

| No | Constituency              | Division  | Polling Districts affected | Commentator                             | Comment   | Assessment of comments   | Returning Officer's final recommendation |
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| 1  | Thirsk & Malton           | Malton  | RYWCT                      | Member of public                        | Rainbow Lane Community Centre - very suitable, accessible   |  | No change                                |
| 2  | Thirsk & Malton           | Sowerby & Topcliffe                                 | HB5005T                    | Member of public                        | Happy with Sowerby Scout Hut  |  | No change                                |
| 3  | Thirsk & Malton           | Hillside & Raskelf                                  | HBRA12T                    | Carol Fenwick, Hushwaite Parish Council | Proposed polling station is accessible and the best option for the community  |  | No change                                |
| 4  | Skipton & Ripon           | Pateley Bridge & Nidderdale                         | HRYESR                     | Member of public                        | Suitability is fine but there are access issues at Pateley Memorial Hall. Although disabled parking and a low-threshold doorway are signposted, the passageway from that doorway to the polling booths has been obstructed by stacks of chairs on my last two visits making it unusable. I've needed to be helped through the 'able-bodied' entrance (up steps) in order to vote.   | We will ensure any obstructions are removed to ensure polling booths are accessible to all   | No change                                |
| 5  | Richmond (Yorks)          | Northallerton North & Brompton/ Northallerton South | HBNN02R/ HBNS01R/ HBNS02R  | Member of public                        | I object to the use of The Forum as a polling station, as the venue also hosts acts (such as "Roy Chubby Brown" who do not align either with our community, or the council's, commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion. I am concerned a) that this may put off some members of the community from attending the polling station b) that by hiring the venue the council is subsidising an organisation that invites hateful individuals into our community                        | The venue is a well used community venue and is suitable for continued use as a polling stations.  | No change                                |
| 6  | Richmond (Yorks)          | Northallerton North & Brompton/                     | HBNN01R/ HBNN02R           | Member of public                        | Now with a new bigger village of Brompton and outer Northallerton on Darlington Road maybe a third venue for the town between Brompton and Northallerton and Romanby and Northallerton North Estate and re sort the polling stations for all.   | We have plans to revisit this following the completion of a full Local Government Boundary Review expected to be completed in the next two years.  | No change                                |
| 7  | Selby & Ainsty            | Thorpe Willoughby & Hambleton                       | SEHAGSA                    | Member of public                        | How does Hambleton village hall become accessible when one cannot walk that distance and there is no public transport?  | The current location is a private residence and does not meet accessibility requirements. No suitable alternative exists within the polling district.  | No change                                |
| 8  | Thirsk & Malton           | Malton  | All                        | Member of public                        | Proposals are sensible and very suitable for me   |  | No change                                |
| 9  | Thirsk & Malton           | Amotherby & Ampleforth                              | RYACT                      | Member of public                        | Pleased to see great habton hall continues to be a designated polling station. It has good access inside and out and it central to the community.   |  | No change                                |
| 10 | Selby & Ainsty            | Monk Fryston & South Milford                        | All                        | Member of public                        | Relieved to see no change proposed. Agree that no change is necessary.  |  | No change                                |
| 11 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Northallerton North & Brompton/ Northallerton South | All                        | Member of public                        | Keep local stations open. Especially the Forum  |  | No change                                |
| 12 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Killinghall, Hampsthwaite & Saltergate              | All                        | Member of public                        | No issues with accessibility  |  | No change                                |
| 13 | Scarborough & Whitby      | Whitby Streonshalh                                  | SCFASW                     | Member of public                        | The current polling station (Whitby Missions and Seafarers' centre) is not even within the polling district and requires a trek down into town and back up again. Many older/busier people will drive and attempt to find parking near the polling station but most will be put off voting - look at the voting statistics for this district. A better solution would be to use St Hilda's business centre on The Ropery YO22 4ET. Or further up the hill the Green Lane centre YO22 4EH. | Electoral Services have enquired in the past about using a space at St Hilda's Business Centre, but no suitable space is available. The community centre on Green Lane has been used as a polling station previously, but complaints were received from voters about its location at the top of a steep hill, and for that reason the location ceased to be used as a polling station. | No change                                |
| 14 | Skipton & Ripon           | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton                           | HRZASSR                    | Member of public                        | There is no polling station in Asenby. Voters have to travel to next village Rainton. Those who do not drive cannot get there.  | No suitable alternative has been identified during the consultation period.  | No change                                |
| 15 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Valley Gardens & Central Harrogate                  | HRSAH2                     | Member of public                        | I have stopped voting in person since they moved the polling station away from St Mary's Walk. I am 52 and fully mobile however I find the current polling station inaccessible. It's a good 30 minute walk from my house and in an area I really don't like. I have no desire to walk so far and in a place that's difficult to find and poorly signposted.  | The proposed location has been used for many years and is well located within the polling district it serves.  | No change                                |
| 16 | Selby & Ainsty            | Selby West  | SESLSSA                    | Member of public                        | The former district council offices are perfect for voting. There's parking and a bus service into the hospital grounds   |  | No change                                |
| 17 | Thirsk & Malton           | Thirsk (East of Cod Beck)                           | HBTH07T                    | Member of public                        | I have no problem with the proposal   |  | No change                                |
| 18 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales   | RILS05R                    | Member of public                        | Happy that no change to polling station.  |  | No change                                |
| 19 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales   | RILS01R                    | Member of public                        | I am very pleased you are retaining St Mary's Church as I am severely disabled and would have great difficulty accessing Reeth whereas Arkengarthdale Church have improved disabled access  |  | No change                                |
