

Report of the Executive Director

INTERIM REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES1. Purpose of Report

To ask the Committee to recommend to Council the proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places set out in the appendices to the report.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RECOMMEND to Council that the proposed changes to the polling districts in appendix 1 and the designation of polling places set out in appendix 2 to the report be approved.

3. Detail

An interim review of polling districts and polling places was carried out between 1 August and 30 September 2022. No responses were received in respect of the proposed changes to polling districts arising out of the Community Governance Review completed earlier in the year. Maps showing the new boundaries are included at Appendix 1. Approval of the changes to polling districts will align the new parish with borough ward boundaries.

Only one response was submitted in respect of polling places. The polling place for BCT2, Creo, Seven Oaks Crescent, Bramcote, is considered to be too small, with nowhere for voters to shelter if queuing outside in the rain. Whilst this is accepted, there are no other suitable places in the polling district at the present time. However, the situation will be monitored and a change recommended should an acceptable alternative be identified in the future. The changes to polling places set out in Appendix 2 are recommended due to the current polling places being unavailable or experience from the elections in 2021. These will need to be designated by Council so that they are effective for the elections in May 2023 onwards.

4. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5. Legal Implications

The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the Council to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places within each parliamentary constituency in its area.

6. Human Resources Implications

There are no Human Resources implications.

7. Union Comments

There are no comments from the Union.

8. Data Protection Compliance Implications

There are no data protection implications.

9. Equality Impact Assessment

The proposed polling places are accessible for everyone.

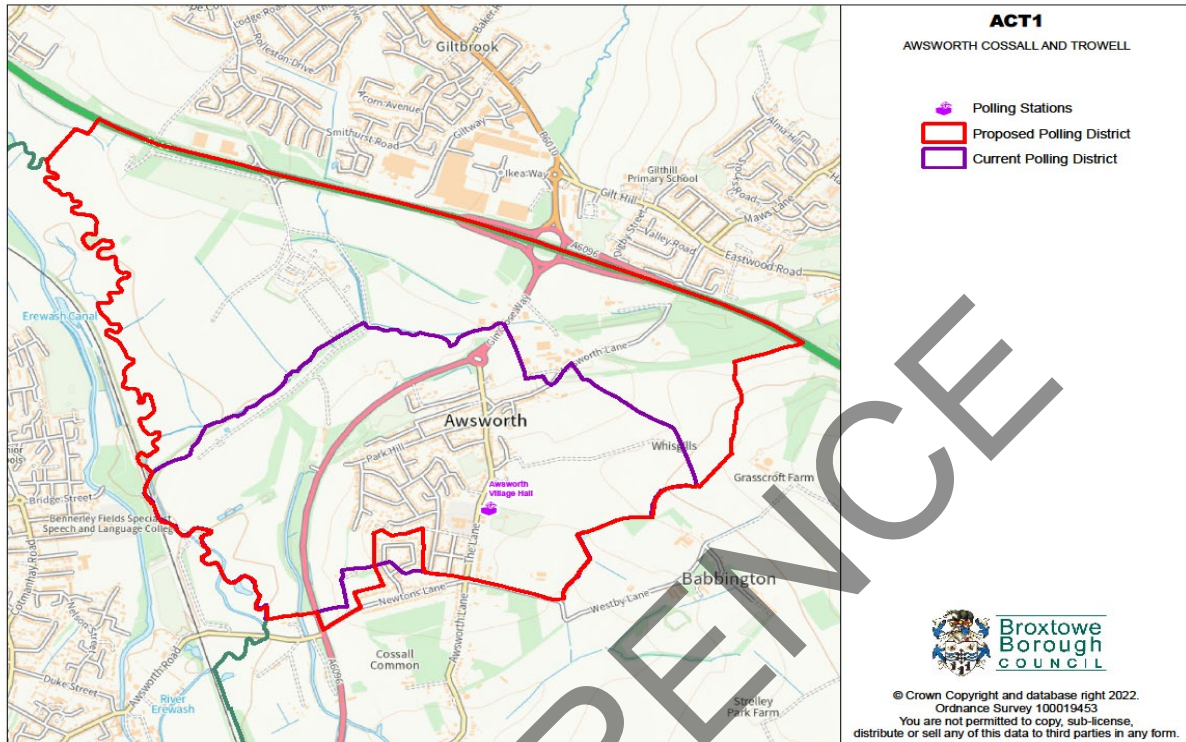
10. Background Papers

Nil.

