

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

From: Joint Strategic Director (Corporate)	Report Number: L116
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POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES REVIEW 2011

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To obtain the approval of proposals for the amendment of polling districts and polling places following the latest statutory review.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the electors of Aldham and Boxted be consulted on the suggestion that the provision of separate polling facilities in those villages should be discontinued.
- 2.2 That subject to the consideration of any objections that may be received and to a subsequent equality analysis relating to the proposals referred to above, the schedule of polling districts and places set out in Appendix 1 to this report be approved.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The provision of an additional three separate polling stations, as recommended in Great Cornard, would involve additional expenditure of approximately £500 at contested elections, whilst ceasing to provide polling stations in Aldham and Boxted would save about £900. Potentially therefore, the proposed changes might result in an overall saving of around £400 at a fully contested election.

4. Risk Management

- 4.1 This report is most closely linked with the Council's Corporate / Significant Business Risk No. 4 - Capacity. Key risks are set out below:

Risk Description	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigation Measures
Polling stations do not meet minimum standards or reasonable needs of electors	Low	Marginal	The Council continues to consult widely and keep the provision under review

5. Consultations

- 5.1 Consultations have been undertaken with the Returning Officer, the Member of Parliament, all Parish and Town Councils and Parish Meetings in the area, District and County Councillors, political parties and Optua, which provides a range of services for disabled people across Suffolk.

6. Equality Analysis

- 6.1 An Equality Analysis has been undertaken. The purpose of requiring that polling places be kept under review is to ensure that all electors continue to have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in all the circumstances and that, in so far as is practicable, the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled. In carrying out the review the Council must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

7. Shared Service / Partnership Implications

- 7.1 None

8. Key Information

- 8.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires that the Council divide its area into polling districts and designate a polling place for each district. It must also keep the arrangements under review. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 changed the way that reviews are conducted. Most importantly, a full review has to be undertaken every four years.
- 8.2 The current review is the second carried out under these procedures and was conducted in two stages. In mid-July public notice was given of its commencement and a schedule of the existing polling districts and polling places was published. Some issues that had been identified since the last review were also highlighted at that time. These included comments from members of the public that –
- There was no need for a separate polling station to be provided in Boxted and, in a time of austerity, its provision should cease
 - The polling station at The Granary in Quay Lane, Sudbury is a long way for voters from the Cat's Lane/Lucas Road/Hillside Road area to walk
 - The St. Mary's School Nursery, which is used as a polling station for Hadleigh South, is difficult to access for an elderly person pushing a wheelchair.
- 8.3 It was also pointed out at that time that it had been suggested that it was inconvenient for some voters in the North ward of Great Cornard to make the journey to the Stevenson Centre (which is currently designated as the polling place for both the North and South wards) by car. In addition, at the 2011 elections and referendum it had been necessary to alter the arrangements for voters of the East End area of East Bergholt as The Grange Country Park had changed ownership between the date of booking the premises and polling day and, as a consequence, the General Stores building, which had been used as the polling station on the site, was not - and would not in the future be - available for that use.
- 8.4 The vast majority of observations received during the initial consultation period were from parish councils and ward councillors expressing satisfaction with the existing arrangements, but the following comments were also received –

- The Returning Officer indicated that –
 - a) In relation to the polling station for voters at **East End**, East Bergholt, the use of the Clubhouse was unsatisfactory since, although the premises were fully accessible and wholly adequate, the building is located a considerable walking distance down a track at the northern end of The Grange Country Park site. The majority of the 344 electors of East End live in the Broom Knoll area, which is roughly the same distance from the Methodist Church in Gravel Pit Lane in the neighbouring parish of Brantham, as it is from The Grange. However, the roads to the Methodist Church are better, East End Lane in particular being narrow and without a path on either side. On balance, it is recommended that the Methodist Church be used instead of The Grange, although it is recognised that this could provoke a call for additional polling facilities for voters in Brantham, particularly from those who actually live in Gravel Pit Lane and will have to pass the polling station on their way to vote at the Village Hall.
 - b) In relation to the polling station at **Boxted**, the village has had its own separate polling station for many years. There are 94 electors in Boxted, about a quarter of whom are registered to vote by post. At the last elections 35 electors voted at the polling station at The Studio, Street Farm Barn, which is not accessible for wheelchair users. The nearest alternative is approximately 1.5 miles away. It is suggested that the electors of Boxted be consulted on a proposal to cease providing a separate polling station in Boxted.
 - c) A similar situation exists in **Aldham** where a caravan is stationed for the use of 160 electors. 76 voters (47.5%) used the polling station at the most recent elections but it is not of the required standard in so far as its accessibility for voters with disabilities is concerned. The nearest alternative, fully accessible premises is the Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall, which is 1.5 miles away. The Council may wish to consider consulting electors on the removal of separate polling facilities in Aldham.
- Detailed comments were made by Councillors Riley and Grandon regarding the polling stations in **Hadleigh**, which were generally supportive of the current arrangements. Hadleigh Town Council had suggested possible alternative premises, including the Seminar Suite above Hadleigh Library, other rooms at the Town Hall complex and the Ansell Centre. The Returning Officer's view is that any premises used as a polling station should be on the ground floor while the availability of parking in or around the Town Hall would be a potential problem if electors from both Hadleigh North and Hadleigh South voted at the Town Hall or nearby. It was pointed out that, although the Nursery at St. Mary's School is relatively small, it has not experienced a problem with overcrowding. Moreover, it is fully accessible and benefits from very good parking facilities nearby. Work has recently started on a Hadleigh Community Facility adjacent to the Swimming Pool which is likely to afford another option for polling facilities in the immediate vicinity of the current polling station. Until such time as that building is operational, the Returning Officer supports the retention of the existing arrangements.

