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Aveley & Uplands		
Cllr Pearce		Conservative association response
Cllr W Herd		Conservative association response
Cllr Ray		No issues
Belhus		
Cllr C Curtis		x
Cllr S Gray		I would like to support Cllr Curtis with the need for a polling station to the centre of the Belhus residents needs. Chestnut Farm would be an ideal place to use the toilet and maybe have a rest after voting in the café before returning home again. I hope Foxglove Road can be used to place the portacabin.
Election Officer	Thurrock Garden Centre	The Garden Centre is considering the ongoing use as a polling station and will confirm shortly. 28/11/2013 - Garden Centre confirmed (by telephone) that they will not permit the use of the site as May is their busiest time and due to negative publicity received at the last election
Cllr W Curtis	Thurrock Garden Centre	complaint received from Ward Member saying that the venue was not 100% DDA accessible as electors were required to walk through the shop and the quality of the ramp fitted to the portacabin was reported as a problem. Electoral Services have not received any complaints directly from electors. The garden centre provides the portacabin and access to the site free of charge whilst the ramp is provided and fitted by Portacabin and is DDA compliant.
Cllr W Curtis	Thurrock Garden Centre	I had several residents who were not at all happy with the location of this polling station. Several of the residents lived in the Cullen Square and Cruick Avenue area. The Polling station is a good distance from their properties. Many of the elder residents like to take their vote to the Polling Booth rather than have a postal vote. I cannot understand why a booth could not be set up in the Foxglove Bridge area. Bearing in mind it is a portacabin based in the Thurrock Garden Centre. Toilet facilities are an issue. I am sure that Chestnut Farm would accommodate and allow use of their public toilet.
Election Officer	Culver Centre	The South Ockendon Youth Centre has been used for polling in the Belhus Ward (F - Culverhouse). The Youth Centre is located within the Culver Centre. This building will be available as a polling station in 2014 but it is highly unlikely to be available for elections held in 2015. A new location for polling will be required. UPDATE: The Returning Officer considers the Youth Centre to be a suitable location for 2014 but is keen to identify suitable alternative locations within the polling district for 2015.
Conservative Party / MPs		SUMMARY OF RESPONSE - agree with the location of the Thurrock Garden Centre as a polling station and offers alternative to Culver Centre as the Holy Cross School or Shaw School
Election Officer	Tamarisk Road, Scout Hall	Visited this venue - it is a suitable hall in terms of size and access if required, even though it is not centrally located.
Chadwell St Mary		
Cllr Fish		satisfied with current polling arrangements
Cllr B Rice		x
Cllr G Rice		satisfied with current polling arrangements
Conservative Party / MPs		Polling District H - object to the non central location, suggest Greyhound Pub or community centre. Polling Districts I,J,K - no obvious objections but would consider alternative
Chafford & North Stifford		
Cllr Hague		Cllr Hague and I have discussed this in relation to the siting of polling stations across Chafford and North Stifford ward. Specifically, where L is concerned, we agree that this is a central and most suitable location. With regard to M, we do not believe that this location is at all good. It is on the extreme edge of the district. Historically, turnout is generally low despite being the largest polling district and we believe that the siting of the station is likely to be a significant contributory factor. In simple terms we strongly support that this station should be moved ideally to a more centrally located portacabin. If this is not possible we would support moving the station to a westerly point towards the gorge, either the Beacon church or the Essex

Cllr Wootton
Conservative Party / MPs
wildfire centre. As many residents are commuters, this location is likely to benefit from the increased footfall from the station, buses, Armada shops, doctors surgery etc. Although N is technically just outside of the district, this is not of significant concern. That said, a station in Tudor Court school would be preferable as this is a more central location within the area.
comments as per ward councillors Hague and Wootton

Corringham & Fobbing

Election Officer Pegasus Club
Cllr Coxshall
Cllr Roast
Conservative party response
Cllr P Smith Thurrock Christian Fellowship Centre
The future of the Pegasus Club is uncertain and a booking cannot be confirmed. Corringham County School is the alternative venue. A provisional booking has been agreed by the Election team
no individual response received / response as per conservative party
response as per Conservative Party
Polling District O - polling station outside ward is undesirable and necessitates a portacabin solution. Polling District P - Would prefer to use Pegasus Club or suggest use of Corringham Evangelical Church on Fobbing Road.
concerned that the Centre is outside of Corringham & Fobbing ward and located within Stanford East & Corringham Town ward but recognises the necessity

East Tilbury

Cllr Palmer
Cllr Purkiss
Conservative party response
no problems with existing polling stations
no problems with the Polling Stations in my ward and feel sure the residents have no issues either
note the locations are not central to the district and would consider any other suggestions.

