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EMPTY PROPERTIES SURVEY

CONSULTATION REPORT

A summary of the results of the empty properties survey, which was aimed at owners of empty properties in South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We received 120 responses to this consultation. 98 percent of respondents were members of the public. When asked about what they wanted to comment on, 79 percent chose to comment on polling districts and places under assessment, versus those not under assessment. The most selected polling place was Henley Leisure Centre - 29 percent selected this.

Below is a summary of the results relating to each polling place under assessment for which responses were submitted.

ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

The 'Empty Properties Survey' was launched on 13 September and closed at 11.59pm on 25 October 2024. The consultation was open for six weeks.

The consultation was advertised to the public and local representatives by:

- Posting on social media platforms (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Nextdoor) on 13 September, and multiple times over the weeks that followed. Posts on Facebooks and Instagram received 5,114 views and 65 clicks, whilst posts on Nextdoor and Twitter were viewed by 3,600 and 182 users respectively.
- Publishing an article on 'In-Focus' on Thursday 12 September. This newsletter is sent to the district's town and parish councillors, and to district councillors.
- Publishing a joint press release on Friday 13 September, to provide information on the reviews undertaken by both South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse district councils.
- Emailing parish clerks and district councillors on 16 September to renew the invitation to respond to the consultation, and to ask them to advertise it locally by displaying a poster with QR code and link to the consultation in their village notice boards.
- Emailing local political parties and MPs on 20 September.
- Publishing an article on 'South and Vale News' on Thursday 3 October.

Reporting methodology

This report provides a summary of all quantitative and qualitative results of this consultation.

When stating percentages in the analysis, we are referring to the percentage of respondents that answered the specific question, rather than the total number of responses to the overall survey. Response percentages may not add up to 100 percent due to rounding up over .5 and rounding down under .5. Words that appear in italics are quotes taken from comments received.

A full list of all comments made in relation to each question is also available in this report. Any personal information supplied to us within the comments that could identify anyone has been redacted and will not be shared or published. Further information on data protection is available in our [general consultation's privacy statement](#).

Some punctual errors in the original comments raised were corrected in the main body of this report.

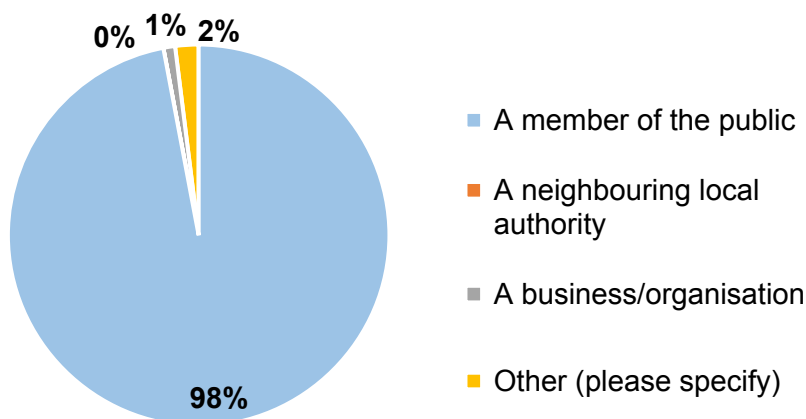
KEY FINDINGS – QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

This section provides an overview of the findings of this consultation. It includes a summary of the results for each quantitative or qualitative question. The questions and relative results are here presented in the same order as they appeared on the comment form.

About you

Q1. Are you responding as:

Figure 1



120 out of 120 total respondents answered this question. Of them, 117 were members of the public (98 percent) and one was a neighbouring local authority (zero percent).

Two respondents selected 'Other (please specify)', although we subsequently received three comments:

Table 1

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTCQ-H	Chalgrove, Henley and Thame Con.
ANON-Q4K2-GTM6-Z	Both member of public and election worker
ANON-Q4K2-GTF4-Q	Trustee of the Goring and Streatley Community Centre

Q2. If you selected neighbouring local authority or business/organisation, please let us know its name.

There was one response to this question, which is included in table below.

Table 2

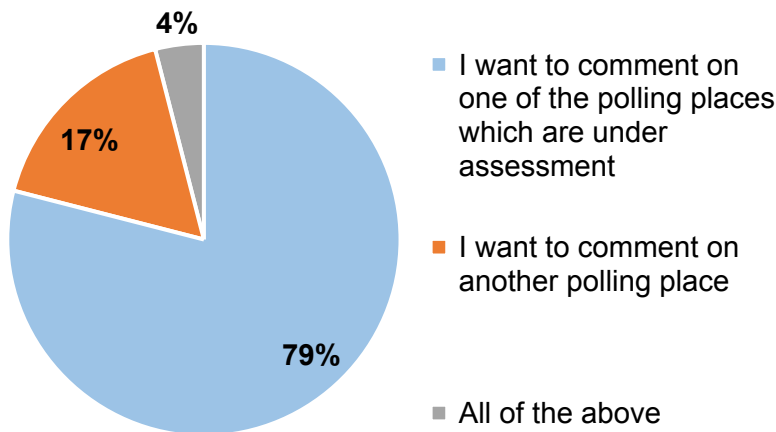
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTFG-A	Goring Community Centre

Your polling place

Q3. Please select one of the options below.

120 out of 120 respondents answered this question. Most said they wanted to comment on one of the polling places under assessment (79 percent), whilst 17 percent wanted to comment on another polling place, not currently under assessment. Four percent said they wanted to comment on both.