- Great Cornard Parish Council indicated that it would prefer there to be two separate polling stations in both the North and South wards of **Great Cornard** and suggested Pot Kiln School as a possible additional polling station for electors in the North ward, and the Wells Hall Old School and the new Rugby Club premises in Spicer Way for the South ward.
 - a) Both Pot Kiln School and Wells Hall Old School were used as polling stations prior to 2007 when the Parish Council had asked that all the polling stations for both the North and South wards be located at The Stevenson Centre. The facilities at both are adequate and access to the Pot Kiln School will be significantly improved when a new access from Poplar Road is constructed next year. The Returning Officer supports the proposed use of Pot Kiln School as a polling station to serve a polling district of the North ward of Great Cornard containing the area north of a line formed by Church Road, Pot Kiln Road and Raydon Way. This would place around 2,100 electors at the school with 1,300 remaining at The Stevenson Centre. There are no scheduled elections until November 2012 by which time the new access road to the school should have been completed.
 - b) In relation to the proposed polling places for the South ward, the Returning Officer supports the proposals but has pointed out that the only logical drawing of the boundaries for the polling district served by a polling station at the Rugby Club would mean that, currently, only 500 electors would vote there. This figure would increase as more properties in the immediate area were occupied. In order to implement the Parish Council's request, a new polling district would need to be created containing the roads and properties south of Head Lane west of the Great Cornard Upper School and stretching to the southern boundary of the ward with the civil parish of Little Cornard
- Sudbury Town Council commented on the voting facilities for electors of the **Sudbury South** ward and, in particular, those living in the existing "Quay" polling district (DE). The Town Council suggested that an additional polling station be provided "due to there not being a polling station between Cat's Lane and The Granary in Quay Lane". There are, however, already 3 polling stations in Sudbury South ward, which should be sufficient for the 3,500 electors, while the convenience for voters will depend upon the location of the polling station and the shape and size of the polling district that it serves. The Town Council suggested the Kingfisher Leisure Centre, Belle Vue House or the LEAP Centre in Cornard Road as possible additional polling stations to The Granary, which is at the south-western extremity of the existing "Quay" polling district. Investigations have since revealed that, following the commencement of work to create a children's soft play area, there is no available space at the Kingfisher Leisure Centre. Also, Belle Vue House suffers from access difficulties. The LEAP Centre, on the other hand, is a modern facility that has no such problems and the Returning Officer has suggested that it should replace The Granary as the designated polling place. Councillor Bennett responded to the consultation expressing reservations about the convenience of the LEAP Centre for residents of the town centre and it would be opportune also to re-draw the polling district boundaries to tackle that issue. It is suggested that those voters currently in the "Quay" polling district but who live in the area bounded by Quay Lane, the south side of Friars Street from Quay Lane to Station Road, the south side of Station

Road from Friars Street to Meadow Lane, the west side of Meadow Lane from Station Road to Bullocks Lane and eastwards along Bullocks Lane and the footpath across Friar's Meadow to the boundary with the civil parish of Great Cornard should be transferred to the "Bridge" polling district, the polling station for which is the Nursery at St. Gregory's School. A polling district containing around 700 electors would then be served by a polling station centrally located at the LEAP Centre in Cornard Road and 300 voters would be transferred to vote at St. Gregory's School. It would, however, also be necessary to re-name the remainder of the former "Quay" polling district and it is suggested that "Station" would be an appropriate title. The proposal is illustrated on the map at Appendix 2.

8.5 Optua declined to comment on particular arrangements but replied to the consultation on the review undertaken in 2007 in general terms. Those comments are likely to be equally relevant now –

- Polling stations should be located in buildings that are accessible. In choosing which buildings to hire...the owners should be able to satisfy the Council that their building is accessible
- If you are reducing the number of urban polling stations, those left will require commensurately better facilities as the throughput of disabled voters will be greater
- Venues should have either on-site car parking, including space for "blue badge" holders, or safe dropping off points where there is no parking.

