

Appendix C – Responses received during the consultation period - Monday 5 August 2019 to Monday 2 September 2019. Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019

'I support your proposals for Old Coulsdon.'

Cllr Margaret Bird
Old Coulsdon

'I am happy to support the proposed change.'

Councillor Steve Hollands
Old Coulsdon

'Can we look at the polling station for Ross Rd SE25 and surrounding area, it used to be at Spurgeons College, South Norwood Hill. it is now miles away at the bottom of Mersham Road. This is too far for those with no transport, plus there is no public transport serving that area.'

Councillor Karen Jewitt
Thornton Heath Ward

'I would like to register my opposition to schools being used as polling stations forcing their closure for the day. We stress to parents the importance of attendance, and then tell them that we have to close the school for polling. Polling is also very close to our sats week, again we are judged on children's performance but forced to close a matter of days before. It seems government policies and local council actions leave my school between a rock and hard place.'

J Botley

'I would like to request that all polling stations in schools be moved to other venues e.g. church halls, leisure centres and youth clubs. This is because it creates problems for working parents to find adequate childcare. Parents can be fined if they take their child out of school for unauthorised purposes as it means they are missing out on education but it appears to be deemed fine to do so for an election. I always vote and encourage others to do so but I think children should be able to go to school on that day.'

E Ojori

'Ward boundaries with respect to Addiscombe East (ADE4) and Shirley North (SHN6). I fail to see any reason why Glenthorne Avenue and Shirley Park Road were removed from Addiscombe East ward (ADE4) and placed in Shirley North (SHN6). Glenthorne Avenue and Shirley Park Road are geographically local to

Addiscombe not Shirley. Currently, the average number of electors in ADE1 to 3 is 2396, but ADE4 has only 755 electors while Shirley SHN6 has 1965. The previous rebalancing made no sense so I am suggesting a reversal of the last change while this is still possible.'

N Rothon

'There was some concern regarding the polling station for POR4. Previously it had been in St Edmunds Church Hall but was moved to Riddlesdown Tennis Club in the last review, taking it further away from the centre of the polling district. For residents living in the south of the PD, i.e. Honister Heights, this is a 35 minute round trip up and down a steep hill – adding an extra 10 minutes.'

Cllr Helen Redfern

Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown Ward

'Can I please ask that all of Avondale Road and Avon Path be moved into SCN6 - it is currently unnatural that the road is split in half.'

I Parker

'I would agree with moving that part of Avondale Road and Avon Path and Haling Park Road from SCN5 to SCN6. I do also think it would make sense for Purley Road, Wyche Grove, Brantwood, Kensington Terrace and that part of Sanderstead Road to move from SCN6 to SCN5. The distance to the polling station would be little different and would actually be more convenient being on the same side of the road. Brantwood Road is actually one block of flats that sits towards the middle of the path to the side of South Croydon Rec. May I also suggest that the bottom end of Croham Manor Road and Regents Close move from SCN3 to SCN4 as this makes little sense geographically or administratively and causes confusion where neighbours go to different polling stations.'

Cllr Jason Perry

South Croydon Ward

'Very disappointing that we are unable to vote at St George's Centre, Barrow Road. Going down to the Leisure Centre is not convenient for many people in Waddon, as transport is difficult, and for many there is no reason to go in that direction. Our elderly residents will have difficulty, makes us wonder what the true motive is? Another point is that the facilities for the staff are much better at St George's with free access to a fully fitted kitchen, good toilet facilities and space, people can even have a seat while waiting. It would have been better as your not using St George's to pass us on to Aerodrome School, which is a clearly better local space.'

P Vowles