Figure 2



Polling places currently under assessment

Q4. Please use the dropdown list below to select the polling place you would like comment on.

29 respondents said they wanted to comment on Henley Leisure Centre in Henley-on-Thames. This option was the most selected, it was chosen by 29 percent of respondents.

The second most selected polling place was St Mary's Church in Wallingford (12%), whilst Stadhampton Village Hall and Goring Village Hall both came third and were chosen by 11 percent of respondents each.

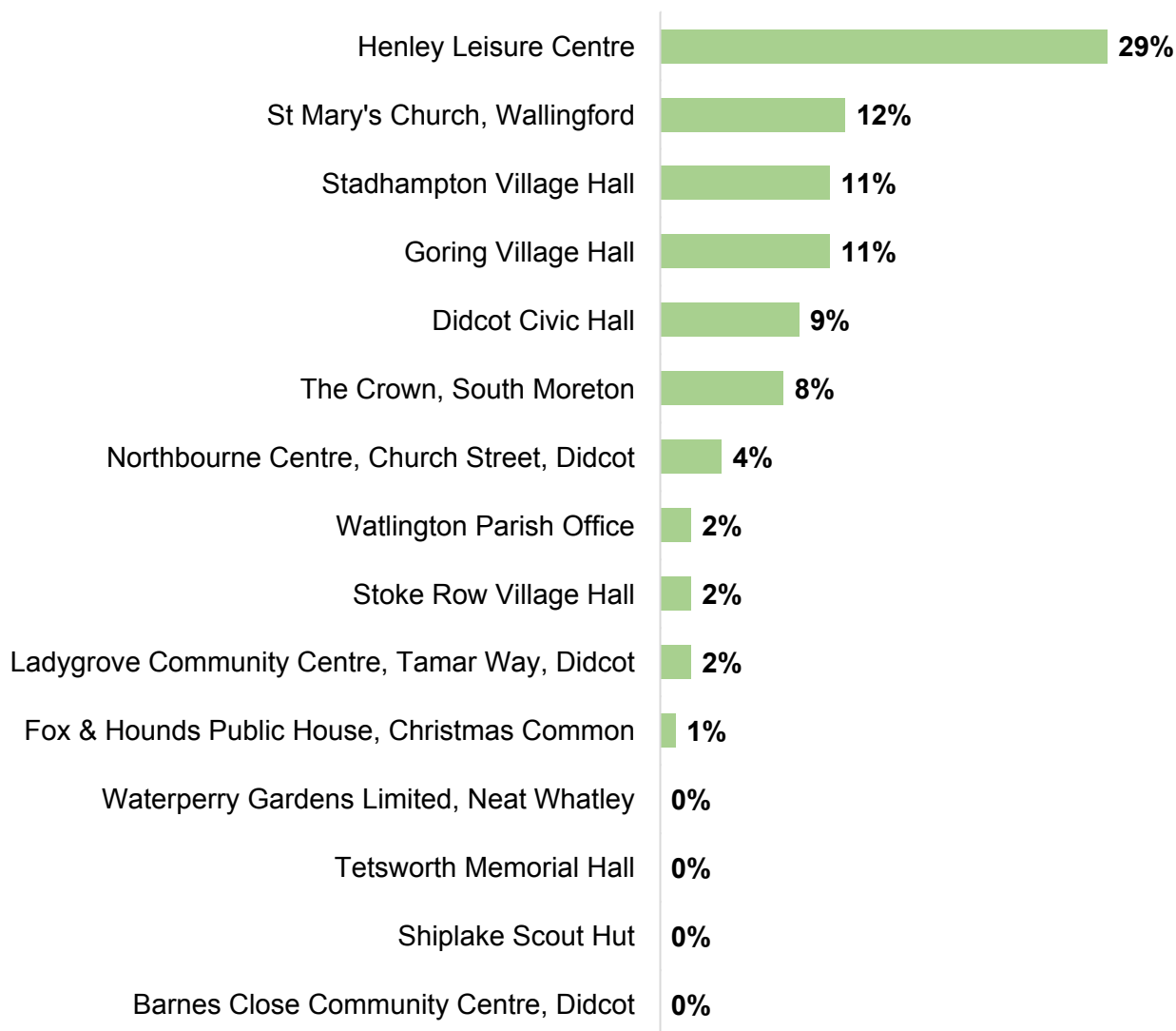
No respondents selected the following polling places:

- Waterperry Gardens Limited
- Tetsworth Memorial Hall
- Pyrton

- Shipburn
- Barnes Close Community Centre.

The full list of results for all polling places is shown in the chart below.

Figure 3



Polling places not under assessment

Q5. If you want, you can use the text box below to comment on any of the above polling places, for example to highlight issues or make suggestions based on your voting experience. Please make sure you mention the specific location(s) you are commenting on.

This section of the survey provided the opportunity to comment on any of the polling places or districts which were not under assessment. A full list of places and districts not under assessment was shown at the beginning of the page.

We received 17 comments in response to this question. Below is a summary of what respondents said and a table with the full list of redacted comments.

LAD – St Laurence Hall, Warborough: Two respondents said they are happy with this polling place.

LKA - Goring Heath Parish Hall: One respondent said they are happy with the venue and the location.

