426	24	402	Bolton by Bowland Village Hall Main Street, Bolton by Bowland BB7 4NS	No	No	

(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received SD:** None

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SH	128	6	122	Whitewell Social Hall, Hall Hill Whitewell BB7 3AT	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received SH:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

S11 S12	292	22	270272	Slaidburn Village Hall, The Green, Slaidburn BB7 3ES	No	No	No
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.

**Representations received S11, S12:** None.

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change

SJ	246	11	235	Newton-in-Bowland Village Hall, Dunsop Road Newton-in-Bowland BB7 3DZ	No	No	
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(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment

**Representations received SJ:** None

**Recommendation:** Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change.

Constituency: Ribble Valley Ward: <b>Gisburn &amp; Rimington</b>							
<b>Existing arrangements</b>							
PD	Total Electorate	Postal Voters	Voters in person	Polling place name and address	Access Concerns?	Size of electorate Concerns?	Other Concerns?
SE	133	13	120	Tosside Community Hall Tosside BD23 4SQ	No	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment							
<b>Representations received SE:</b> None. <b>Recommendation:</b> Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change							
SK1 SK2	467	30	437	Gisburn Festival Hall Bentlea Road, Gisburn BB7 4ET	No	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment							
<b>Representations received SK1, SK2:</b> None. <b>Recommendation:</b> Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change							
SL1 SL2	387	43	344	Rimington Memorial Institute Stopper Lane, Rimington BB7 4DU	No	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: No comment.							
<b>Representations received SL1, SL2:</b> None. <b>Recommendation:</b> Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change							
SM1 SM2	110	10	100	Paythorne Methodist Chapel, Kiln Lane Paythorne BB7 4JD	Minimal	No	
(Acting) Returning Officer's Comments & Proposals: Satisfied best available location.							
<b>Representations received SM1, SM2:</b> None. <b>Recommendation:</b> Polling District - No change Polling Place – No change							