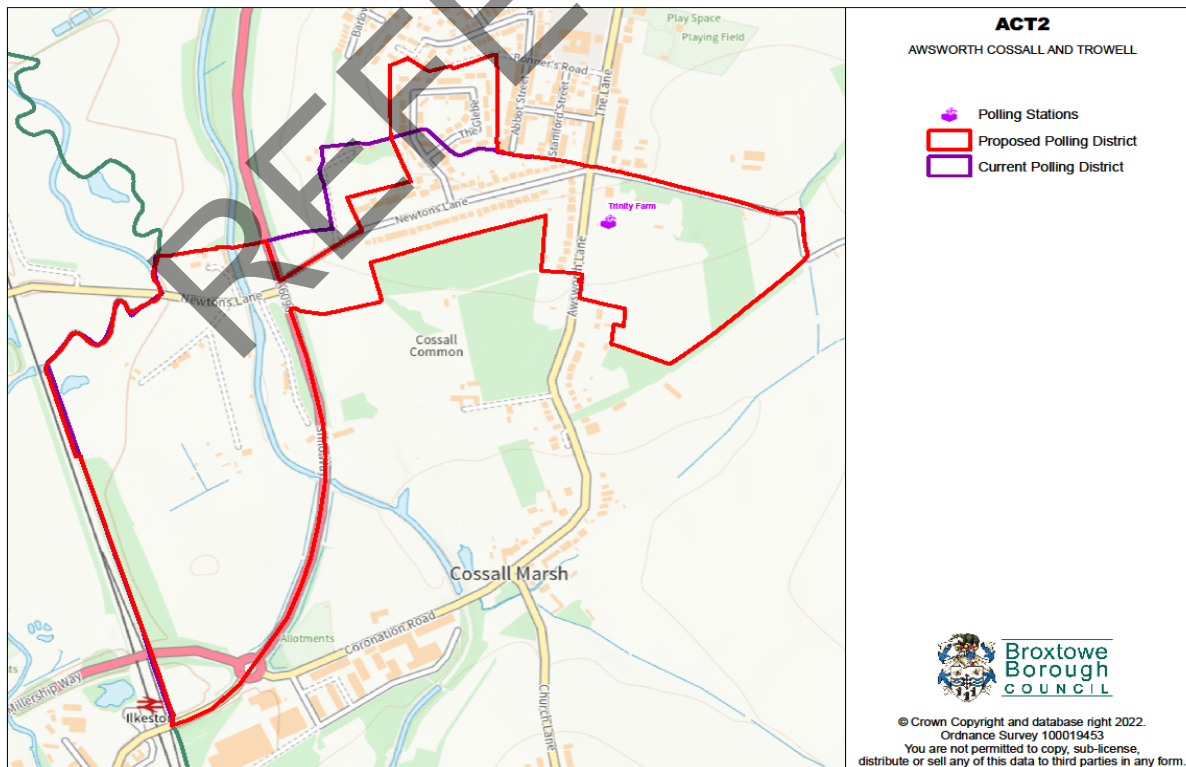
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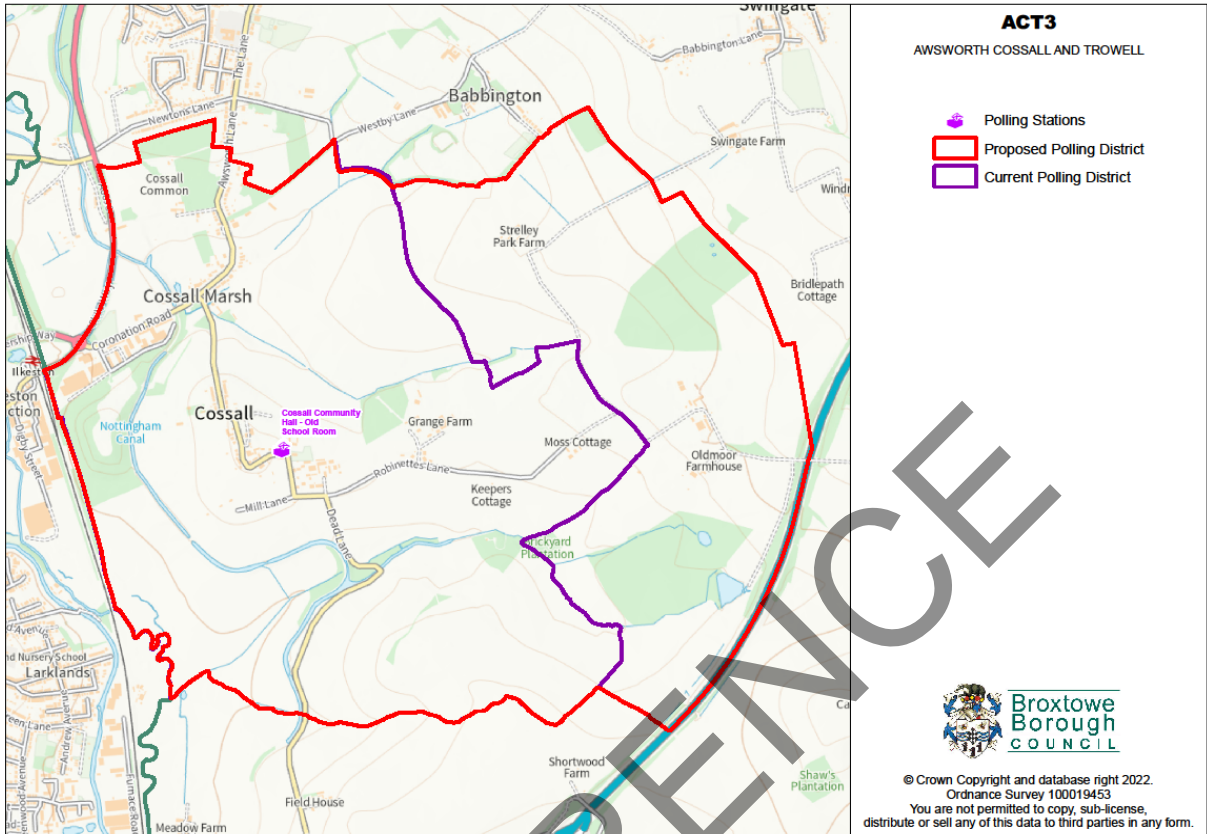
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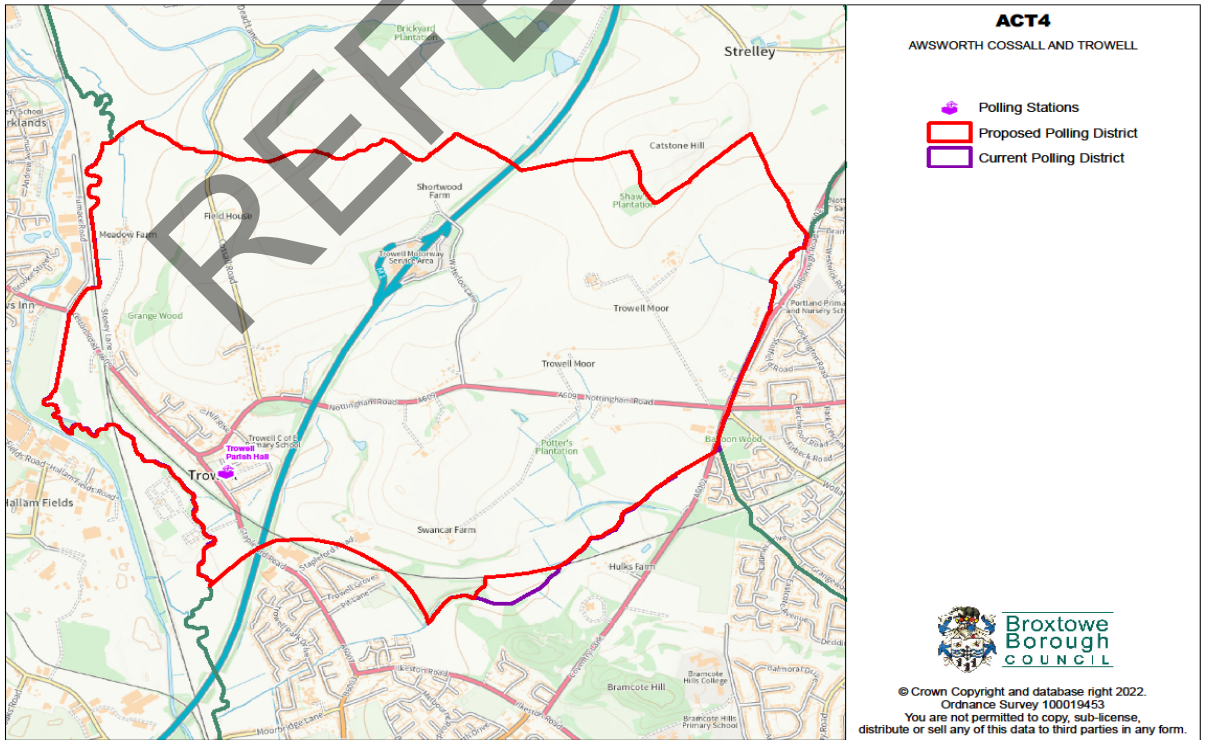