RAC1 and RAC2 – Stewart Hall, Brightwell cum Sotwell: Two respondents complained about the lack of a polling place in Shellingford Hill, noting that the polling place in Brightwell-cum-Sotwell is far and not served by public transport.

LEJ - Beckley & Stowood Village Hall: One respondent said they are happy with this venue and location.

LFB - Garsington Village Hall: One respondent reported issues with accessibility at this polling place and suggested moving it to Denton Lane Sports and Social Club.

LIA1- Henley on Thames Town Hall: One respondent reported accessibility issues at this venue. Another respondent expressed disagreement with the proposal to move the polling place to Walton Avenue.

LIA5 – Sacred Heart Parish Church, Henley on Themes: One respondent said they are happy about this venue and location.

RBB - Fleetmeadow Community Centre: One respondent said this is a good location. Another one said that this venue is accessible but not well sign posted.

LGA2 - Goring Village Hall: One respondent suggested moving the polling place to Goring and District Community Centre.

Table 3

ID	Comment
ANON-Q4K2-GT3W-7	I live in Brightwell Baldwin (polling district LCB). We have around 150 voters attached to this polling location. REDACTED I think around 4,000 people are attached to one polling station there (in Chinnor). Honestly, the coverage makes no sense. Please arrange for a more rational coverage of our voting population.
ANON-Q4K2-GTCW-Q	Goring Heath Parish Hall, Whitchurch Hill: lovely hall with good parking. access and facilities.
ANON-Q4K2-GTV2-5	I agree that everyone of voting age should have unhindered access to their local voting centre
ANON-Q4K2-GTVU-8	LAD - Although I normally use a postal vote, I sometimes use St Laurence Hall, Warborough which is very convenient and has easy access.
ANON-Q4K2-GTV6-9	I am not aware of any issue with [LAD] St Laurence Hall, Warborough
ANON-Q4K2-GTGY-W	According to the Henley Herald: "Residents are being asked what they think of a proposed move of the polling station at Henley Leisure Centre

	due to the excess noise to Sacred Heart Church Hall and Henley Town Hall depending on your polling district." The Sacred Heart Church Hall has only been used once. That, I believe was acceptable. If the Leisure Centre is to be closed, and voters sent to Walton Avenue - then that would be rejected by most if not all of the residents. Walton Avenue is a private road maintained by the residents of the road, including the church. The dust thrown up and the wear on the road and the noise by a large number of voters would be unacceptable.
ANON-Q4K2-GTG5-S	You have closed our polling station and moved it to an inaccessible location. We are the shillingford hill ward and should be RAC2 i believe. However, you have closed us down and co-located us with RAC1. Note Rac1 and RAC2 are now the same location in Brightwell cum Sotwell. This is over an hours walk away over fields. There is no public transport link. It is a 15minute drive away and many here have no car. can we please have a polling station back in our ward! A local farmer offered his premises to you 2 years ago, but you ignored his offer.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGE-9	Henley- Sacred Heart Hall is ideal, and should be retained
ANON-Q4K2-GT1Y-7	Beckley Village Hall is an excellent building and ideal for the use of a polling station. As members of Beckley village, we are very happy with the hall as a polling station.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1G-N	Garsington village hall has no parking in access is bad for older people and people with disability. The sports and social club on Denton lane has parking and easy access for disadvantaged people
ANON-Q4K2-GT1A-F	LNA2
ANON-Q4K2-GT17-5	The town hall in Henley as steps up into the building. Not accessible for physical disabled Lia1 Henley Town Hall
ANON-Q4K2-GT8V-B	No Wheelchair access or limited mobility assistance, partial/ total sight loss, this venue is not accessible for anyone who is not in very good health with no disabilities
ANON-Q4K2-GTMZ-4	Fleetmeadow community centre is a perfect location for voting - highly accessible
ANON-Q4K2-GTMA-B	RBB is an accessible location but unless you walk round here, it's not brilliantly signed and I'm not sure everyone knows how to find it
ANON-Q4K2-GTZK-2	RAC1 & RAC2 - Stewart Hall, Brightwell-cum-Sotwell - we live on Shillingford Hill mobile home park and have to travel all the way to Brightwell-cum-Sotwell to vote. Impossible to do so unless you have a car, and all the roads in the village are single track, so it's a very difficult

	journey. Shillingford itself and/or Warborough would be much more suitable venues
ANON-Q4K2-GTFG-A	Goring and district Community Centre has access from more of the electorate and is not near a busy road. Access for the disabled and from its own car park is easier than the Belleme room

Waterperry Gardens Limited

Q6. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Waterperry Gardens Limited to Holton Village Hall?

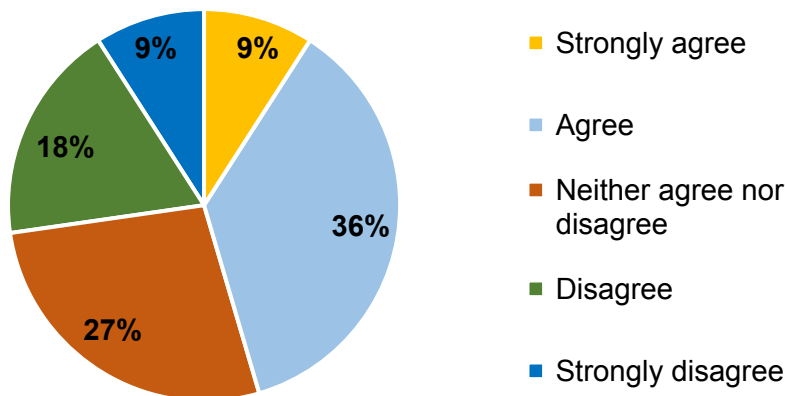
There were no responses to this question.