8.6 In addition to those in the paragraph above, other general principles adopted for the review were, as far as possible, to ensure that –

- All electors have such reasonable facilities for voting in all the circumstances
- Every polling place is located in its own polling district
- No polling place is shared by two wards
- "Natural" boundaries should be used, e.g. the line of rivers, railways or the centre line of roads
- Polling places are logical, i.e. electors should not have to pass one polling station in order to get to their own

8.8 Stage Two of the proposals setting out the amended proposals in the light of the comments received was carried out during October involving the same consultees. The only new observation received at this stage concerned Boxted, where the Parish Meeting on 12 October resolved to agree with the suggestion that a separate polling station for Boxted be no longer provided and that residents of Boxted should in future use the facilities at the Boxted and Hartest Village Institute.

8.9 Before removing any facilities it would be appropriate to inform voters individually of any proposed changes. It is therefore recommended that the residents of Aldham and Boxted be consulted and that, subject to consideration of any objections that may be received to the proposals for Aldham and Boxted, the schedule of polling districts and polling places set out in the attached schedule (Appendix 1) be approved.

Appendices

Title	Location
(a) Appendix 1 – Schedule of Polling Districts and Places	Attached
(b) Appendix 2 – Map showing proposed new polling districts in Sudbury South	Attached

9. Background Documents

Relevant correspondence, including emails on Electoral Services file.

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BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL
Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places – 2011 Review

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
ALTON	Brantham	AL	The Civil Parish of Brantham	Village Hall, New Village, Brantham, CO11 IRL
	Stutton	CY	The Civil Parish of Stutton	Community Hall, Manningtree Road, Stutton, IP9 2TA
	Tattingstone	DH	The Civil Parish of Tattingstone	Village Hall, School Road, Tattingstone, IP9 2NA
BERNERS	Arwarton	AD	The Civil Parish of Arwarton	Village Hall, The Street, Shotley, IP9 1NL
	Chelmondiston	AT	The Civil Parish of Chelmondiston	Village Hall, Main Road, Chelmondiston, IP9 1HS
	Freston	BG	The Civil Parish of Freston	Village Hall, Freston Street, Freston, IP9 1AH
	Shotley	CR	The Civil Parish of Shotley	Village Hall, The Street, Shotley, IP9 1NL
	Woolverstone	DS	The Civil Parish of Woolverstone	The Berners Hall, Main Road, Woolverstone, IP9 1AR
BOXFORD	Boxford	AJ	The Civil Parish of Boxford	Village Hall, Stone Street Road, Boxford CO10 5JT
	Edwardstone	BE	The Civil Parish of Edwardstone	Parish Hall, School Green, Edwardstone, CO10 5PJ
	Groton	BJ	The Civil Parish of Groton	Village Hall, Broad Street, Groton, CO10 5EL
	Lindsey	CB	The Civil Parish of Lindsey	Village Hall, Church Road, Lindsey, IP7 6PS
	Milden	CD	The Civil Parish of Milden	The Pavilion and Village Hall, Church Road, Milden, IP7 6PS
	BRETT VALE	Bildeston	AH	The Civil Parish of Bildeston
Brettenham		AN	The Civil Parish of Brettenham	Village Hall, The Street, Brettenham, IP7 7QP
Hitcham		BR	The Civil Parish of Hitcham	Hitcham Village Hall, The Causeway, Hitcham, IP7 7NE

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	Wattisham	DK	The Civil Parish of Wattisham	Room at Mapledown, The Green, Bildeston Road, Wattisham, IP7 7JX
BROOK	Belstead	AF	The Civil Parish of Belstead	Village Hall, Grove Hill, Belstead, IP8 3LU
	Burstall	AQ	The Civil Parish of Burstall	Cranfield Memorial Hall, The Street, Burstall, IP8 3DR
	Chattisham	AS	The Chattisham ward of the Civil Parish of Chattisham and Hintlesham	Community Hall, Timperleys, Hintlesham, IP8 3PS
	Copdock and Washbrook	AY	The Civil Parish of Copdock and Washbrook	Village Hall, London Road, Copdock, IP8 3JN
	Hintlesham	BQ	The Hintlesham ward of the Civil Parish of Chattisham and Hintlesham	Community Hall, Timperleys, Hintlesham, IP8 3PS
	Sproughton	CT	The Civil Parish of Sproughton	Tithe Barn, Lower Street, Sproughton, IP8 3AA
	Wherstead	DR	The Civil Parish of Wherstead	Village Hall, off The Street, Wherstead, IP9 2AH
BURES ST. MARY	Bures St. Mary	AP	The Civil Parish of Bures St. Mary	Village Hall, Nayland Road, Bures St. Mary, CO8 5BX
	Little Cornard	BB	The Civil Parish of Little Cornard	Village Hall, Spout Lane, Little Cornard, CO10 0NX
	Newton	CH	The Civil Parish of Newton	Village Hall, Off Sudbury Road, Newton, CO10 0QS
CHADACRE	Boxted	AK	The Civil Parish of Boxted	Boxted and Hartest Village Institute, Somerton Road, Hartest, IP29 4DH
	Hartest	BN	The Civil Parish of Hartest	Boxted and Hartest Village Institute, Somerton Road, Hartest, IP29 4DH
	Lawshall	BY	The Civil Parish of Lawshall	Village Hall, Harrow Green, Lawshall, IP29 4PE
	Shimpling	CQ	The Civil Parish of Shimpling	Village Hall, The Street, Shimpling, IP29 4HS