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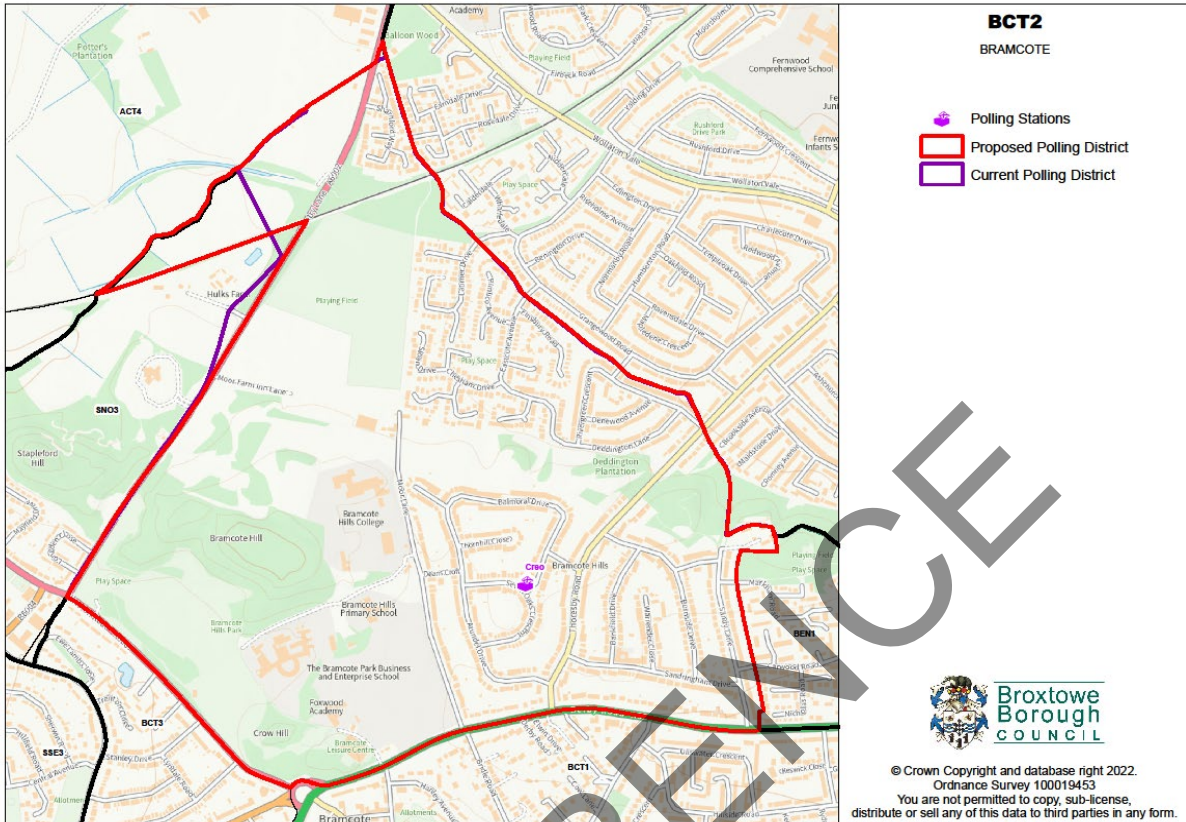
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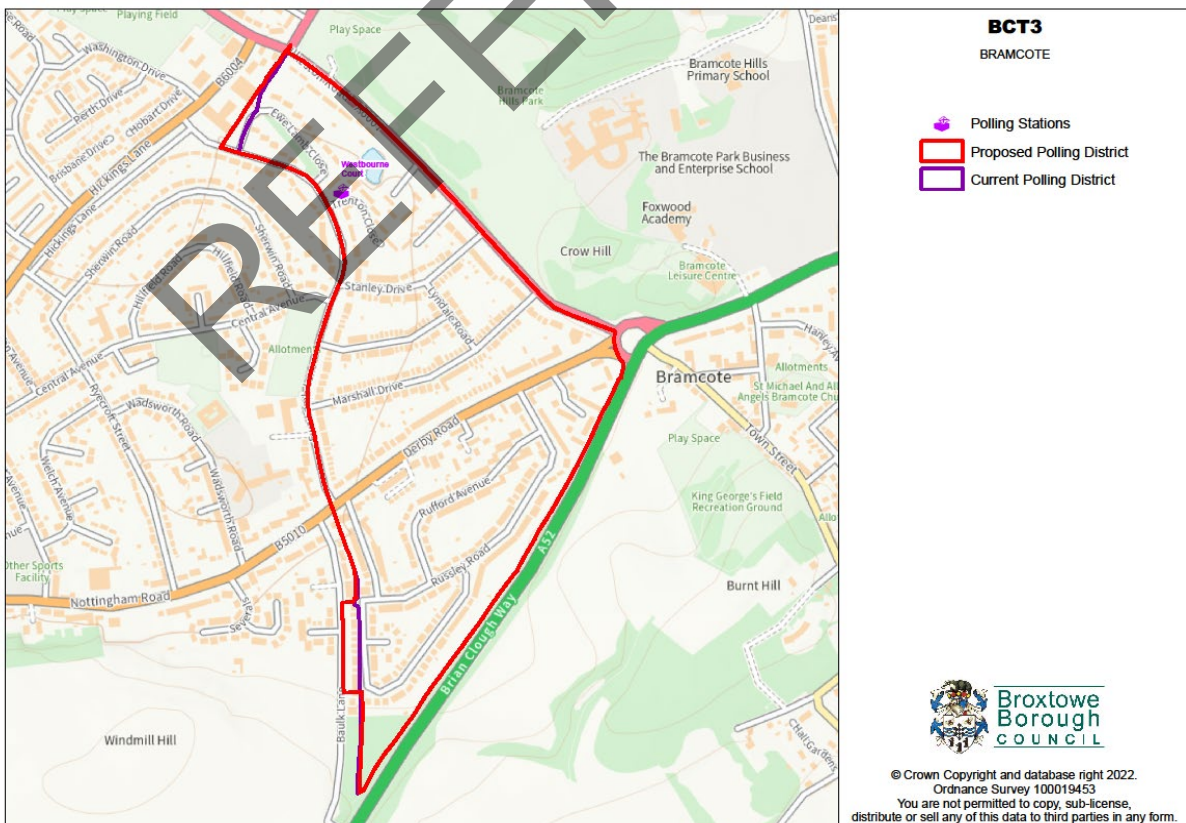