Grays Riverside

Conservative party response
Cllr J Kent
Cllr M Healy
Cllr V Morris-Cook
Polling Districts U and V - no comments on polling stations. Polling District W, propose splitting polling district into 2
x
satisfied with current polling arrangements
x

Grays Thurrock

Conservative party response
Cllr Gupta
Cllr C Kent
Cllr Stone
Polling district X and Y - no major comments. Polling district Z - strong objection to non-central location and suggest a polling station in Palmers Avenue area, with a portacabin if necessary
satisfied with current polling arrangements
x
no comments to make re polling stations

Little Thurrock Blackshots

Conservative party response
Cllr Maney
Cllr Redsell
polling stations are accessible and sufficiently centrally located as to not warrant changing at this time. Preference to avoid schools but this must not be at the expense of restricting easy access.
I have no objections given that there are to be no changes. I understand that both polling stations are in schools but feel there are no other suitable venues at this stage.
by telephone - satisfied with current arrangements but note that polling does take place in schools

Little Thurrock Rectory

Conservative party response
Response as per Cllr Gledhill

Cllr Gledhill		The only issues I can think of is parking for disabled residents at the spiritualist church, but in 4 elections I have only had 3 or 4 comments that people could not get in. The use of the Tyrells Hall Club seems to have gone down well with easy access and parking. The only other comments I have had is that both sites are at the southern end of both wards meaning long walks for those at the top of the polling districts. The only remedy for this would be to put one in Little Thurrock School and find a location for a mobile site half way up Rectory Road. Neither of these are really suitable as they would be adding cost and inconvenience to the school.
Cllr Kelly		Conservative association response
Elector comment	Tyrells Hall	n/a

Ockendon

Conservative party response		comments as per Cllrs Carr and Johnson. Additionally, Polling District AG2, Belhus Village Hall - unlikely to be a future election in November and do not consider the heating in the hall a major consideration
Cllr Johnson	Brandon Groves Community Centre	aware of lack of heating and concerned for staff but facilities are good for public and no suitable alternatives
Cllr Johnson	Belhus Village Hall	no complaints received, would consider the community hub as an alternative Ok thanks although i agree that the heating MUST be sorted i am sure that now we know the stand alone heaters will be provided, which removes the need for using the sockets. I would therefore like to put on record that i would be against moving this polling station as long as the staff have heating and lighting. As stated earlier it is a well supported polling station which is somewhat of a rarity in Thurrock
Cllr Carr	Brandon Groves Community Centre	agrees with Cllr Johnson
Cllr Carr	Belhus Village Hall	agrees with Cllr Johnson
Cllr A Kiely		x
Cllr W Curtis	Brandon Groves Community Centre	complaint received re lack of heating and working electric sockets for heaters

Orsett

Conservative party response		stations are accessible and sufficiently centrally located
Cllr S Little		telephone called - satisfied with current arrangements
Cllr Revell		no comments to make or changes to suggest

Stanford East & Corringham Town

Conservative party response		Polling District AN - move to a more central and accessible location - Abbots Hall school or similar. AO and AP- polling stations suitable
Cllr P Smith		satisfied with polling stations in ward, concerns with Thurrock Christian Fellowship Centre location (see Corringham & Fobbing ward comments)
Cllr Anderson		Conservative association response
Cllr Speight		Conservative association response

Stanford le Hope West

Conservative party response		Polling Districts AQ and AR - no specific comments and accessible stations. Polling District AS- suggest moving Hardie Road into AR. AS polling station should be moved to Hassenbrook School.
Cllr Hipsey		satisfied with current polling arrangements and DDA compliance
Cllr Hebb		no issues with existing polling arrangements

The Homesteads

Conservative party response		Polling District AV - no change suggested. Polling Districts AW, AX and AY - suggest locating the portacabins more centrally
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Cllr Halden		no individual response received / response as per conservative party
Cllr Tolson		Kenneth gardens too congested. Suggest Gardner Ave have 2 portacabins for different parts of the ward. Also suggest the "new hall" at Gable Hall school and they also have a further outside accessible hall.
Cllr S MacPherson		Conservative association response

Tilbury Riverside & Thurrock Park

Conservative party response		polling stations are accessible and sufficiently centrally located - no change suggested
Cllr Okunade		x
Cllr Baldwin		x

Tilbury St Chads

Conservative party response		note existing location is not central to district and would welcome suggestions, no obvious locations
Cllr Liddiard		would prefer Tilbury Riverside Centre and the Anchor pub - more central locations
Cllr Worrall		x

Stifford Clays

Conservative party response		Polling District AT- no change to polling suggested. Polling District AU - polling station is unacceptable and suggest Seventh Day Adventist Church on Chestnut Road.
Cllr A Gaywood		no comments received regarding existing polling stations, concerned with suggested use of Elizabeth Gardens, the care needs of the residents and the effect of strangers in the building: 26/11 suggested use of the school, if the school did not shut
Cllr S Shinnick		x
Election Officer	Stifford Clays Primary School	The school has indicated that they will need to shut for polling day - this option was not considered further
Election Officer	Elizabeth Gardens	response received from Hanover Housing -the building has no suitable rooms, the communal area is not suitable and the restaurant needs to be available to residents as they pay for the service. They cannot permit the use of the complex

South Chafford

Conservative party response		polling stations accessible and centrally located. Would consider suggestion to centralise AL polling station
Cllr Key		no individual response received/ response as per conservative party
Cllr Ojetola		response as per conservative party / mp
Election Officer	Harris Academy	dialogue with the Academy who do not wish the venue to be used as they are full to capacity. The RO is entitled to request a room in the school for polling; this applies equally to academies who have been in receipt of public funds. Ongoing discussions

West Thurrock & South Stifford

Conservative party response		Polling District BE - not suitable due to the changes in layout of the district - suggest moving to London Road. Polling District BF - no change required. Polling District BG - object to non central location and suggest West Thurrock School. BH note the location is not central and would welcome any suggestions
Cllr Smith		no concerns with polling arrangements
Cllr Gerrish		no concerns with polling arrangements
Cllr Holloway		x

Additional

Stephen Metcalfe MP		agreed that the local councillors would comment
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