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	Somerton	CS	The Civil Parish of Somerton	Boxted and Hartest Village Institute, Somerton Road, Hartest, IP29 4DH
DODNASH	Bentley	AG	The Civil Parish of Bentley	Village Hall, Capel Road, Bentley, IP9 2BL
	East Bergholt (East)	BC	That part of the Civil Parish of East Bergholt generally north and/or east of the line formed by Slough Road, the track that leads east to west from Sandy Lane to Martin's House, East End Road, East End Road itself, eastwards to the track to Meadow Cottages opposite Home Farm, northwards along that track and the path beyond Meadow Cottages that joins the track serving Elm Farm; thence eastwards as far as the junction with the track leading from East End Road to Norton's Barn at the point where it intersects the unmade path that runs north-eastwards from the southern end of Putticks Lane, from there eastwards to the footbridge over Stutton Brook which is the point at which the line again meets the Civil Parish boundary.	Brantham Methodist Church, 16 Gravel Pit Lane, Brantham, CO11 1NX
	East Bergholt (West)	BD	The remainder of the Civil Parish of East Bergholt not included in the area described above.	The Lambe School, Gaston Street, East Bergholt, CO7 6SD
GLEMSFORD & STANSTEAD	Glemsford	BH	The Civil Parish of Glemsford	Village Hall, Tye Green, Glemsford, CO10 7RH
	Stanstead	CV	The Civil Parish of Stanstead	Community Centre, The Hill, Stanstead, CO10 9AP

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GREAT CORNARD (NORTH) ¹	Great Cornard North (St. Andrew's)	AZ1	That part of the North ward north of a line extending westwards along the centre of Raydon Way from its junction with Shawlands Avenue to its junction with Pot Kiln Road, thence westwards along the centre line of Pot Kiln Road to the junction with Church Road and westwards along the centre of Church Road to the junction with Bures Road; from there continuing in a westward direction to the River Stour traversing Bures Road in a straight line south of the War Memorial and no. 56 Bures Road.	Pot Kiln Primary School, Butt Road Great Cornard, CO10 0DS
	Great Cornard North (Recreation Ground)	AZ2	The remaining part of the North Ward located south of the line described above	The Stevenson Centre, Stevenson Approach, Broom Street, Great Cornard, CO10 0JT
GREAT CORNARD (SOUTH) ²	Great Cornard South (Rugby Club)	BA1	That part of the South Ward enclosed (to the south and west) by the line of the boundary between the North and South wards from the River Stour to Mill Tye, southwards along Bures Road, and eastwards along Head Lane as far as the path running between nos. 38 and 40 Head Lane, from there southwards along that path lying west of the Upper School to a point south of no. 10 Moorsfield and westwards to the path that runs from north to south to the north-west corner of the Rugby Club premises, eastwards then southwards following the perimeter of the Rugby Club to its south-east corner and, from there, continuing in a straight line to the boundary with the civil parish of Little Cornard at Blackhouse Lane.	Sudbury Rugby Club, Whittome Field, Spicer Way, Great Cornard, CO10 0GB

¹ That part of the parish south of Newton Road and Cat's Lane and north of the line running east from the River Stour through the Mill Stream at Cornard Mill, eastwards along the centre line of Mill Tye to the junction with Bures Road, then southwards along Bures Road to the junction with Head Lane; thence eastwards along the centre line of Head Lane and Canhams Road to the junction of Canhams Road with The Drift; from there, northwards along the line formed by The Drift and Hartest Way to the junction of Hartest Way with Pot Kiln Road; thence eastwards along the centre line of Pot Kiln Road as far as its junction with Raydon Way and eastwards along the middle of Raydon Way to its junction with Shawlands Avenue and then northwards along the centre line of Shawlands Avenue to the parish boundary at the junction with Newton Road.

² The remainder of the civil parish of Great Cornard south of the line described above.