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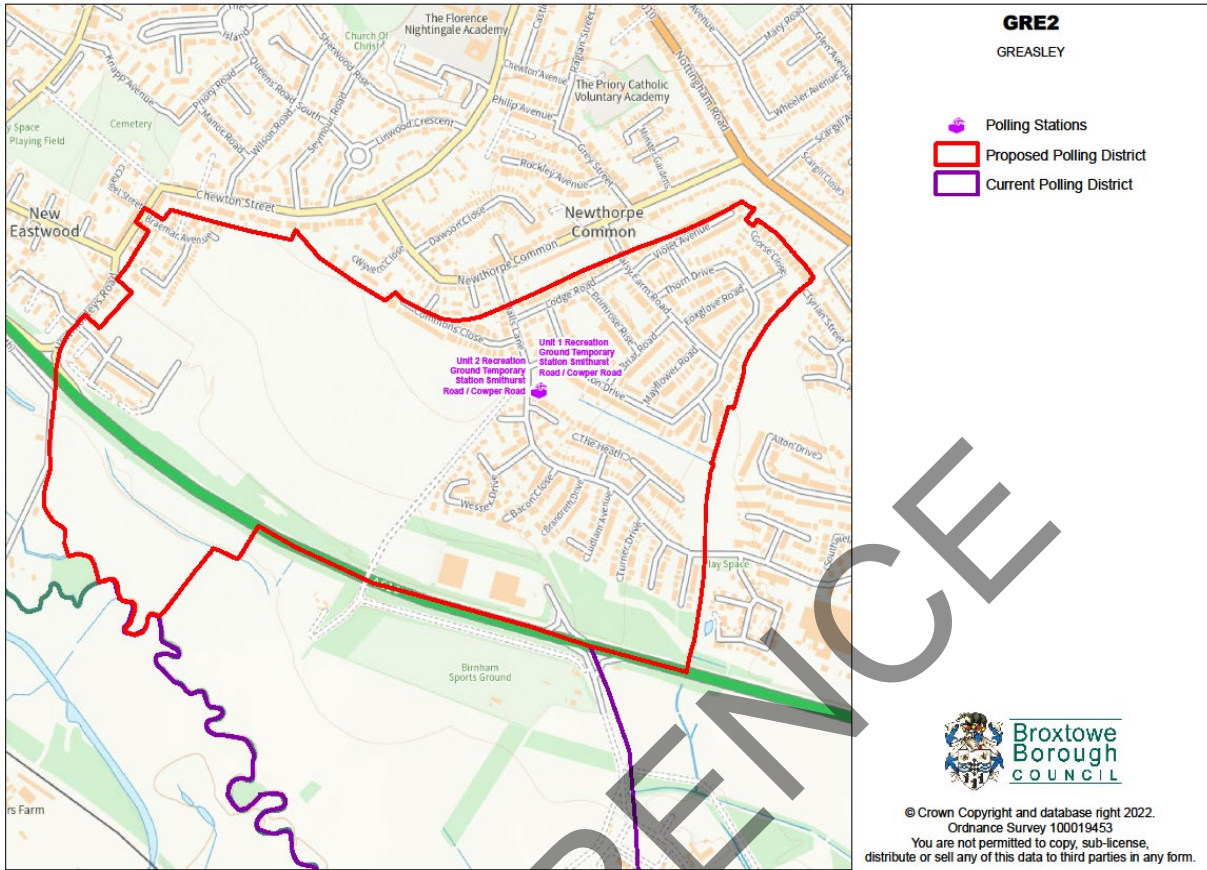
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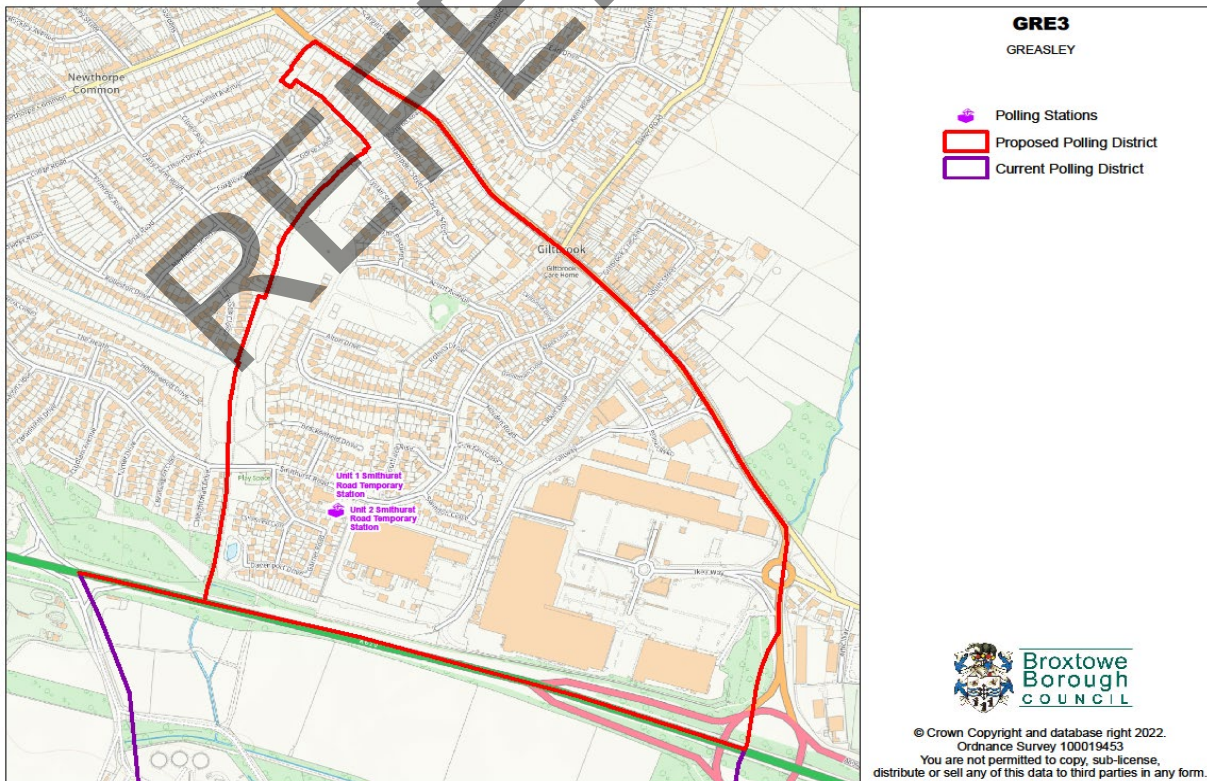