Goring Village Hall

Q8. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to remove the reference to a specific room (Belleme Room) which can be used a polling place inside Goring Village Hall?

There were 11 responses to this question.

Figure 4



No clear majority emerged in either support of, or disagreement with the proposal to remove the reference to a specific room within the polling place (Belleme Room). In fact, although data shows that just under half of respondents agreed with the proposal (45 percent), including nine percent who strongly agreed with it, 27 percent disagreed (including nine percent who strongly disagreed), and another 27 percent neither agreed nor disagreed.

However, overall, more respondents agreed with this proposal (45 per cent), than disagreed with it (27 per cent).

Eight further comments were made. Five of them suggested replacing the existing polling place with the Goring and District Community Centre on Station Road. Three respondents

highlighted accessibility issues with the existing polling place, whilst two supported the proposal to remove the reference to 'Belleme Room.'

A list of all comments is shown in the table below.

Table 4

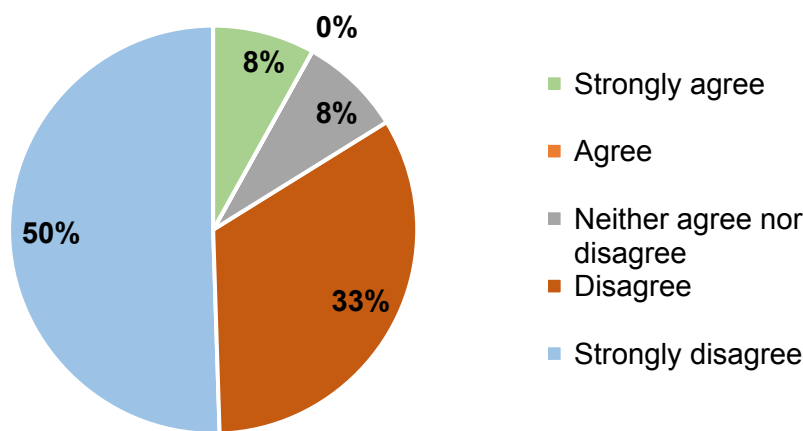
ID	Comment
ANON-Q4K2-GT3U-5	It's the same building and is always appropriately signposted, not everyone recognises the room name
ANON-Q4K2-GTCP-G	I have no objection to which room, as long as the polling station remains within the Goring Village Hall.
ANON-Q4K2-GT86-B	Polling should be moved from Goring village hall to the Goring and District Community Centre, Old School, Station Road, Goring RG8 9HB. This is more central to the polling area. The front (main) entrance will shortly face on to a new pedestrian priority lane in Station Road. It has an accessible entrance and accessible lavatory and has ample car parking for staff and voters that does not, unlike at Goring village hall, tend to obstruct the pavement, making it difficult for people with impaired mobility to enter or pass by. The Community Centre has good, direct pedestrian and wheelchair / mobility scooter / pushchair access, through the Arcade, to and from High Street, close to the shops. This latter point will encourage rather than discourage participation in elections by Goring residents.
ANON-Q4K2-GT8F-U	Access for the disabled is not d Good enough
ANON-Q4K2-GTF8-U	If possible, polling should be moved from Goring Village Hall to the Goring and District Community Centre, Old School, Station Road, Goring RG8 9HB. Advantages to the voting public are easy access from anywhere in the polling area (access to the front of the building from Station Road and to the rear of the building via the Arcade); ample parking for voters (useful for voters who don't like to walk in the rain); easy access for wheelchairs and mobility scooters; large rooms which can be configured for maximum voter privacy.
ANON-Q4K2-GTFB-5	I think that the Village Hall generally is not suitable at all, due mainly to the fact that it is difficult for disabled voters to gain access. There is not sufficient parking close enough. I think that a better place would be the Goring Community Centre in Station Road. It has plenty of parking, is very accessible from the centre of the village with disabled access straight from the car park. There is a kitchen and toilets for use of the staff on voting days.
ANON-Q4K2-GTF3-P	It has been suggested that it might be better to use the Community Centre, Station Road, Goring RG8 9HB for the polling station. It has access for the disabled and car parking for both voters and staff. It is also in a more central location in the village and houses the offices of Goring on Thames Parish Council. Its location near the shops in Goring will encourage people to vote.

ANON-Q4K2-GTF4-Q	I propose the use of the Goring and Streatley Community Centre in Station Rd, Goring as it is right in the middle of the village. There is parking at the back which can be used together with disabled access. There is plenty of room for the voting booths and volunteers. Toilets and a kitchen again for volunteers use.
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Stadhampton Village Hall

Q10. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to find an alternative venue to replace Stadhampton Village Hall as a polling place?

Figure 5



Due to Stadhampton Village Hall having accessibility issues, the polling districts and places review suggested to find an alternative venue to use as a polling place. Most respondents disagreed with this proposal (83 percent), including 50 per cent who strongly disagreed.

A minority of respondents agreed with this proposal (eight percent), and another eight percent neither agreed nor disagreed.