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	Great Cornard South (Park)	BA2	The remainder of the South Ward not included in BA1 above that lies to the east of the line described between Blackhouse Lane and Head Lane.	Wells Hall Old School, Wells Hall Road, Great Cornard, CO10 0NH
HADLEIGH NORTH	Hadleigh (North Ward)	BK	That part of the civil parish of Hadleigh located north of the line formed by Holbecks Lane at the point where it intersects the parish boundary eastwards along its centre line, over Toppesfield Bridge and then northwards and eastwards along the centre of Duke Street to its junction with High Street; thence northwards along the centre line of High Street to the junction with George Street, and thence generally eastwards along George Street, Frog Hall Lane, Pond Hall Road, Valley Farm Lane and the A1071 to the point where it again meets the parish boundary.	Town Hall, Market Place, Hadleigh, IP7 5DN
HADLEIGH SOUTH	Hadleigh (South Ward)	BL	That part of the civil parish of Hadleigh south of the line described above.	St Mary's School Nursery, Stonehouse Road, Hadleigh, IP7 5BH With effect from November 2012, subject to its suitability, the polling place will be re-designated as the Hadleigh Community Room, Stonehouse Road, Hadleigh, IP7 5BH
HOLBROOK	Harkstead	BM	The Civil Parish of Harkstead	Village Hall, Church Lane, Harkstead, IP9 1DG
	Holbrook	BS	The Civil Parish of Holbrook	Village Hall, The Street, Holbrook, IP9 2PZ
LAVENHAM	Lavenham	BX	The Civil Parish of Lavenham	Village Hall, Church Street, Lavenham, CO10 9SA
LEAVENHEATH	Assington	AE	The Civil Parish of Assington	Village Hall, The Street, Assington, CO10 5LW
	Leavenheath	CA	The Civil Parish of Leavenheath	Village Hall, Wrights Way, Leavenheath, CO6 4UU

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LONG MELFORD	Alpheton	AC	The Civil Parish of Alpheton	Village Hall, Old Bury Road, Alpheton, CO10 9BT
	Long Melford	CC	The Civil Parish of Long Melford	Old School, The Green, Long Melford, CO10 9DX
LOWER BRETT	Higham	BP	The Civil Parish of Higham	The Old Vicarage, Higham Road, Higham, CO7 6JY
	Layham	BZ	The Civil Parish of Layham	Village Hall, Church Lane, Lower Layham, IP7 5LZ
	Polstead	CK	The Civil Parish of Polstead	Village Hall, Polstead Green, CO6 5AN
	Raydon	CM	The Civil Parish of Raydon	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Raydon, IP7 5LH
	Shelley	CP	The Civil Parish of Shelley	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Raydon, IP7 5LH
MID SAMFORD	Capel St Mary	AR	The Civil Parish of Capel St Mary	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP
	Great Wenham	DN	The Civil Parish of Wenham Magna	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP
	Little Wenham	DP	The Civil Parish of Wenham Parva	Village Hall, The Street, Capel St Mary, IP9 2EP
	Holton St Mary	BT	The Civil Parish of Holton St Mary	Village Hall, Hadleigh Road, Holton St Mary, CO7 6NW
	Stratford St Mary	CX	The Civil Parish of Stratford St Mary	Village Institute, The Row, Stratford St Mary, CO7 6JU
NAYLAND	Nayland with Wissington	CF	The Civil Parish of Nayland with Wissington	Village Hall, Church Lane, Nayland, CO6 4JF

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	Stoke by Nayland	CW	The Civil Parish of Stoke by Nayland	Village Hall, Church Street, Stoke by Nayland, CO6 4QP
NORTH COSFORD	Brent Eleigh	AM	The Civil Parish of Brent Eleigh	Village Hall, The Street, Brent Eleigh, CO10 9NR
	Chelsworth	AV	The Civil Parish of Chelsworth	Coronation Hall, Church Field, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JH
	Cockfield	AX	The Civil Parish of Cockfield	Village Hall, Church Lane, Cockfield, IP30 0LA
	Kettlebaston	BW	The Civil Parish of Kettlebaston	Village Hall, The Street, Kettlebaston, IP7 7QA
	Monks Eleigh	CE	The Civil Parish of Monks Eleigh	Coronation Hall, Church Field, Monks Eleigh, IP7 7JH
	Preston St Mary	CL	The Civil Parish of Preston St Mary	Village Hall, The Street, Preston St Mary, CO10 9NF
	Thorpe Morieux	DJ	The Civil Parish of Thorpe Morieux	Village Hall, Bury Road, Thorpe Morieux, IP30 0NR
PINEWOOD*	Pinewood (St Clare's)	CJ1	That part of the civil parish of Pinewood lying to the north of Belstead Brook and bounded by Belstead Brook, the railway line and the A14 trunk road.	The Community Hall, Laburnum Close, Pinewood, IP8 3SL