| 20 | Skipton & Ripon           | All   | All                        | Member of public                        | No problems from our side -   |  |  |
| 21 | Thirsk & Malton           | Thornton Dale & Wolds                               | RYSFY                      | Levisham Parish Meeting                 | It's not changed. The poll place is as it's always been at Lockton. Non drivers can nit access and would vote via mail.   |  | No change                                |
| 22 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Stokesley   | HBST03R                    | Michael Canavan, Stokesley Town Council | Accept the No Change proposal.  |  | No change                                |

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| 23 | Skipton & Ripon      | Wharfedale                       | CRBAF11SR                      | Member of public   | Very happy with our current polling station. No problems.   |  | No change  |
| 24 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Upper Dales                      | RILS05R                        | Member of public   | Good access, sufficient car parking plus outside lighting   |  | No change  |
| 25 | Skipton & Ripon      | Skipton West & West Craven       | CRSKW2SR                       | Member of public   | For those with mobility issues parking is limited at the church but generally the venue is good   | There is a dedicated disabled parking space at the church  | No change  |
| 26 | Skipton & Ripon      | Wharfedale                       | CRBAF11SR                      | Member of public   | Good, accessible venue, including car parking.  |  | No change  |
| 27 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Upper Dales                      | RILS05R                        | Member of public   | There are no changes proposed for Hudswell and in any case I have a postal vote.  |  | No change  |
| 28 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Aiskew & Leeming Bar             | HBBE02R                        | Michael Chaloner, Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council      | You are again planning to have no Polling Station in Leeming Bar which results in people traveling significant distances out of their ward from parts of Leeming Bar to Leeming Village Hall to cast their vote. The increasing use of Postal Votes shows that many people are being asked to travel too far to vote. I stood in May 2022 for the North Yorkshire Council and asked why there was no Polling Station in Leeming Bar and was told that they had not been able to find a suitable location. Yet the Reubens Hotel, which has previously been used as a Polling Station had not been asked and would have welcomed providing a place. I lost by a small margin of 57 votes and believe some people were put off from voting by the lack of a local Station. You need to encourage people to vote to have a viable democracy. | Electoral Services staff have visited the Reubens, agree it is suitable and is available for future use as a polling stations  | Voters in Leeming Bar to vote at Reubens Hotel   |
| 29 | Richmond (Yorks)     | North Richmondshire              | RIME07R                        | Member of public   | Melsonby St James the Great is listed as 'yes' disabled access. Ravensworth is listed as 'limited' with a note about a ramp at the end of the tables. Melsonby has (low) steps in the main entrance and no ramp is ever present on polling days. Additionally the open area of the church that was previously used for the poll station now has a kitchen area built in it. While the new kitchen area does have a meeting room, this is up a flight of stairs.   | The polling station at Melsonby entrance has a lip, the venue has a ramp that will be available to be used.  | No change  |
| 30 | Skipton & Ripon      | Gargrave & Malhamdale            | CRGAM2SR                       | Catherine Downs, Bank Newton Parish Meeting                | Residents in Bank Newton Parish find it easy to go to Gargrave Village Hall to vote in elections.   |  | No change  |
| 31 | Scarborough & Whitby | Whitby Streonshalh               | SCRASW                         | Cllr Neil Swannick, Whitby Streonshalh Division            | Church House and United Reformed Church are the same building as far as I know, so no problem there as long as the new polling station is accessible.   |  | No change  |
| 32 | Scarborough & Whitby | Whitby Streonshalh               | SCFC5W                         | Cllr Neil Swannick, Whitby Streonshalh Division            | Changing from Whitby Library is reverting to the premises of the former St Hilda's Catholic Primary, I assume, though I am not sure everyone will now recognise the name of St Hilda's Hub. The problem with this location is that since the polling station was moved a few years ago, the street lighting has failed and cannot currently be restored by NYC due to the street not being an adopted highway. This would potentially cause problems if there was a winter election as the street is in total darkness at night.  | The premises at the former St Hilda's Primary School are much more convenient for voters than Whitby Library. Before the next scheduled polls, the status of the street lighting will be reassessed and if necessary, temporary measures put in place on polling day to improve the external lighting in the vicinity of the polling station.  | No change  |
| 33 | Skipton & Ripon      | Masham & Fountains               | HRXM5SR                        | Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Masham & Fountains Division | Dallowgill Methodist School Room has suitable facilities for voting and the polling station should not be moved to Kirkby Malzeard (photos included in submission)  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard          |
| 34 | Thirsk & Malton      | Huby & Tollerton                 | HBHU07T                        | Member of public   | Farlington got on residents forced to vote 2.5 miles away in Stillington. I suggest not easy for all.   | No suitable alternative has been identified during the consultation period.  | No change  |
| 35 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Upper Dales                      | RILS01R                        | Member of public   | St. Mary's Church Arkengarthdale has been refurbished and now has wheelchair access with a permanent ramp, a disabled toilet and a large open area with improved heating. A servery area now has running water and a boiling water tap.   |  | No change  |
| 36 | Skipton & Ripon      | Bentham & Ingleton               | CRAC3SR                        | Member of public   | I do not feel that an area which includes Ripon has anything in common with where I live in Ingleton. I do not feel represented.  | Out of scope   | No change  |
| 37 | Skipton & Ripon      | Wharfedale                       | CRBAF6SR                       | Member of public   | No change for us, so no issues.   |  | No change  |
| 38 | Thirsk & Malton      | Hillside & Raskelf               | HBBA01T                        | Member of public   | The Greyhound, Bagby, has been used several times now as local polling station and is very convenient works well for all local residents.   |  | No change  |
| 39 | Skipton & Ripon      | Gargrave & Malhamdale            | CRGAM1SR                       | Member of public   | I am very pleased to see there is no proposal to change the voting location in the Airton/Scotthorp area. This area has a high percentage of elderly and physically less-able voters, many of whom still like to go to the polling station to physically place their vote.  |  | No change  |
| 40 | Selby & Ainsty       | Camblesforth & Carleton          | SECDXA/<br>SECLDSA/<br>SECNLSA | Dave Perry, Drax, Long Drax and Newland Parish Council     | I agree that no changes are necessary   |  | No change  |