Q11. If you can suggest any venues in the local area that could replace Stadhampton Village Hall as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

We received seven responses to this question. Here are the venues that respondents suggested:

- Stadhampton Village School (x3).
- Stadhampton Pavilion (x1).
- St Katherine’s Church (x1).

One respondent said they disapprove of the primary school being used as a polling station to replace Stadhampton Village Hall. Below is the full list of comments.

Table 5

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTVD-Q	No, I'm afraid not!!
ANON-Q4K2-GTVS-6	Stadhampton Community Hall / School. Stadhampton Pavilion - the green.
ANON-Q4K2-GTVX-B	Stadhampton Village Primary School.
ANON-Q4K2-GTVG-T	Please do NOT use a different location. Please do NOT use the school and interrupt the education and safety of the children.
ANON-Q4K2-GTVB-N	None known
ANON-Q4K2-GTVM-Z	St Katherines church.
ANON-Q4K2-GT14-2	The only other suitable venue is the school but this is not ideal as it would have to close on any polling day.

Tetsworth Memorial Hall

Q13. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place for LHH voters from Tetsworth Memorial Hall to Lewknor Village Hall?

There were no responses to this question.

Henley Leisure Centre

Q15. Please rank the alternative venues we have identified for LIA2 Henley 2 (North) in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite venue, and 2 being your least preferred one.

Due to the existing polling place for LIA2 Henley 2 North having accessibility issues, the elections team have identified alternative venues that could be used during elections. We asked respondents to rank the two alternative venues according to their preference.

We received 20 responses to this question.

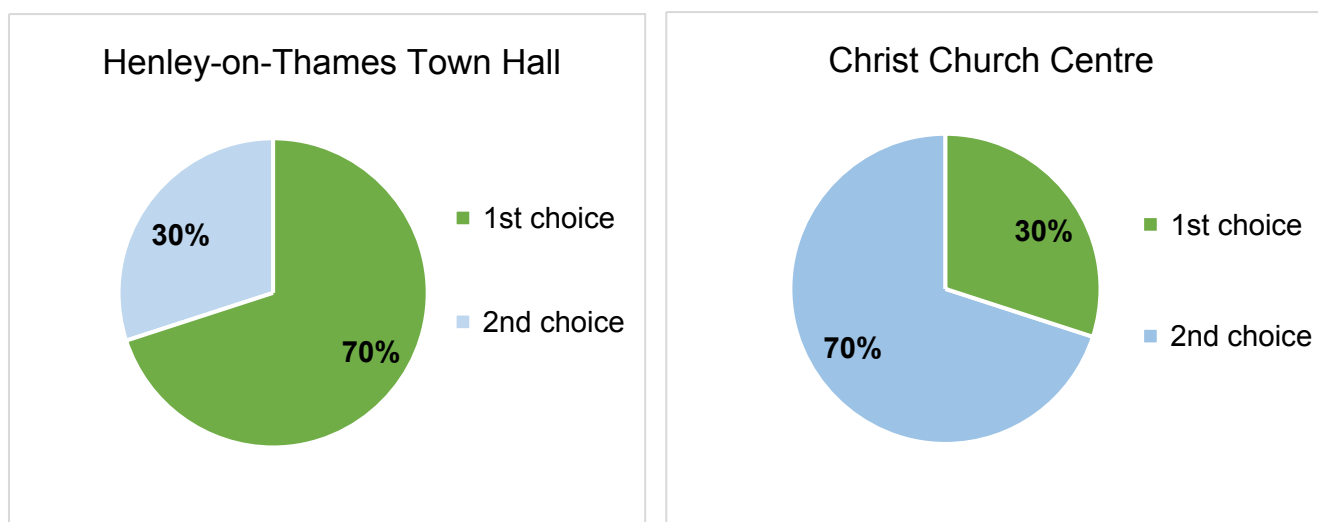


Figure 6

A majority of respondents said they prefer the Town Hall as alternative venue to replace the existing polling place. In fact, 70 percent ranked this venue first, whilst Christ Church Centre was ranked first by the remaining 30 percent of respondents.

We received 15 additional comments. Almost all comments expressed disagreement with the proposal to move away from Henley Leisure Centre, which respondents would like to retain as a polling place. Many comments highlighted insufficient parking at the alternative venues under consideration.

Below is a full list of all redacted comments.

Table 6

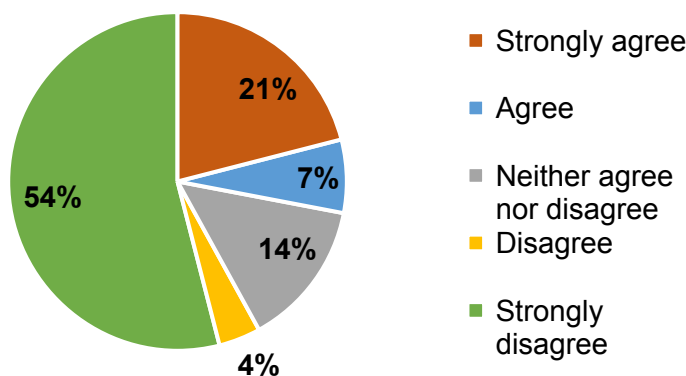
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTCF-6	I do not understand why you wish to move away from the existing Henley Leisure Centre for our Polling station as it is very convenient being just out of the town centre with plenty of parking spaces. None of your proposed alternatives meet either criteria. Whether you like it or not a majority of voters arrive by car. The Town Hall is in the centre of the town and really unable to cope with any more voters on the day. People park in the disabled parking spaces or on the double yellow lines, some on the pavement! Very few use the Greys Road carpark and walk over - too lazy??? To try and get in to the Christchurch centre carpark is asking for trouble as it is on the main Reading road and is a very small, congested carpark.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGD-8	Can't see what's wrong with Henley Leisure Centre. An easy walk for most.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGG-	The leisure centre is perfect. Please leave it. There is parking, which