* From a point in the centre of the A1214 at its junction on the A1071, south –eastwards along the centre of Sprites Lane to the point where Sprites Lane meets Hawthorn Drive; from a point in the centre line of Hawthorn Drive in a generally south-eastward direction intersecting the footpath that runs north eastwards between nos. 51 and 29 Milnrow at a point opposite the mid point of the north-western facing boundary of 29 Milnrow, continuing in a straight line to the mid point of the north west-facing boundary of no. 14 Ashton Close, thence south-eastwards (and generally in a straight line) to a point opposite 1 Appleby Close, crossing Wilmslow Drive at a point opposite the boundary between nos. 13 and 15 Wilmslow Drive and skirting the rear gardens of nos. 11-65 Eccles Road; from Appleby Close southwards along the western side of 1 Appleby Close to Belmont Road between nos. 30 and 32 Belmont Road, across Belmont Road and between nos. 29 and 31, skirting the boundaries between the rear of nos. 1-9 Shortlands and the properties in Woodley Close, continuing southwards along the eastern boundary of 25 Dashwood Close and the rear of nos. 20-26 Dashwood Close, along the western edge of the Playing Field off Ellenbrook Road to Belstead Brook; generally eastwards following the course of Belstead Brook to the point where the Brook is traversed by the Railway Line and thence south-westwards along the centre line of the railway to the point where the railway crosses the A14 trunk road; from that point in a generally north-westerly direction along the centre line of the A14 to the point where the A14

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	Pinewood (Thorington Park)	CJ2	The remainder of the civil parish, not included in CJ1 above.	Belstead Brook Hotel, Belstead Road, Ipswich, IP2 9HB
SOUTH COSFORD	Aldham	AB	The Civil Parish of Aldham	Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall, The Street, Elmsett, IP7 6PA
	Elmsett	BF	The Civil Parish of Elmsett	Elmsett and Aldham Village Hall, The Street, Elmsett, IP7 6PA
	Kersey	BV	The Civil Parish of Kersey	Village Hall, The Green, Kersey, IP7 6EB
	Nedging with Naughton	CG	The Civil Parish of Nedging with Naughton	Village Hall, Ipswich Road, Nedging with Naughton, IP7 7BW
	Semer	CN	The Civil Parish of Semer	Village Hall, Bildeston Road, Semer, IP7 6JG

meets the line of London Road (formerly the A12); and from there in a north-easterly direction along the Path and Cycle Track that was previously the line of London Road until it rejoins London Road and following the centre line of London Road and the centre line of the A1214 (after it joins and becomes London Road) to the original starting point.

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	Whatfield	DQ	The Civil Parish of Whatfield	Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Whatfield, IP7 6QU
SUDBURY EAST*	Sudbury East (Constitution Hill)	CZ	So much of the Sudbury East ward as is located south and/or west of the line formed by the northern and eastern perimeters of People's Park (south and east of Acton Lane) to a point in Waldingfield Road, opposite the junction with Park Road; south-eastwards along the centre line of Park Road to its easternmost point and south along the western edge of Chilton Industrial Estate to the easternmost point of the Cemetery; from there south-eastwards to a point in the centre of the westernmost section of Alexandra Road, south to the west-to-east leg of Alexandra Road, eastwards along that section to its end and continuing eastwards along the northern boundaries of 2 Rose Cottages, Alexandra Road and the properties in Newton Road (including The View, Highbank and Upway) to the junction with the path that runs north-eastwards from Newton Road; thence north-eastwards along the path to a point opposite the northernmost boundary of Chilton Mount and south-eastwards from there, in a straight line, to Newton Road.	Elizabeth Court, East Street, Sudbury, CO10 2TR
	Sudbury East (Waldingfield Road)	DA	The remainder of the ward, north and/or east of the line described above.	The Firs, Waldingfield Road, Sudbury, CO10 2PY

* From the junction of Queens Close with Queens Road south-westwards along the path that runs across the end of Newman's Road and joins Girling Street; south-eastwards along the centre line of Girling Street to Newton Road and eastwards along the centre line of Newton Road as far as the roundabout that forms the junction with Northern Road and with Shawlands Avenue, Great Cornard; from the roundabout north-eastwards behind the properties known as Avalon and Grange Bungalow along the line of the track that leads eventually to Chilton Grange Farm as far as a point opposite the easternmost boundary of properties in Milner Road; thence generally north-westwards following the civil parish boundary (which is coterminous with the outer boundaries of the industrial estate units in Milner Road, Martins Road and Northern Road) as far as the rear boundary of the properties located between the roundabouts in Waldingfield Road; from there north-eastwards in a straight line to a point in the centre of Church Field Road on the east side of the roundabout that forms the junction of Church Field Road with Waldingfield Road; thence westwards through the centre of the roundabout to a point in the centre line of Aubrey Drive and north-westwards and then north-eastwards to the northernmost point of that road; then north-westwards in a straight line (along the line of a former public footpath) to Acton Lane and south-westwards from there to the starting point of the description of the Sudbury North ward (see below). The boundary of Sudbury East ward is shared with that ward to the point at the junction of Suffolk Road with Queen's Road. Thereafter the boundary travels south-eastwards along the centre line of Queen's Road to the starting point, above.