| 41 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske | HBMO02R                        | Member of public   | I would prefer to use the Kirkby Fleetham polling station rather than Danby Wiske as it is closer to home and more accessible.  | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirkby Fleetham in future   | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 42 | Richmond (Yorks)     | Hutton Rudby & Osmotherley       | HBOS01R                        | William Thomas Scott, Carlton Parish Council               | I can see no change from existing arrangements to this and neighbouring localities. I am therefore supportive of review with no further comment.  |  | No change  |

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| 43 | Skipton & Ripon           | Wharfedale                                   | CRBAF11SR  | Debbie Burton, Rylstone Parish Meeting                                  | Cracoe Village Hall is a good venue for Rylstone residents. It is accessible for all, with good car parking, and facilities.  |  | No change  |
| 44 | Thirsk & Malton           | Hillside & Raskelf                           | HBBA01T  | Member of public  | Bagby pub is a great venue. Easily accessed and warm and welcoming. As long as people who don't like to frequent pubs for various reasons including religion, have the option to get a postal vote.   |  | No change  |
| 45 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Bedale                                       | HBTA01R  | Jonathan Jessop, Carthorpe Parish Council                               | Our facilities at the Community Hall are currently accessible and suitable for voting.  |  | No change  |
| 46 | Skipton & Ripon           | Gargrave & Malhamdale                        | CRHLP1SR   | Member of public  | A central location seems to be accessible to most people. Housebound people will presumably apply for a postal vote   |  | No change  |
| 47 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Bedale                                       | HBTA19R  | Member of public  | I am currently a postal voter; however, were this to change, arrangements in Well are satisfactory.   |  | No change  |
| 48 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Aiskew & Leeming Bar                         | HBBE02R  | Ian Marr, Aiskew & Leeming Bar Parish Council                           | The loss of a polling station in Leeming Bar is felt keenly by residents and should be reinstated. Access for those without transport/mobility issues will preclude more from accessing voting in person. Leeming village is some distance from Leeming Bar and clearly out of the area.  | Electoral Services staff have visited the Reubens, agree it is suitable and is available for future use as a polling stations  | Voters in Leeming Bar to vote at Reubens Hotel   |
| 49 | Skipton & Ripon           | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton                    | HRWES1SR   | Member of public  | Change of Polling Station from Crown Inn, Roeccliffe to the Methodist Chapel, Boroughbridge will require car transport as bus service is minimal and not at a convenient time for elderly/infirm Roeccliffe residents. A more convenient Polling Station site would be St Mary's Church, Roeccliffe.  | The church is not suitable having no disabled access or parking and a long gravelled drive   | No change  |
| 50 | Scarborough & Whitby      | Esk Valley & Coast                           | SCGFSW   | Member of public  | Sneaton village hall is a good polling station for the community of the parish  |  | No change  |
| 51 | Selby & Ainsty            | Spofforth with Lower Wharfedale and Tockwith | HRMA2SA  | Member of public  | Voting for local councillor wasn't possible at Kirkby Overblow, had to drive 15mins to Sicklinghall. Village has a high proportion of elderly residents and this was difficult for some.  | No suitable alternative is available in the polling district   | No change  |
| 52 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Morton-on-Swale and Appleton Wiske           | HBMO07R  | Member of public  | Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall. This polling station is not mentioned. I presume it will still be operational. If not, there will be a considerable drop in attendance as transport is required to attend alternative polling stations.   | This polling station is listed as no change in the proposals for Morton-on-Swale and Appleton Wiske Division.  | No change  |
| 53 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske             | HBMO02R  | Member of public  | Great Langton currently has a polling station at Danby Whisk which is much further away than Kirkby Fleetham making travel by car essential if you are to vote. Kirkby Fleetham is closer and accessible by cycling, or even walking. This should be our designated polling station.  | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirkby Fleetham in Future   | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 54 | Selby & Ainsty            | Cliffe & North Duffield                      | SEDHESA  | Member of public  | The Polling Station for Hemingbrough near Selby takes place in the village institute however this institute is used 5 days a week as a Preschool for children between the ages of 2-4 years. When the institute is used as a polling station the children that are funded by North Yorkshire County Council have to find alternate childcare due to the closure of the preschool for the day. It is also not cost effective as staff still have to be paid and this is a charity run Preschool so relies on funding and fundraising to make sure that the setting remains open. | The building remains suitable for voting.  | No change  |
| 55 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Hipswell & Colburn                           | RIHI04R  | Helen Grant, St Martins Parish Council                                  | There doesn't appear to be any changes for St Martins which I am pleased to see. Parking at The Station can be difficult sometimes and disabled access to the room which is through heavy doors could be difficult for some.  |  | No change  |
| 56 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Scotton & Lower Wensleydate                  | Not known  | Member of public  | Voting in Newton le Willow's is convenient if one has a car   |  | No change  |
| 57 | Skipton & Ripon           | Masham & Fountains                           | HRXMSSR  | Victoria Preston, Kirkby Malzeard, Dallowgill & Laverton Parish Council | The Parish Council and Dallowgill residents feel very strongly that a polling station should remain in the school room at the Methodist Chapel in Dallowgill.   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard          |
| 58 | Skipton & Ripon           | Wharfedale                                   | CRBAF11SR  | Member of public  | Happy with current arrangement  |  | No change  |
| 59 | Skipton & Ripon           | Wathvale & Bishop Monkton                    | HRWES1SR/<br>HRWES2SR/<br>HRWDS1SR/<br>HRWDS2SR/<br>HRWDS3SR | Clir Nick Brown, Wathvale & Bishop Monkton Division                     | I feel that because these new suggested polling stations are over a mile away from these villages your proposals are undemocratic. For example how do electors who are elderly but prefer to walk to their polling station cope?  | Methodist Chapel is not suitable. No disabled access, access gravelled and no car parking. In Norton-le-Clay/Cundall the proposal is to move the polling station from Dishforth to Marton-le-Moor which is slightly closer for most voters in those polling districts  | No change  |
| 60 | Thirsk & Malton           | Helmsley & Sinnington                        | RYFJT  | Member of public  | Rievaulx is a very small village, where the polling station has always - I have lived here for over 50 years - been the Village Hall. As half the village residents are elderly and don't drive or have computers or smartphones, it's important that we continue to be able to vote in the Village Hall.   | The Village Hall at Rievaulx is not accessible to disabled voters and no suitable alternative is available within the polling districts  | Polling station to move to Helmsley as per initial recommendation                                  |