B	encourages some voters, and it has a very smooth operation. Don't fix something that doesn't need fixing.
ANON-Q4K2-GTG4-R	Personally, I actually believe the leisure centre is a perfect location! It will alienate a lot of voters from the top of Henley as the parking at the Christchurch centre is very limited and traffic thst side of town is terrible on a quiet day! Plus the town hall houses so many voters and parking in town is mostly terrible too!
ANON-Q4K2-GTGR-P	Please retain Henley Leisure Centre as a polling station to support accessibility to residents in the Gillotts area who already face limitations such as lack of shops
ANON-Q4K2-GTG8-V	Parking could be an issue since a lot of people drove to vote at the Leisure Centre and there isn't any parking dedicated to either venue
ANON-Q4K2-GTGZ-X	I am of (as far as I can tell) of normal hearing for my age. This polling station is to my mind NOT excessively noisy. It is easy to access via the 3 footpaths, has reasonable parking, and serviced by the Henley Hopper. The alternates offered are approximately 1 mile away and probably around 300-400 ft vertical Hight difference. (Greys Hill), Considering many of my neighbours are closer to 80 than any other decade, it would be a strong disincentive to vote. It is almost gerrymandering in my humble opinion.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGJ-E	Both of these alternatives are not viable for my family and many of our elderly and less able neighbours. The current option (Henley Leisure Centre) has ample parking unlike the Town Hall and is much more accessible for the many elderly people living on Makins, Blandy, Wootton Roads. The Town Hall would meant more people being forced into the town centre which already struggles for parking on a quiet day. On polling day, many people would be left unable to vote due to the lack of parking. Both alternative options are at the bottom of the hill and therefore inaccessible for those less able living at the top of the hill.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1D-J	Leisure centre works fine as is and is perfectly accessible to all
ANON-Q4K2-GT1B-G	I have voted in Henley Leisure Centre for 10 years and cannot understand why it might be 'too noisy'! Noisy for whom? In my experience the voters are normally well behaved and the Leisure Centre itself doesn't seem 'noisy'! The parking is good and there is a local bus service that makes it easy to get to if you haven't got a car.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1P-X	No preference, fail to see how either would be quieter than use of the segregated areas within Henley leisure centre that is currently used. Physical access is worse at the town hall. Both are significantly further than current station. Parking is worse at both proposals.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1Q-Y	I think this proposal is wrong. I have worked as a poll clerk at Henley Leisure Centre, it is ideal, many people walk there as they live nearby, there is no problem with noise and there is plenty of parking. We should not be putting polling stations away from the area they serve, we should

	encourage people to vote. This proposal will deter people from voting.
ANON-Q4K2-GT88-D	The leisure centre does seem to be a better venue, for accessibility and parking.
ANON-Q4K2-GT84-9	The leisure centre is more convenient for me
ANON-Q4K2-GTMH-J	The Christchurch Centre does not seem suitable as there is very little parking. This is also major problem for the Town hall, and is of concern for older voters. I would have thought that leaving the polling both at Henley Leisure Centre would be the best solution for this polling district, and just moving the LIA4 - Henley 4 (south) to a different location.

Q16. How far do you agree with the proposal to move the polling place for LIA4 Henley (South) from Henley Leisure Centre to the Sacred Heart Parish Church?

Figure 7



Polling district LIA4 Henley South shares the same polling place, Henley Leisure Centre, with LIA2 Henley 2 North. The elections team have identified the Sacred Heart Parish Church as an alternative polling place for this polling district and have asked respondents for their views on this proposal.

Most respondents disagreed with the proposal to move the polling place for LIA4 from Henley Leisure Centre to the Sacred Heart Parish Church (58 percent). This includes 54 percent who strongly disagreed.

28 percent agreed with this proposal, including 21 percent who strongly agreed, and 14 percent neither agreed nor disagreed.

We received 18 further comments. Of them, eight comments highlighted accessibility issues at the Sacred Heart Parish Church. Six comments expressed disagreement with the proposal to move away from Henley Leisure Centre. Two expressed positive comments about the Sacred Heart Parish Church, whilst one expressed negative feelings about the existing polling place (Henley Leisure Centre).