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SUDBURY NORTH*	Sudbury North (Melford Road)	DB	That area within the ward lying outside the perimeter formed by a line from a point at the centre of Clarence Road opposite the footpath that runs to the north and east of no.58 Clarence Road, generally northwards along the centre line of Clarence Road to its junction with Woodhall Road, then westwards along the centre line of Woodhall Road as far as the junction with Manor Road; along Manor Road to its junction with Tudor Road and along the centre of Tudor Road north-westwards to the junction with Priory Road and Tudor Green; following the centre line of Tudor Green north-westwards to a point opposite the southern boundary of 171 Parkwood Drive westwards to the line of the footpath to the rear of 44 St Bartholomew Lane and continuing north-westwards in the direction of that unmade path to and across the A134 to the point where it reaches the boundary with the civil parish of Long Melford, south-eastwards back to the A134 and then following the civil parish boundary in a generally easterly direction to Acton Lane (north of the A134); thence following the district ward boundary to the south-easternmost corner of the school playing fields and, from there, in a straight line north- westwards across York Road and eventually to the	St John's Methodist Church Hall, York Road/Girling Street, Sudbury, CO10 1NB

- *From a point on the centre line of Acton Lane (north of the A134) at its junction with Grenville Road westwards then southwards along the centre line of Grenville Road to Springlands Way (A134), westwards along the centre line of Springlands Way to a point west of Talbot Road and north of the westernmost boundaries of properties on the west side of Talbot Road; thence southwards in a generally south- westerly direction along the rear boundaries of the properties on the west side of Talbot Road (odd numbers descending from 149) to a point where it meets the School Playing Field and, from there, in a south-easterly direction along the northern perimeter of the Playing Fields and then south-westwards following the centre line of Acton Lane (south of the A134) as far as the properties on the west side of the road; thence, still following the perimeter of the Playing Fields to the rear of the properties in Acton Lane, Prince Charles Close and Acton Close and continuing in the same south -westerly direction, from the south-easternmost corner of the School Grounds to Upper East Street following the rear boundaries of the even numbered properties in Jubilee Road and the properties in Moulton Close; from a point in the centre line of Upper East Street north-westwards along Humphrey Road to its junction with Suffolk Road and south -westwards along the centre line of Suffolk Road as far as its junction with Queens Road; in a generally north- westerly direction along the centre line of Queens Road to its junction with York Road and south-westwards following the centre line of York Road to the junction with Melford Road; southwards along the centre line of Melford Road to the junction with Beaconsfield Road, westwards along the centre line of Beaconsfield Road and then south- westwards along the southern kerb line of the road as far as the junction with The Croft; north- westwards along the northern kerb line of The Croft and thence continuing in the same direction to the River Stour and following the course of the river generally northwards to a point roughly opposite the path running eastwards and south of Borley Hall; departing the line of the River north eastwards and eastwards along the boundary with the Civil Parish of Long Melford, skirting the south of the roundabout at the junction of the A134 and Melford Road (the A131), eastwards around field boundaries just north of the A134 (Springlands Way) and rejoining that road opposite a track to the north of the site of St Bartholomew's Chapel; then generally south-eastwards along the centre line of the A134, south of the superstore, to a point just east of the subway linking the superstore with the housing south of the road; thence north - eastwards along the boundary between the superstore and the Woodhall Business Park and then continuing in a generally north -easterly direction up to the point where the civil parish boundaries of Sudbury, Melford and Acton meet; from there south-eastwards in a roughly straight line to Acton Lane (north of the A134) and, from there, south- westwards along the centre line of Acton Lane back to the starting point.

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
			starting point in Clarence Road.	
	Sudbury North (Tudor)	DC	That part of the ward enclosed by the line of the path running north-westwards from the ward boundary along the southern perimeter of Uplands and Tudor Schools, across Clarence Road and along the path running north-westwards between no. 1 Tudor Road and No. 47 Clarence Road to a point between 20 Woodhall Road and "Highland", Woodhall Road and then north-eastwards along the centre of Woodhall Road to its junction with Manor Road; thence north-westwards along the centre of Manor Road to its junction with Tudor Road and north-westwards along the centre of Tudor Road to the junction with Parkwood Drive; from there, westwards and south-westwards to a point opposite the southern boundary of 171 Parkwood Drive; thence westwards to the line of the footpath at the rear of 44 St Bartholomews Lane and then in a north-easterly direction to St Bartholomews Lane; north-eastwards along St Bartholomew's Lane to a point opposite the rear boundaries of properties in Highview Close and from there, in a straight line, south-westwards along the rear boundaries of 11-21 Highview Close and, continuing along the same line along the rear boundaries of 209-213 Parkwood Drive across the eastern end of the turning head in Parkwood Drive and, east of 228 Parkwood Drive and 38 Churchill Drive, to the centre line of Churchill Drive; thence eastwards along Churchill Drive to the junction with Uplands Crescent; across Uplands Crescent and eastwards along the path North of the Hillside School and South of the Woodhall School to the point where it re-joins the ward boundary.	Vocational Centre, Sudbury Upper School, Tudor Road, Sidbury CO10 1NW