| 61 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Boroughbridge & Claro                        | HRWJH1H/<br>HRWJH2H  | Oliver Quarmby, Arkendale, Coneythorpe & Claretton Parish Council       | The Community Hall in Arkendale works very well, is accessible and well located near the bus stop   |  | No change  |

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| 62 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Stokesley                        | HBST02R | Mary Frew, Kirkby Parish Council             | The polling station and arrangements remain the same. They are accessible and suitable, no further comments.   |  | No change   |
| 63 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Coppice Valley & Duchy           | HRDAH2H | Member of public                             | I live in [street redacted], literally round the corner from St. Joseph's Church, the Polling Station for Harrogate New Park 1 (3 minutes' walk). Me and several of my neighbours (including several disabled) do not understand why we are required to travel all the way to the Civic Centre to vote (18 minutes' walk). Besides, St. Joseph's Church is clearly indicated inside our border of HDKA on the map on Page 11 of your Recommendations document Oct/Nov 2023; therefore it makes perfect sense to have our local Polling station as the nearest one to us. Please can you consider allocating St. Joseph's Church to voters on the North side of HRDAH2H. It would also help alleviate the high volume of voters at the Civic Centre.  | St. Joseph's Church is closer to resident's address, but to move it there would mean moving other voters in the same polling district to a location further away from their current polling station.   | No change   |
| 64 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Bilton & Nidd Gorge              | HRBAHH  | Member of public                             | You have designated Dene a park Community Centre, but nothing at the top end (towards Skipton Road) more convenient for voters would prefer somewhere a little closer. I agree URC was not suitable because it had limited access, but would it not be possible to have access to the Gospel Hall, just for a few hours to enable voting for those wishing to vote in person? If not there, then perhaps the Community Library, but somewhere a little more central. Not everyone can get to Dene Park. I'm a wheelchair user and I certainly couldn't, even if I wished to.   | Dene Park Community Centre is well located within the polling district it serves.  | No change   |
| 65 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske | HBMO02R | Member of public                             | we have always used a polling station in the village of Great Langton. I understand we are now being combined to used Danby Wiske. Very few residents have the need to go to that village for anything. However nearby Kirby Fleetham is frequented on work routes (access to A1) school or social village hall or pub. it would be FAR MORE convenient for most of us to use Kirby Fleetham. moving us to Danny Wiske would form an obstacle to prevent hard working busy families from casting a vote.   | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirby Fleetham in Future  | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 66 | Skipton & Ripon           | Masham & Fountains               | HRXMSSR | Member of public                             | I wish to object to the proposal to close the Polling Station at the Methodist Chapel at Dallowgill. There is adequate disabled access through the side entrance and adequate, albeit basic, toilet facilities. It is important to communities such as Dallowgill that it retains its own identity - as long as there is a separate Laverton Parish Council there should be at least one Polling Station within the Parish.  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirby Malzeard          |
| 67 | Richmond (Yorks)          | North Richmondshire              | RICR05R | Member of public                             | Village is a good polling station  |  | No change   |
| 68 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                             | I am very disappointed to see you propose closing my local polling station, Low Row Institute and ask you please to reconsider. I further note you propose we vote in Gunnerside which actually has fewer voters - hence it seems a strange choice to close our polling station (I am absolutely NOT asking that you close Gunnerside though. It is really important to me (and people I know in the community) that we have the ability to vote in our village. Not all of us have transport and getting to Gunnerside would not be easy (despite the Little White Bus being a valuable community asset, it is so infrequent that you would have to wait a very long time to return to Low Row - and there isn't really anywhere you can wait in the meantime!) I also see you have our Institute marked as not having disabled access. This is not really accurate. Access is limited and not perfect, but recently installed more shallow steps allow for a ramp to be placed for wheelchair access (which would admittedly require help). I see that you do have other polling stations where access is described as limited (rather than NO - which is how you have categorised Low Row - I would be grateful if you could correct this). In brief, having a polling station in this rural community is important and valued. Please make best endeavours to retain Low Row Institute as a polling station. | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 69 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske | HBMO02R | Member of public                             | The majority, if not all, of the village have a valid reason that often takes them in to Kirby Fleetham. It has the facilities - village hall and an already established Polling Station. Most importantly it is close and a 'reason to go' destination!!! Danby Wiske will have the opposite effect and actively discourage people from voting....  | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirby Fleetham in Future  | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 70 | Thirsk & Malton           | Thornton Dale & Wolds            | RYTDT   | Gerald Bainbridge, Thixendale Parish Council | Status Quo, hence no comments.   |  | No change   |

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| 71 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains                    | HRXMSSR | Member of public                                 | there is good access for wheel chair users   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dalwogill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard           |
| 72 | Richmond (Yorks) | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske      | HBMO02R | Member of public                                 | The proposal suggests that the polling station for Great Langton is to be Danby Wiske Village Hall. I feel we would be better using Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall as the polling station for Great Langton. The reasons being:- The route to Kirkby Fleetham is less convoluted than to Danby Wiske and much more accessible. It is shorter in distance 2 miles, rather than 5 miles to Danby Wiske. It takes 5 minutes to travel by car to Kirkby Fleetham rather than 10 to 15 mins to Danby Wiske. We have more connections and are naturally drawn to Kirkby Fleetham and participate in their activities. We have no connections to Danby Wiske. I am sure that the awkward journey to Danby Wiske may well affect whether people actually vote. I certainly have considered whether I should apply for a postal vote due to the location of Danby Wiske as our current polling station. I hope you will reconsider the proposal for Great Langton   | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirkby Fleetham in Future   | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 73 | Richmond (Yorks) | Romanby                               | HBRY01R | Member of public                                 | Remain perfectly suitable  |  | No change  |