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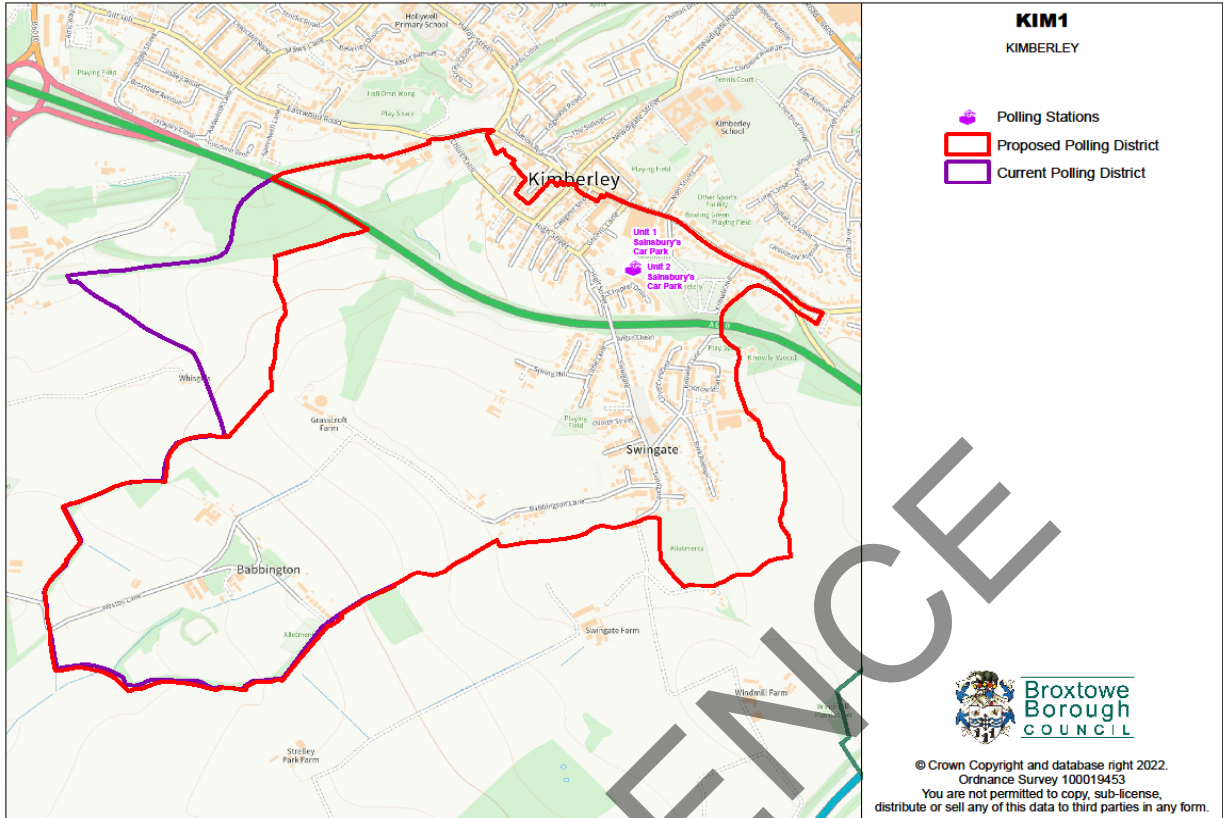
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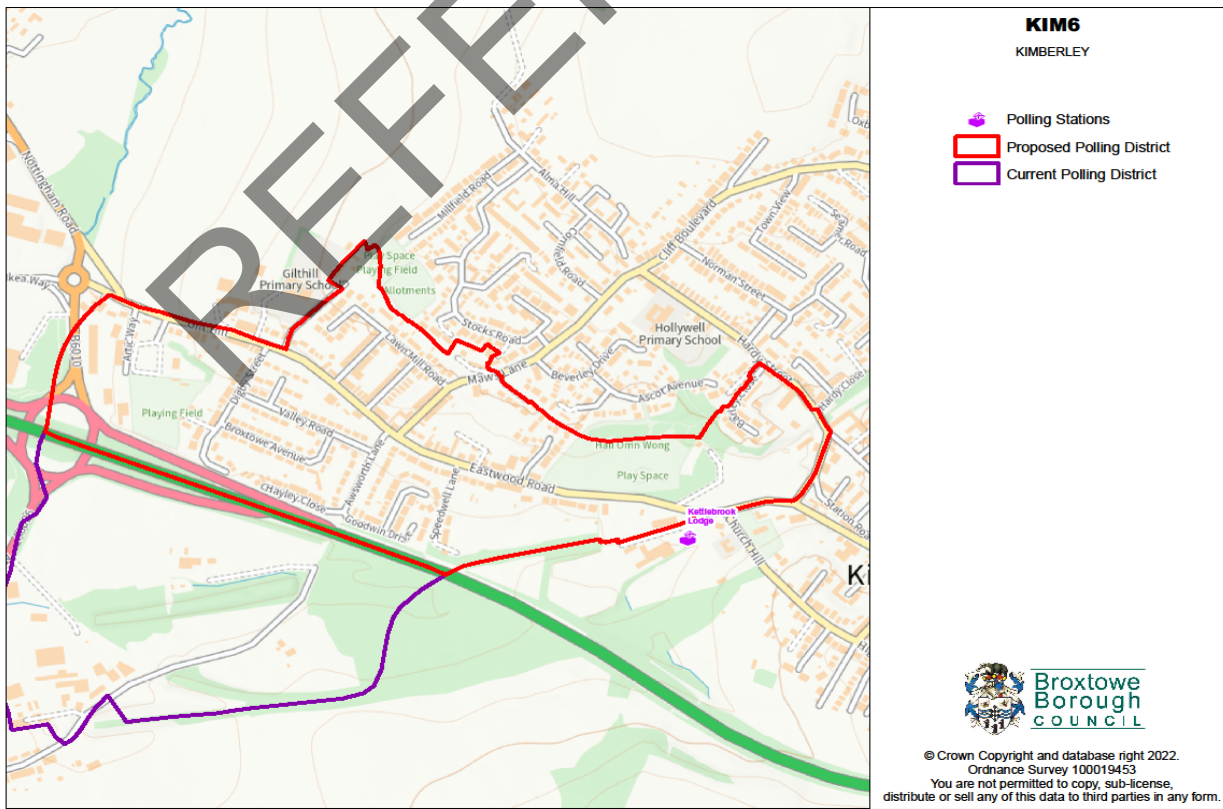