Table 7

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTCF-6	Sacred Heart is in a domestic setting with again a small carpark so everyone will park in the unmade private road adjacent. I am sure the residents will love that!!!
ANON-Q4K2-GTVF-S	The Leisure Centre is too far to travel and parking is poor
ANON-Q4K2-GTGX-V	Not sure why it needs to change, for us it has been satisfactory at the leisure centre.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGG-B	As above.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGR-P	As above
ANON-Q4K2-GTG8-V	Unclear how either of these proposed moves helps with accessibility as they're less accessible to those with mobility issues (stairs, parking, etc)
ANON-Q4K2-GTGZ-X	I am of (as far as I can tell) of normal hearing for my age. This polling station is to my mind NOT excessively noisy. It is easy to access via the 3 footpaths, has reasonable parking, and serviced by the Henley Hopper. The alternates offered are approximately 1 mile away and probably around 300-400 ft vertical Hight difference. (Greys Hill), Considering many of my neighbours are closer to 80 than any other decade, it would be a strong disincentive to vote. It is almost gerrymandering in my humble opinion.
ANON-Q4K2-GTGJ-E	Please see previous comments above.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1P-X	See applicable points made in section 15.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1Q-Y	The polling station at the leisure centre is fine, I have worked there as a poll clerk. It should not be moved. This would deter people from voting.
ANON-Q4K2-GT88-D	Increased traffic to this densely populated area and over an unmade road could prove unsafe.
ANON-Q4K2-GT8P-5	The Sacred Heart Church hall is on a private, non-through road on which children play and on which there is no path. The residents of the road pay to keep it up. It is not a tarmac road. The traffic from people visiting the hall to vote does and will damage the road, especially if the foot fall rises. The hall, which is not big, is already used as a polling station and gets busy enough. People also tear up and down the road in their cars, despite there being 10mph signs, and its is dangerous for the children and other people who live on the road. The more people that have to use the hall to vote the more damage to the road there will be, which the residents should not have to pay

	for, and the higher the risk of injury to the people who live on the road. Also the more people that have to use the hall to vote the more people I expect will start using Walton Avenue more generally to cut through or whatever else. This is not acceptable. It is not an obvious place to have a big polling station and will be strongly resisted.
ANON-Q4K2-GT8R-7	Access to the Church Hall is off a private unmade road (Walton Avenue) which has an uneven surface. There is no street lighting on this road and no pavements either both of which will cause obvious safety issues for young and old alike. There is limited parking at the Church Hall.
ANON-Q4K2-GT81-6	Sacred Heart Parish Hall is accessed via Walton Avenue, a private unmade avenue that is maintained by the residents and additional traffic causes further deterioration to the surface. Furthermore, the Avenue is a quiet residential area with no footpaths and it is used by young children to go to and from school and increased traffic would increase the danger to them and any pedestrians. Therefore, I strongly disagree with the proposed move,
ANON-Q4K2-GT82-7	I am unhappy with this proposal as the private unmade road is not suitable for heavy traffic and will cause damage to the road itself. Please note that Walton Avenue is a private road with no pavement available for pedestrians. We as Walton Avenue residents are responsible for the upkeep of the road which already has incurred expensive repairs and we will strongly oppose access to our road. Kind regards REDACTED
ANON-Q4K2-GT8A-P	Sacred Heart Parish Church Hall Car park and pedestrian access is located on a Private Unmaintained road (Walton Avenue) the car park is NOT accessible from Vicarage Road. The access road (Walton Ave) is unlit, is maintained exclusively by the residents who live on it and has no pavement or safe space for walking. The road is also very narrow, cars cannot easily pass each other on it making the risk to pedestrians (residents and voters) and disruption/risks to residents a huge safety concern. There are therefore key safety as well as other reasons why this venue is highly unsuitable compared to the current venue or other town centre venues: - 1. Children and residents walk in the road to access their homes, in darkness torches must be used and cars cannot see pedestrians due to no street lighting. As voters are highly likely to try to travel by car to vote this creates a huge safety, pollution and noise issue from unprecedented traffic on a road. 2. Cars cannot easily pass each other and when they do there is nowhere for pedestrians to stand - It would be highly dangerous to the residents who live on it and voters who walk to vote. 3. When cars do try to pass they create a high risk of damage to our resident maintained verges and protected trees that line the avenue. 3. There is no parking for cars on the road, if they do park they block access and visibility - it would be important to understand how this parking prevention

	would be enforced on polling day (for example by allowing the road to be closed to cars and the car park not to be used?) 4. The road is not maintained, excess traffic creates a lot of dust pollution in the summer months and in the winter damages the surface of the road that we have to fix at our own expense. It would be important to understand how residents maybe compensated for this damage.
ANON-Q4K2-GTMH-J	There is good parking available for this venue, even though the polling station would be out of the district, and I feel this is an important consideration for the majority of voters.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZY-G	We were really bemused when our Polling station changed from Trinity Hall on Harpsden Road to the Leisure Centre as Trinity Hall is just a short walk. Sacred Heart will again put as back within walking distance.

Q17. If you can suggest any venues in the local area that could replace Henley Leisure Centre as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

We received 13 comments in response to this question. Below is a summary of the venues suggested by respondents and a full list of all redacted comments.

- Valley Road School (x2)
- Scout Hut on Greys Road (x2)
- Gillotts School (x1)
- Sacred Heart School (x1)
- Phyliss Court (x1)
- Trinity Hall (x1) and Trinity School (x1)
- Henley College (x1)
- Henley Tennis Club (x1)