| 74 | Thirsk & Malton  | Sheriff Hutton & Derwent              | RYEJT   | James Johnston, Leavening Parish Council         | This looks relatively straightforward and is an important review to take forward. Our Parish continues to have high participation amongst electors and the Polling Station provision is seen as an important provision for residents and we have had no negative feedback on this in recent years. We are happy with the recommendation for Leavening Parish.  |  | No change  |
| 75 | Richmond (Yorks) | Catterick Village & Brompton-on-Swale | RICA04R | Diane Kirkham, Catterick Parish Council          | The Parish Council think the Booth Memorial Hall is still suitable as the polling station.   |  | No change  |
| 76 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                           | RIHA04R | Member of public                                 | I wish to register my strong objection to the proposal to stop using Low Row Institute as a Polling Station for the larger part of the Melbecks Parish Constituency; and the proposal that the residents of Feetham & Low Row will have to travel to Gunnerside Village Hall to vote in future. In my opinion, this proposed change will effectively disenfranchise a lot of our older residents [myself included] who have to rely on the very limited public transport that we have available in the Upper Dales. It is surely not realistic to suggest that anyone should wait for several hours in Gunnerside before they can make the return journey after having voted? I also wish to point out an apparent contradiction and inconsistency in the consultation document. In particular, I believe that it is misleading in that on Page 50 it states that "The arrangements for Upper Dales division are considered to be satisfactory for electors – notwithstanding the caveat below [about Thoraby Village Hall] - and no changes to the boundaries or polling places are proposed", yet on Page 48 it says that for Low Row Institute [RIHA04R ] the (Acting) Returning Officer Recommendation is to "Merge with RIHA01R. Change polling station to Gunnerside Village Hall" [My emphasis]. I believe that the inclusion of this obvious contradiction is unacceptable and potentially misleading. It would appear that there are several other village Polling Stations in the Richmond Constituency that have smaller or comparable "vote in person" electorates to Low Row [108]. These include: Gunnerside Village Hall [80], Wensley Village Hall [98], and Kirby Sigston Village Hall [99], yet these are not being proposed for merger or closure. In other cases it would appear that some Polling Stations have somewhat larger "vote in person" electorates, but they represent much larger rural areas, so are probably not strictly comparable. These include: Marrick Institute [132], St Mary's Church, Arkengarthdale [141], the Gold | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 77 | Thirsk & Malton  | Hillside & Raskelf                    | HBBA21T | Geoffrey davis, Thornton-Le-Beans Parish Council | We are happy we are retaining our existing arrangements. We would point out that we received notification one week after the consultation started.   |  | No change  |
| 78 | Thirsk & Malton  | Thornton Dale & Wolds                 | RYTET   | Femi Shellard, Weaverthorpe Parish Council       | I am pleased that there aren't any plans to change the Polling Place in Weaverthorpe as the Village Hall is fully accessible.  |  | No change  |
| 79 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                           | RIHA04R | Clir Yvonne Peacock, Upper Dales Division        | Low Row village has an older population and they do not have transport and have limited public transport. Closing low Row will make it more difficult to vote. The village hall has started to update the hall and one of the aims is better access when they can afford I would like you to reconsider closing low row as a polling booth   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |

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| 80 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Nikki Adams, Melbecks Parish Council  | The proposal is to merge the polling station at Low Row Institute with that at Gunnerside Village Hall. Melbecks Parish Council is disappointed about the proposal to close the polling station at Low Row for the following reasons: The reason stated is that there is no disabled access. Work took place to install a ramp at the Institute in previous years, which was passed as being suitable at the time. Although it is not ideal, grant funding has been applied for to renew this ramp in the next phase of renovations which are already underway at the Institute. The few residents who need to use a ramp are currently using postal voting, which can continue until the new ramp is installed. The road between Low Row and Gunnerside is also liable to flooding which at times cuts off this route entirely which would prevent residents from being able to vote. Other Polling Stations also have smaller or comparable "vote in person" electorates. | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 81 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | Boroughbridge & Claro | HRWGHH  | John Goss, Boroughbridge Town Council | The Methodist Church in Boroughbridge is ideal it have a ramp up to the building and a new ramp access into the building . Its in an ideal location in the town. Parking is a bit difficult   |   | No change                              |
| 82 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | A couple of points. Firstly merging with Gunnerside is inconvenient access wise for may residents in Low Row. They would be reliant on other people to ferry them to and from the polling station. Secondly, given the investment and improvements being made to the Low Row Institute it sends out the wrong message that this vital hub of the community is not valued by the local government.   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 83 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | Low Row institute is a Polling Station used by Low Row residents and it is accessible for disabled, although not easy. There are many voters who would be disadvantaged in not having the Institute available for use as a Polling station, and would find it difficult to travel to vote elsewhere   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 84 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | Losing low row as a polling station would be very detrimental to those who cannot travel to gunnerside - especially those who are without transport or who cannot travel. There are many older people in low row who would be affected  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 85 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Richmond              | unknown | Member of public                      | No changes to our polling station, in favour of proposal.   |   | No change                              |
| 86 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | We wish to object re the proposal of stopping using the Low Row Institute as a polling station. We feel this is a real backwards step , as we as residents are currently renovating the hall , spending lots of effort and time to bring this hall back to life and in regular use , taking the polling station away would be incredibly disappointing . We have future plans to make disabled access at the hall . We know parking is limited , however living opposite the hall , we've never experienced any problems. Please reconsider your proposals and keep this facility open for our villagers .  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 87 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | Low Row Institute should remain our polling station. Travelling 3 miles to another village is unnecessary and inconvenient, and would surely reduce voter turnout.  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |
| 88 | Richmond (Yorks)          | Upper Dales           | RIHA04R | Member of public                      | I understand that there is a plan to close Low Row Institute as a polling station. There is minimal public transport available so this closure would severely damage the ability to vote by Low Row residents. Surely policy should be to encourage voting rather than discourage. Thank you.   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row. |

