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**Sent:** Friday, October 20, 2023 2:32 PM **To:** elections <elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Haverhill West

Dear Ben

Thank you for this notification. The Rugby Club is rather a long way out for some residents, although it does afford good parking. I wonder whether the Army Cadet building on Withersfield Road would be an acceptable 2<sup>nd</sup> building – it does have some parking and whilst on the edge of West, it is within easy location of many of the residents.

Regards Margaret

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**From:** elections < <u>elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u>> **Sent:** Thursday, October 12, 2023 5:03 PM

**To:** Marks, Margaret < <u>Margaret.Marks@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u>>

Subject: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Haverhill West

Dear Margaret,

Further to my previous email regarding the polling place review, I am contacting you regarding the polling arrangements for Haverhill West 1 and Haverhill West 2 polling districts as they are likely to change as part of this review due to the closure and sale of the Unity Schools Partnerships Offices in Haverhill

I have undertaken a desktop assessment of Haverhill West 1 and Haverhill West 2 and do not believe that an alternative facility is available for polling. It is therefore proposed that we could combine with the polling station at the Haverhill Rugby Club and we would welcome your feedback regarding this proposal. If it assists, a map of the Haverhill West ward, with the current polling district boundaries and polling stations identified, can be viewed here: <a href="Haverhill West ward map">Haverhill West ward map</a> (westsuffolk.gov.uk)

If there are any suggestions as to alternative locations where a polling station could be held in this part of Haverhill, then we would be pleased to receive details so that we could investigate this further. Your local knowledge and input with this process is very much appreciated and if you would like to discuss or suggest solutions then I would be happy to have a telephone call, teams discussion or meeting in person. I or a person from the team would also be willing to meet at an alternative facility if appropriate.

When making comments or suggesting alternative venues, please consider that whatever arrangements we make, they should be accessible to disabled electors and provide reasonable facilities both for electors and polling staff.

The deadline for responses to the consultation is 10 November 2023 and the revised polling arrangements will be considered at the meeting of West Suffolk Council on 19 December 2023.

Comments and representations can be submitted in the following ways:

Email: elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Post: Electoral Services, West Suffolk Council, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds,

Suffolk, IP33 3YU

If able to, please publicise the polling district review in your area so that residents and local groups may make representations and suggest alternative venues too. Please direct them to our website where details of the review can be found: <a href="https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/review-of-polling-districts-and-polling-places-2023.cfm">https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Council/Consultations/review-of-polling-districts-and-polling-places-2023.cfm</a>

We are also sharing details of the review on our social media pages, sharing to local community pages where available, and with the town council too.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to <u>elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk</u> or telephone 01284 757101.

Kind regards

Ben

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