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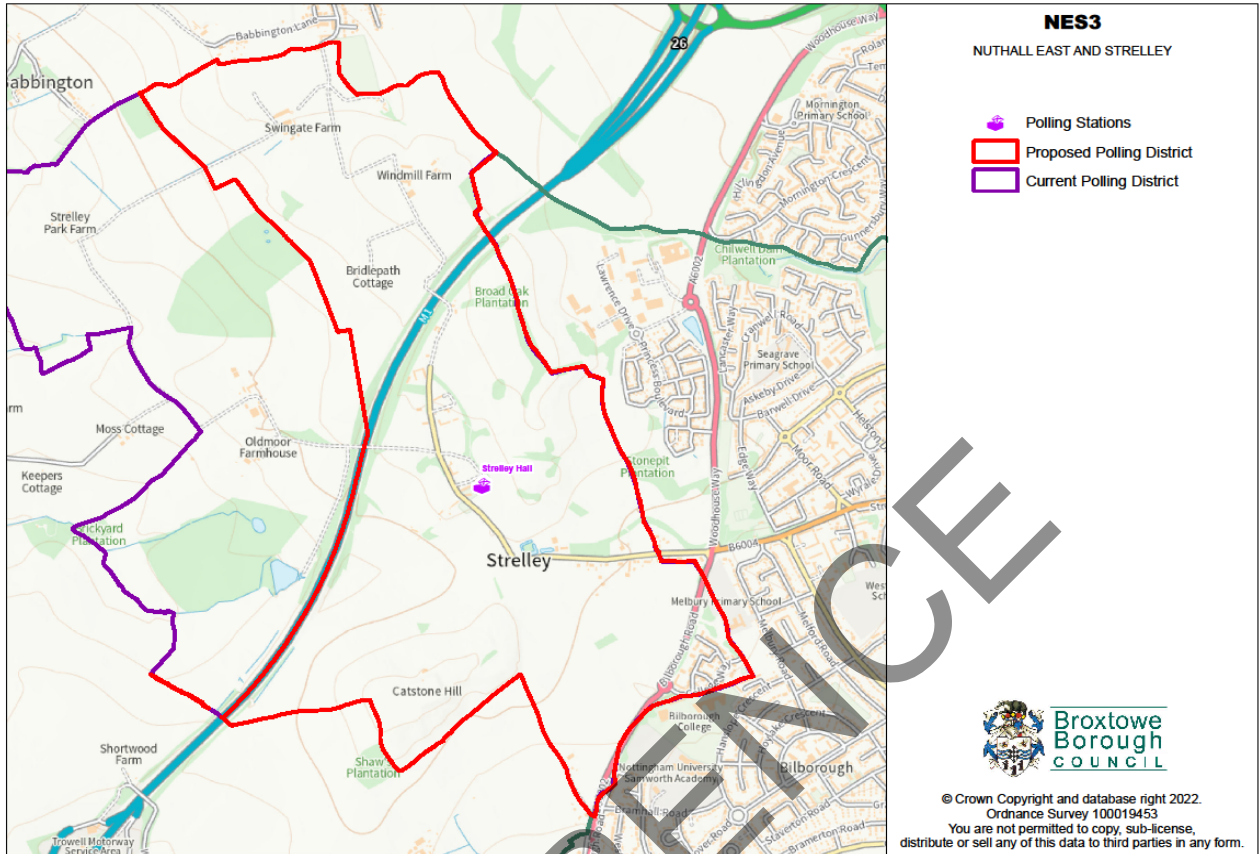
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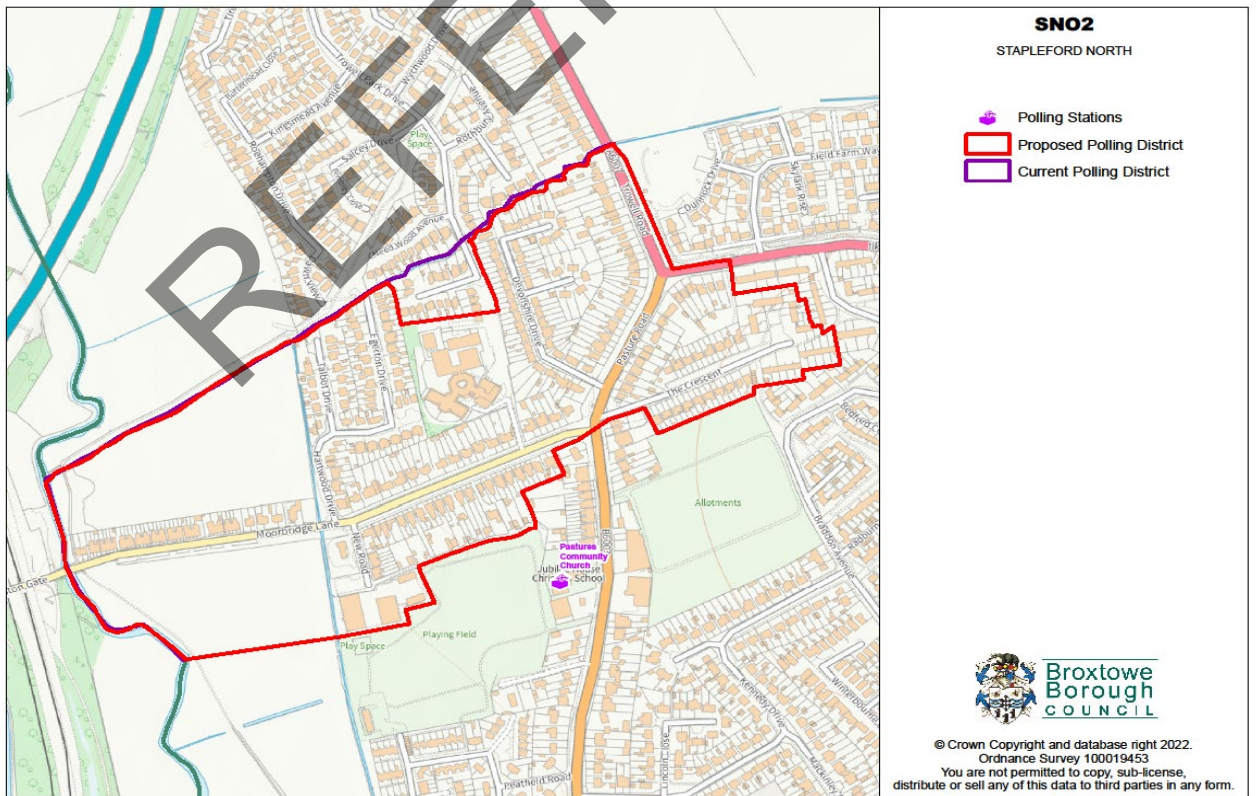