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| 89  | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains       | HRXMSSR  | Geoffrey Lobley, Kirkby Malzeard, Laverton & Dallowgill Parish Council | dallowgill methodist church as disabled access. moving voting to k/m will add to parking problem in street,difficult parking anyway for p/c meetings  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 90  | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains       | HRXMSSR  | Member of public   | why should everything move to k/m   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 91  | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales              | RIHA04R  | Member of public   | I would like to request that the Low Row Polling station be kept open. There is very little transport in Swaledale so without a car it is impossible for some people to vote without considerable inconvenience   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 92  | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales              | RIHA04R  | Member of public   | We already have to go three miles to the Institute in Low Row. Adding a further four, given that my wife and I are pensioners, means we will be unlikely to be able to vote and will be disenfranchised   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 93  | Thirsk & Malton  | Huby & Tollerton         | HBEA09T  | Member of public   | Convenient site, but if there has been rain the pedestrian path outside the Community Centre floods as the pavement has sunk where the road crossing is, making access to the centre difficult on foot.   | Comment about the path is noted and will be considered during election preparations  | No change   |
| 94  | Thirsk & Malton  | Helmsley & Sinnington    | RYFCT    | Member of public   | Happy to continue going to Helmsley to vote   |  | No change   |
| 95  | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales              | RIHA04R  | Member of public   | Please do not close Low Row institute and make us drive 20 mins extra to vote at Gunnerside   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 96  | Thirsk & Malton  | Sheriff Hutton & Derwent | RYQAT    | Member of public   | No changes are proposed for Flaxton - I am content  |  | No change   |
| 97  | Thirsk & Malton  | Hillside & Raskelf       | HBBA01T  | Member of public   | Page 15 of consultation document - says Bagby / Balk are now in Easingwold / Wetherby constituency. Is that current. Parliament website says Bagby is still in Thirsk & Malton. Which is it? Does this mean parts of Bagby are in T&M and others in E&W.  | Out of scope, however Bagby/Balk will remain in Thirsk and Malton constituency and only part of the Hillside & Raskelf division is moving to the new Wetherby & Easingwold constituency  | No change   |
| 98  | Skipton & Ripon  | Bentham & Ingleton       | CRIAC5SR | John Metcalfe, Ingleton Parish Council                                 | There are a number of premises within the Parish of Thornton in Lonsdale which would be suitable for use as a polling station without asking the residents to travel further to vote  | No suitable alternative has been identified during the consultation period.  | Change polling station to Ingleborough Community Centre                                   |
| 99  | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales              | RIHA04R  | Member of public   | Removing Low Row institute from approved venues for polling will create more access issues than it will solve. The institute is in the process of being modernised and is developing not a key community building. People should retain the ability to vote locally. Travel to gunnerside is challenging for many. Other polling stations in the constituency do not have disabled access and are remaining open. I request the institute remains open as a polling station to benefit the community of LowRow. | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 100 | Thirsk & Malton  | Sowerby & Topcliffe      | HBSO05T  | Helen Tomlinson, Community Representative                              | I am concerned that the people of Sowerby Gateway do not have a nearer polling place. It is almost two miles for some voters. There could have been a place at the Hub in Orchid House? This is not accessible for some, there is no transport service and will mean some people walking quite a long way in the dark after work.   |  |   |

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| 101 | Skipton & Ripon      | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR           | Member of public                            | The ease of parking, keeping it local, supporting local buildings that will go to waste if not used,   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 102 | Skipton & Ripon      | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR           | Member of public                            | I would like to support the retention of Greygarth Methodist chapel as a polling station for use by the local community in Dallowgill.                     | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 103 | Skipton & Ripon      | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR           | Member of public                            | I fully support the retention of Greygarth Methodist Chapel Schoolroom as our local Polling Station. Too many services are being removed from rural areas. | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 104 | Selby & Ainsty       | Osgoldcross        | SEWLSSA           | Gillian Ivey, Little Smeaton Parish Council | Yes, the allocated venue for polling station for both Smeaton Villages is acceptable.  |  | No change   |
| 105 | Scarborough & Whitby | Danby & Mulgrave   | SCDISW/<br>SCDJSW | Lythe Parish Council                        | There are no proposed changes to the Lythe Parish area, thus no comments from Lythe Parish Council.  |  | No change   |



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| 106 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | agree with proposal, current facility no disabled access. Postal vote works so well that there should be a push to reduce the excessive number of polling stations   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 107 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | If the Dallowgill station was not used, I would be agreeable to voting in Kirkby Malzeard in person or postal voting. However, we can walk to the Dallowgill location so would prefer to continue to vote there if possible. | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 108 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | Please keep our polling station at the Methodist chapel in Dallow Gill. It serves many residents who may otherwise not vote if they have to travel further including myself.   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |

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| 109 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | The ability to have a polling station in Dallowgill gives us a sense of community which would be lost if we had to vote in Kirkby Malzeard. Not sure I'd bother to vote if I had to drive to Kirkby !  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 110 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | As a resident of Dallowgill, we have had historic changes to our polling stations. This moved from the outdoor centre to the old school room at the Methodist Chaple. Most of the residents who do not wish to have postal votes and prefer to attend a station would be unfairly disadvantaged with the proposed merger with the mechanics institute. It would require a 5 mile drive, increasing traffic congestion as it is too far to walk in unlit streets. It would increase the nuisance to local residents with the limited parking on the Main Street. The merger would further devalue the local amenity for the residents of Dallowgill and Carlesmoor. | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 111 | Richmond (Yorks) | Hipswell & Colburn | RIHI04R | Member of public | This is further to a leaflet from St Martins Parish Council. I live there. The Parish Council is dysfunctional. It has not had an election in many years. It is not democratic. It is badly managed. It is too small to function effectively. The area is effectively a part of Richmond Town and should be merged with that district.   | Out of scope   | No change   |