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
	Sudbury North (Woodhall)	DD	The part of the ward North of the line running from the ward boundary westwards along the path between the Hillside and Woodhall Schools, across Uplands Crescent and Westwards along the centre of Churchill Drive to a point opposite the eastern boundaries of 38 Churchill Drive; thence north-westwards in a straight line following the eastern boundary of 38 Churchill Drive and 228 Parkwood Drive, across the turning area at the eastern end of Parkwood Drive and continuing in the same direction along the rear boundaries of Nos 21-11 Highview Close, then south-westwards along the line of St Bartholomews Lane to the point where the road is joined by the footpath North of 44 St Bartholmews Lane; thence north-westwards along the line of that unmade path to and across the A134 to the point where it meets the boundary with the Civil Parish of Long Melford.	Woodhall Primary School, Mayflower Way, Sudbury, CO10 1ST
SUDBURY SOUTH*	Sudbury South (Station)	DE	That part of the ward enclosed within a line from a point where the ward boundary meets the junction of Newton Road with Girling Street, westwards along the centre line of King Street and Market Hill as far as the junction with Station Road; thence in a generally south-easterly direction along the centre line of Station Road to its junction with Meadow Lane; from there in a generally south-westerly direction along the centre of Meadow Lane to its junction with Bullocks Lane and, from there, south-eastwards along the centre line of Bullocks Lane to The Valley Walk; thence eastwards along the footpath across Friar's Meadow to a point just north of the	West Suffolk College in Sudbury, 18-20 Cornard Road, Sudbury, CO10 2XA

* That part of the Parish of Sudbury that lies to the south of a line starting at the point where the River Stour meets the parish boundary at Brunton, thence along the middle of the River Stour to Croft Bridge, thence south-eastwards along Croft Road to the junction with Beaconsfield Road; from there along the middle of Beaconsfield Road to the junction with Melford Road, thence north-westwards and eastwards to cross Melford Road opposite the junction with York Road; from there north-eastwards along the centre line of York Road to its junction with Queen's Road and then eastwards along the centre line of Queens Road to the junction with Queens Close, thence south-westwards along the path leading from Queens Road that emerges between 46 and 48 Girling Street; thence south-eastwards along the centre line of Girling Street, crossing East Street, to the junction with Newton Road; thence eastwards along the centre of Newton Road to a point opposite the path that leads (on its north side) to Chilton Mount, south-eastwards along the centre line of Cat's Lane.

N.B: The Parish boundary now continues further south and west than the natural boundary formed by the River Stour, encompassing areas that were formerly parts of Middleton and Ballingdon Parishes and particularly to the south, the boundary is marked in the main by the line of a hedge.

Ward	Polling District	Letters	Description of Polling District	Polling Place
			footbridge where the line rejoins the Ward boundary and then, following the line of the Ward boundary anti-clockwise, back to the starting point.	
	Sudbury South (St Gregory's)	DF	The part of the ward North of a line from the ward boundary at the junction of Newton Road with Girling Street westwards along the centre line of King Street, Market Hill, Gainsborough Street and Stour Street to its junction with Walnut Tree Lane; from there northwards along Walnut Tree Lane as far as the sluice South of the Mill Hotel; westwards across the bridge over the sluice and south-westwards along the path through Freeman's Great Common, across the footbridge and south-westwards along the path through Kings Marsh, across The Valley Walk (dismantled railway) to Brundon Lane; thence westwards along the unmade path South of the sewage works and North of the Industrial Estate to Gypsy Lane and then southwards along Gypsy Lane and crossing Bulmer Road to meet the District boundary.	St Gregory's Church Hall, Prince Street, Sudbury, CO10 1JA
	Sudbury South (Bridge)	DG	The remainder of the ward South and West of the lines described	St Gregory's School Nursery, Church Street Sudbury, CO10 2BJ
WALDINGFIELD	Acton	AA	The Civil Parish of Acton	Village Hall, High Street, Acton, CO10 0AT
	Chilton	AW	The Civil Parish of Chilton	All Saints Middle School, Acton Lane, Sudbury, CO10 0AA
	Great Waldingfield	DK	The Civil Parish of Great Waldingfield	Village Hall, The Heath, Great Waldingfield, CO10 0SE
	Little Waldingfield	DJ	The Civil Parish of Little Waldingfield	Parish Room, Church Road, Little Waldingfield, CO10 0SW

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