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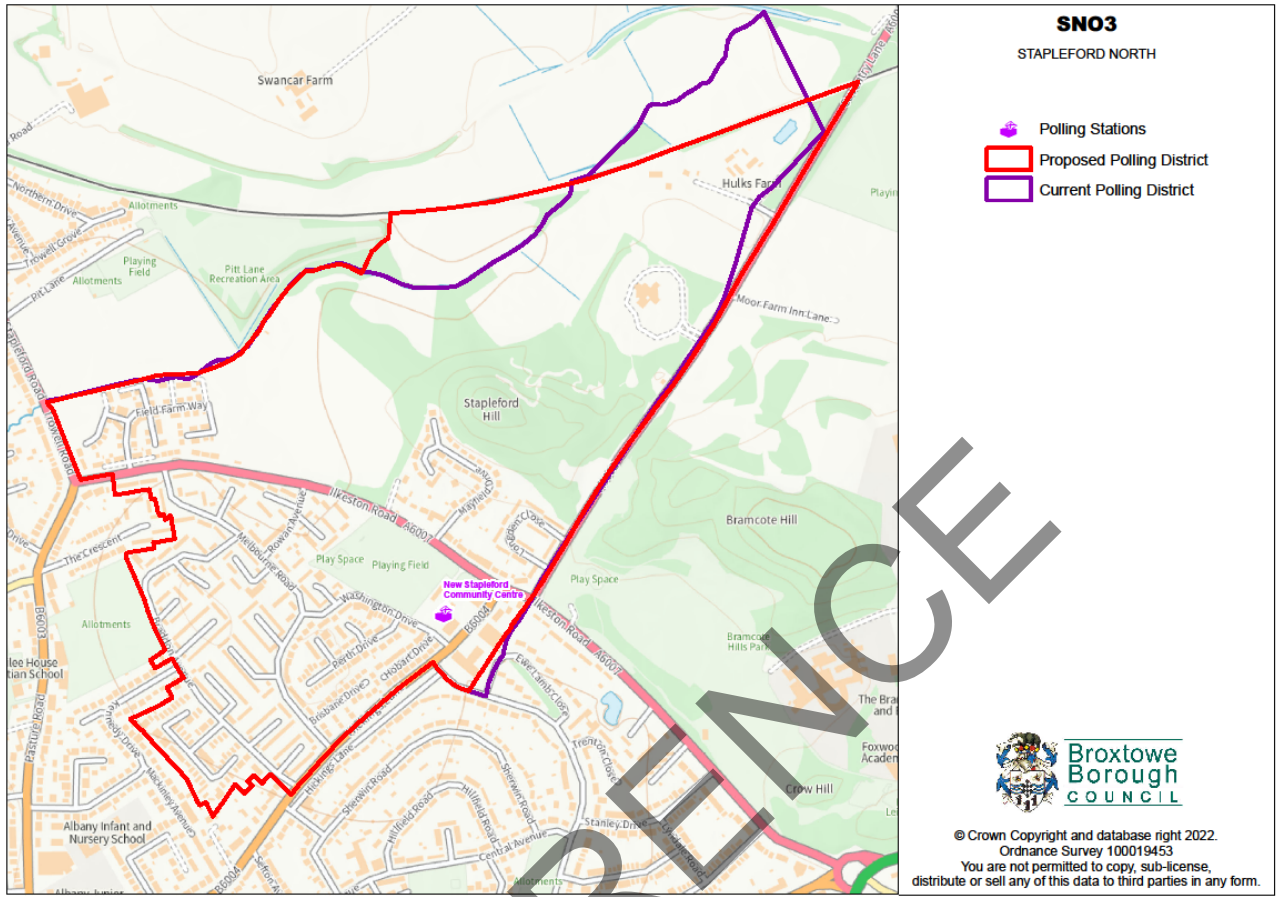
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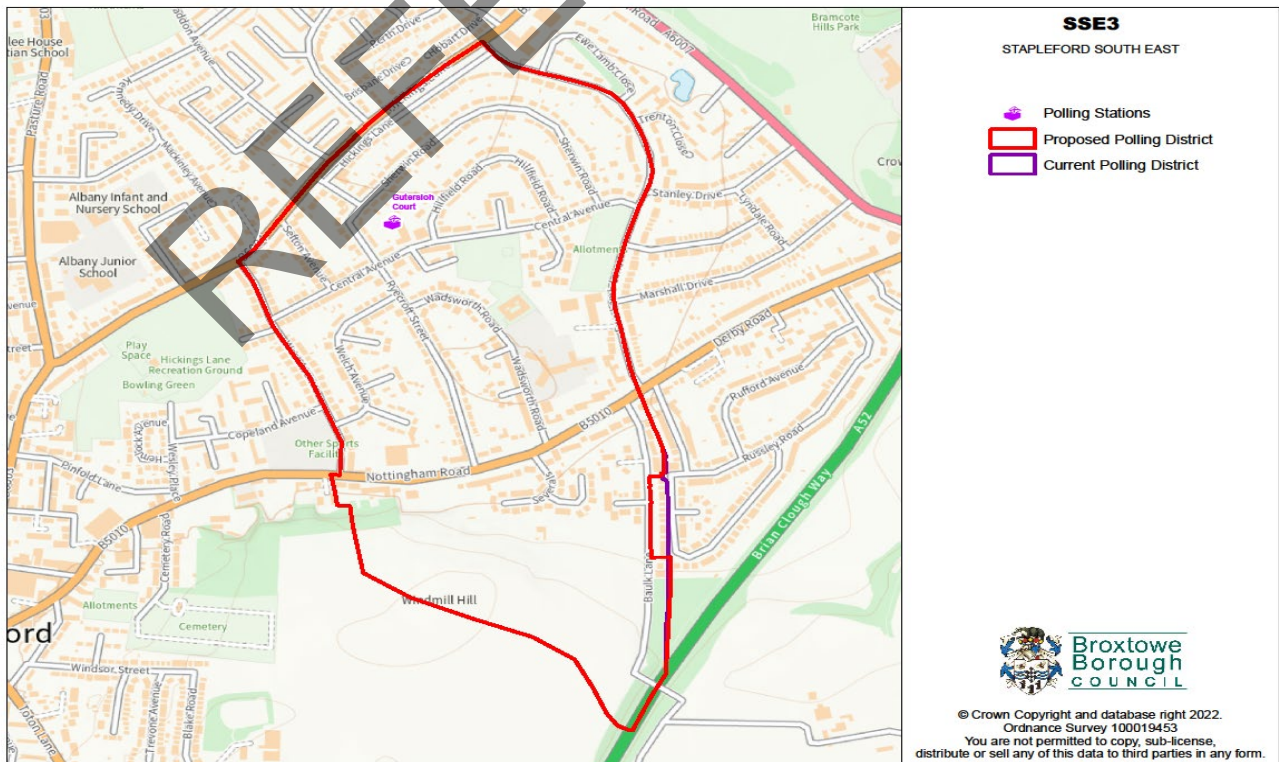
Stapleford North – SNO2