| 112 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains | HRXMSSR | Member of public | I wish to object to the removal of the Polling Station from the Dallowgill Methodist Chapel. There is no reason to do so. You state that there is no disabled access. This is not true, there is disabled access at the rear of the building. I am not able to drive to Kirkby Malzeard because of medical problems. There are quite a number of elderly residents of this parish who have similar problems. It is very unfair that you are slowly taking away every facility that we have the right to accept in our parish.  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |

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| 113 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains     | HRXMSSR | Member of public | The polling station at local Methodist chapel should not be closed. It is one of very few services the local community receive and is vital for older member#.  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 114 | Thirsk & Malton | Amotherby & Ampleforth | RYAAT   | Member of public | Glad to see we should retain our local station as otherwise I would not have access to vote due to lack of transport  |  | No change   |
| 115 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains     | HRXMSSR | Member of public | This polling station makes voting accessible for people who live in a remote location. Please do not close it.  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 116 | Skipton & Ripon | Masham & Fountains     | HRXMSSR | Member of public | It is proposed to not use the Dallowgill Methodist Chapel and use the Kirkby Malzeard Mechanics Institute instead This is really not acceptable to penalise a rural community like ours by making it less convenient to vote. The records show that the vast majority of eligible voters vote in person at the chapel and the numbers are far greater than other polling stations that you are not closing.   | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 117 | Thirsk & Malton | Sowerby & Topcliffe    | HBSO05T | Member of public | I live on the Sowerby Gateway estate which has developed in size dramatically over the last few years in the amount of people who live here. The only polling station is located nearly 2 miles away from me. I can drive to the polling station but car parking is an issue when I arrive and there are four adults living in my house, each with jobs and we are likely to visit separately, which isn't very good for the local residents near the polling station nor the environment. There are families with children and elderly people also living on the estate who would find two miles just too far to walk and to take a car would be complicated by lack of parking and sheer inconvenience, they may choose to just not vote due to the hassle. The Sowerby Gateway estate is now the size of a small village and with a community hub and various schools near by it seems sensible to operate a further polling station in one of these far more accessible buildings which could easily be accessed on foot. |  |   |

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| 118 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains   | HRXMSSR | Member of public | Hi I would like the polling station at Dallowgill chapel it's easy for the area here rather than travelling to Kirkby malzeard.  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 119 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales          | RIHA04R | Member of public | Currently the majority of Low Row residents are able to walk to the Village Institute in order to vote. If the nearest Polling Station is in Gunnerside it will be necessary to drive there, at a time when, for ecological reasons, we are being encouraged to drive less. Furthermore, there is very limited parking in Gunnerside, and that, coupled with the often challenging road conditions in bad weather, makes it an unattractive alternative for the residents of Low Row and risks reducing voter turnout. | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location  | Retain the polling station at Low Row.  |
| 120 | Richmond (Yorks) | Aiskew & Leeming Bar | HBBE09R | Member of public | No problem.  |  | No change   |
| 121 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains   | HRXMSSR | Member of public | We need to be able to vote at dallowgill chapel as we used to be able  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |
| 122 | Skipton & Ripon  | Masham & Fountains   | HRXMSSR | Member of public | Want to be able at Dallowgill chapel again as we used to be able to  | A member of the Electoral Services Team visited the premises on 9th November to make an assessment and was of the opinion that the building is not suitable for continued use as a polling station. It is accessed by a narrow and uneven dirt and gravel access road. The area outside the polling station is rough and pitted, and there is no level access to the main hall, making it unsuitable for disabled voters. There is level access via a door to the side through the kitchen, but the door is narrow, there is a lip to cross the threshold and there are obstacles preventing easy wheelchair access into the polling station. There are very few residential properties visible from this location and the vast majority of voters would need to drive to this location. There is no street lighting and external lighting at the school room is not the best. Accessing this location in poor weather conditions would be treacherous. For polling staff who would be required to work there for 16 hours on polling day, there is no drinking water and the toilets are in a poor state. | No change from initial recommendation for voters in Dallowgill to vote in Kirkby Malzeard |

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| 123 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | The idea that to close the Low Row Institute and force people to vote in Gunnerside will never work. Firstly, the demographic of residents living in the Low Row area is of people mainly over the age of 65. Public transport is sporadic to say the least, and many residents live in remote locations and would have to travel into Low Row to then catch a small bus into Gunnerside. They will then have to wait possibly several hours to get a bus back to Low Row before making their way home. The assumption that the Low Row Institute does not have suitable wheelchair/disabled access is also totally wrong. The access ramp was altered in 2018 to make access easier, and there is currently a huge renovation project of the Institute taking place which will address any disabled access concerns outside and inside the hall. It is also absurd to make the residential population of Low Row vote in Gunnerside when there is nearly double the amount of residential voters living in Low Row than there are in Gunnerside, which is largely a holiday/second home village. It would also seem that as usual, no one has taken the topography of the dale into consideration when suggesting the closure of the Low Row Polling facility. Adverse weather conditions at all times of the year can make journeys hazardous to say the least. at the best of times. It is becoming difficult enough to get voter percentage up at the best of times, but if local residents are forced to make what is a huge change for them in the Low Row/Feetham area, then they just won't bother to do it. What currently takes a 15 minute trip to vote will become a chore that takes all morning or afternoon and people here simply will not do it. Currently, we have big problems with rural isolation and loneliness, and for many in the outlying and remote farms and areas, voting locally is a chance to catch up with old friends and village life, but this will be denied to them if this change takes place. In a recent visit to the Institute, (27/10/ | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 124 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | It's currently a 1/2 mile walk to the Institute in Low Row to vote. If this is lost I'd have to drive the 3 miles or so to Gunnerside IF the car was available and not away with my wife. There is no scheduled public transport in the evenings when I vote. Lots of people in Low Row do not have their own transport and they would not be able to vote. I strongly object to us losing the facility to vote in Low Row.   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 125 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | This is a bad idea. There is no public transport for people who don't have cars. And there are many elderly people in this area who need to be able to get to a polling station nearby .  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 126 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | Please maintain Low Row Literary Institute as a polling station   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 127 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | I believe the polling station should remain open in Low Row. I cannot see any reasonable argument to close Low Row Institute as a polling station. The idea to merge with Gunnerside is ridiculous, in poor weather conditions fewer people would be able to access Gunnerside to vote, therefore removing a persons right to vote. I also note that other, much smaller communities are to keep their polling stations i.e Thoraby Village Hall siting the reason being there is no alternative. I hope during this review the views of the local community is listened to, locals who know the area and who know the difficulties travelling from Low Row to Gunnerside would incur and that common sense prevails and we can keep our polling station in Low Row and the residents do not have their constitutional and democratic right to vote removed.  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 128 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | Closing Low Row would be a mistake I believe as a number of local residents will not bother going to Gunnerside to vote.  | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 129 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | I strongly believe that Low Row should continue to have its own polling station. People need to have a local station that they can get to easily, preferably on foot. Having to go further away to vote may deter people from turning out to cast their vote which is not good for our democratic system.   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 130 | Richmond (Yorks) | Upper Dales                      | RIHA04R | Member of public                        | By moving the location it makes it much more difficult for older people to get there. The Institute is very local and everyone knows each other and can help. Why move when the hall has just gotten such a lot of work done and we want to use it. Please keep this location as our voting station   | Comments received concerning plans for improving accessibility at the Institute have been noted, and the proposals will be amended to reinstate this location | Retain the polling station at Low Row.   |
| 131 | Thirsk & Malton  | Amotherby & Ampleforth           | RYAAT   | Mrs N Ballard, Amotherby Parish Council | No change needed. Polling station is central to area and accessible.  |   | No change  |
| 132 | Richmond (Yorks) | Morton-on-Swale & Appleton Wiske | HBMO02R | Member of public                        | The Parish meeting wishes it to be known that they would prefer polling to take place at Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall rather than Danby Wiske Village Hall The reasons for this view is that Kirkby Fleetham is closer distance wise to Great Langton than Danby Wiske, access is much easier and it is more convenient in general. Thank you. I hope our views are accepted and acted upon.  | We will amend the proposals so that voters in Great Langton will vote at Kirkby Fleetham in future  | The designated polling station for Great Langton should be changed to Kirkby Fleetham Village Hall |
| 133 | Thirsk & Malton  | Hillside & Raskelf               | HBRA12T | Husthwaite Parish Council               | Happy to use Husthwaite Village Hall which is accessible to all   |   | No change  |

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| 134 | Harrogate & Knaresborough | High Harrogate & Kingsley | HRJAH1H/<br>HRJAH2H | Cllr Chris Aldred, High Harrogate & Kingsley Division | <p>I would like to make 2 proposals to enhance the Voting experience for my Residents.</p> <p>1) Create a New Polling Station for the entirety of HRJAH2H and the bottom half of HRJAH1H (Roads from Rydal Road to Kingsley Road inclusive, downwards to Starbeck) &amp; that Polling Station be situated within STATION VIEW SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME COMMON ROOM. The building is situated on the Railway side of Station View, roughly opposite Harrogate Railway Football Club. The reasoning behind this is;</p> <p>-The Proposed new Polling Station is owned by NYC (legacy from HBC Housing Department) so wouldn't require a Hire Fee for use. There is plenty of On Street Parking available near it.</p> <p>-It is situated within the Ward / Polling District – Starbeck Methodist Church isn't and requires an uphill journey on the busy Knaresborough Road to reach, plus navigating the Railway Line via the Starbeck Level Crossing to do so. This journey is difficult on foot and becoming increasingly more so by Car as well (plus should we be encouraging Car journeys anyway, with our commitment to Carbon Reduction ?)</p> <p>-There has been a big increase in Voters since the 2022 Council Election, with the additional 700 homes being built on the former Kingsley Fields, all of which now form part of this old HBC Polling Division &amp; all of which are located much nearer to this building than Starbeck Methodist Church, which is probably a couple of miles away for some of the new build Voters.</p> <p>I would also propose that the top half of HRJAH1H (Roads from Rydal Road to Granby Road inclusive, upwards to Harrogate) use Christ Church Parish Church as their Polling Station. The reasoning behind this is;</p> <p>-Christ Church is much nearer for ALL RESIDENTS in the top half of this Polling District than Starbeck Methodist Church is. From Rydal Road (furthest point away) it takes perhaps 10 minutes to walk to Christ Church – it would take double that to get to Starbeck Methodist Church and again you would have to negotiate both the busy Knaresborough Road and the Starbeck Level Crossing. Much easier &amp; more pleasant Walking and Cycling Routes exist between these roads and Christchurch Stray.</p> <p>-The Residents in Granby Road can actually see Christ Church Square from their homes .....yet we are sending them all the way down Knaresborough Road and across the Level Crossing to Vote</p> | <p>The polling district boundaries can be altered to facilitate voters in the top half of HRJAH1H voting at Christ Church Parish Hall. The Electoral Services Team contacted staff at the Station View Sheltered Housing scheme to enquire about using their common room as a polling station but were told that would not be possible due to the nature of their service users.</p> | <p>Voters in a redrawn HRJAH1H to vote at Christ Church Parish Hall. Voters in newly drawn HRJAH2H to continue to vote at Starbeck Methodist Church.</p> |
| 135 | Scarborough & Whitby      | Various                   | Various             | J.G. Harston, Whitby Town Council                     | <p>Submission focussed on the naming of polling districts in the Scarborough &amp; Whitby constituency</p>  | <p>Suggested name changes have been agreed as per proposal in the main. We disagree with the proposal to retain two polling districts in Scalby as the numbers of polling station voters will not exceed Electoral Commission guidance if merged.</p>  | <p>No change to polling districts, polling districts to be renamed as per the submission with the exception of Sleights.</p>                             |