Stapleford North – SNO3



Stapleford South East – SSE3



APPENDIX 2

Recommended Changes to Polling Places

Ward/Polling District/Polling Station Electorate	Current Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
Attenborough & Chilwell East - ACE4 - 1,078 electors	Grove Court, Central Avenue, Chilwell	Masonic Hall, High Road, Chilwell	The Masonic Hall was used as the polling place for ACE4 for the elections on 6 May 2021 as Grove Court was unavailable due to COVID-19 restrictions. No issues were raised by either voters or polling staff.
Beeston West - BEW4 - 1,013 electors	Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston	Beeston Methodist Church, Chilwell Road, Beeston	The polling place for BEW4 was changed to Beeston Methodist Church for the elections on 6 May 2021 to ensure that there was sufficient space for social distancing by reducing the number of polling stations at Our Lady of the Assumption Church Hall, Foster Avenue to two. The Methodist Church worked well and is closer to the BEW4 polling district. No issues were raised by either voters or polling staff.

Ward/Polling District/Polling Station Electorate	Current Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
Kimberley KIM1 - 1,110 electors	Kimberley Primary School, Swingate, Kimberley	Temporary stations, Sainsbury's car park	Temporary stations were needed for KIM1 for the elections on 6 May 2021 as Kimberley Primary School, Swingate was not available. These were located in Sainsbury's car park. Temporary stations are not ideal as they may not be accessible to elderly voters or voters with disabilities without ramps which, in wet weather, can become slippery and make access difficult. However, it is unlikely that the school will be available again and unless alternative premises can be identified, the temporary units will need to be used for future elections.
KIM5 - 1,294 electors	Hollywell School, Hardy Street, Kimberley	Kettlebrook Lodge	Kettlebrook Lodge was used as the temporary polling place for KIM5 on 6 May 2021 as Hollywell School, Hardy Street was not available. It is unlikely that the school will be available again. Although Kettlebrook Lodge is in the KIM1 polling district, it worked well as the KIM5 polling place.
KIM6 - 844 electors	Holy Trinity Church Hall, Church Hill, Kimberley	Kettlebrook Lodge	There are some concerns about the access to Holy Trinity Church Hall from the car park. Whilst there is a ramp, the path to access this is quite narrow. Kettlebrook Lodge has a number of rooms and could be used as polling place for KIM6 as well as KIM5.

Ward/Polling District/Polling Station Electorate	Current Polling Place	Proposed Polling Place	Comments
<p>Nuthall East and Strelley NES2 - 1,306 electors</p>	<p>Function Room, Old Moor Lodge, Mornington Crescent, Nuthall</p>	<p>Hickory's Smokehouse, Mornington Crescent, Nuthall</p>	<p>Although there has been a change of ownership of Old Moor Lodge and development of the site, there is a space available in the now Hickory's Smokehouse which will be suitable for use as a polling station. It is therefore recommended that Hickory's Smokehouse be designated as the polling place for NES2.</p>
<p>Toton and Chilwell Meadows TCM1 - 1,432 electors</p> <p>TCM4 - 1,323 electors</p>	<p>Lombardy Lodge, Portland Road, Toton</p> <p>Temporary station, Lidl car park, Ranson Road, Chilwell</p>	<p>Coronation Hall, Portland Road, Toton</p> <p>The Corn Mill, Swiney Way, Chilwell</p>	<p>Coronation Hall was used as the temporary polling place for the elections on 6 May 2021 as Lombardy Lodge was unavailable due to COVID-19 restrictions. There have been some concerns for a number of years from residents in any event about the public accessing the building to vote. Coronation Hall worked well and no issues were raised by either voters or polling staff.</p> <p>Temporary polling stations are not ideal as they may not be accessible to elderly voters or voters with disabilities without ramps which, in wet weather, can become slippery and make access difficult. The (Acting) Returning Officer approved use of The Corn Mill for the elections on 6 May 2021 which worked well.</p>