Table 8

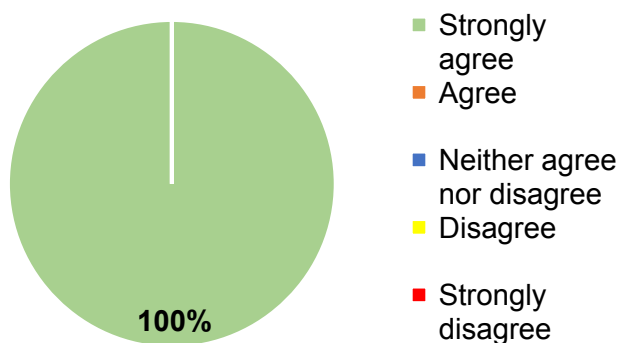
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTCF-6	No reason has been give to support the question of moving away from the Henley Leisure Centre. So WHY??? It has seved well in the past so WHY MOVE????
ANON-Q4K2-GTGD-8	Valley Rd School
ANON-Q4K2-GTGR-P	Valley Road School?
ANON-Q4K2-GTGZ-X	No, Henley Leisure Centre is excellent.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1D-J	Gillotts school
ANON-Q4K2-GT1B-G	I want to keep it the same venue.
ANON-Q4K2-GT1Q-Y	Scout hut on Greys Road better than Town Hall or Sacred Heart Hall. But

	there is no need to change, Henley Leisure Centre is ideal as many people can walk and there is a carpark. Voters come throughout the day there is not a problem parking.
ANON-Q4K2-GT88-D	Sacred Heart school
ANON-Q4K2-GT8P-5	Phyliss Court. Trinity School. Or any of the local primary and secondary schools, as is normal.
ANON-Q4K2-GT82-7	Henley town hall
ANON-Q4K2-GT8A-P	It is very difficult to understand how noise pollution 1-2 days per year for a small number of residents at a location away from many houses, on a properly maintained road and with a large car park with two way access could be compared to the huge safety and accessibility issues of the proposed venue. However, if the venue had to be moved then a town centre location, near car parks, bus and transport links in locations that are paritally-residential and already relatively busy makes the most sense. This could be the christ church centre with the benefit of parking and close proximity to a huge amount of parking at the station car park or the town hall. Both are accessible on foot for the majority of henley residents.
ANON-Q4K2-GTMH-J	Venues outside of the central Henley would be better. Perhaps the scout hut, or part of Henley College, or henley tennis club?
ANON-Q4K2-GTZY-G	You could also go back to using Trinity Hall on Vicarage Road, not far from Sacred Heart.

Shiplake Scout Hut

Q19. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from the Shiplake Scout Hut to Shiplake Memorial Hall?

We received one response to this question, which strongly agreed with the proposal.



The respondent made one additional comment on this proposal, which highlighted accessibility and visibility issues with the existing polling place, thus reiterating their support for the proposal to move away from the venue.

Table 9

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTMH-J	If the scout hut is accessed by road, it can be hazardous to exit the site due to vehicles speeding down the hill, and visibility is not great from the site, due to a blind bend.

Pyrton

Q22. How far do you agree or disagree to move the polling place from the Fox & Hounds Public House to Pyrton Village Hall?

There were no responses to this question.

Q23. How far do you agree or disagree to merge the two polling districts, LOD1 and LOD2?

There were no responses to this question.

Shirburn

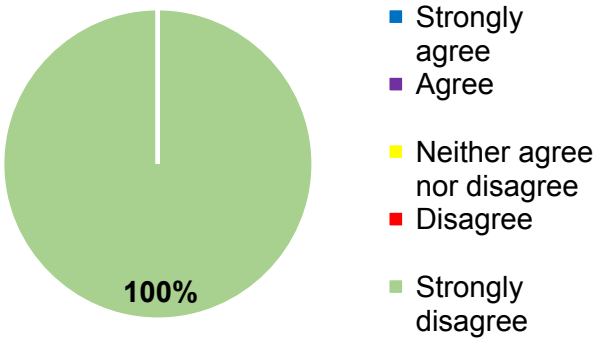
Q25. How far do you agree or disagree to move the polling place from the Fox & Hounds Public House to Pyrton Village Hall?

There were no responses to this question.

26. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to merge two polling districts, LOE1 and LOE2?

There were no responses to this question.

Watlington



Q28. How far do you agree or disagree to move the polling place from the Fox & Hounds Public House to Watlington Parish Office?

We received one response to this question, which strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Figure 8

We received one additional comment, which further shows disagreement with the proposal.

Table 10

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT18-6	I have voted at the Fox & Hounds ever since it was made a Polling Station and still wish to do so. It is within walking distance and I can bring my dogs.

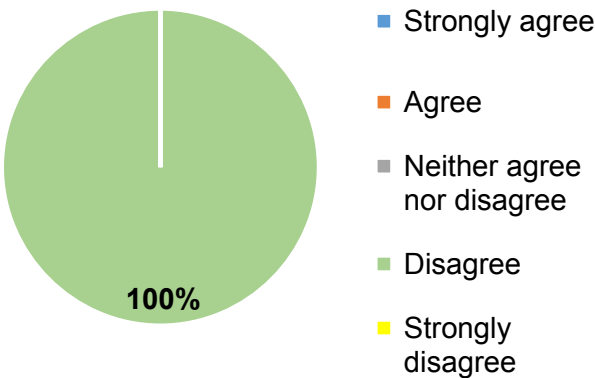
Q29. If you can suggest any other local venues that could replace the Fox & Hounds as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

There were no responses to this question.

Q30. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to merge two polling districts, LOH1 and LOH2?

We received one response to this question, which disagreed with the proposal.

Figure 9



Watlington Parish Office

Q32. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to merge two polling districts, LOH1 and LOH2?

Due to the size of polling district LOH1 and LOH2, we asked respondents whether they agreed or disagreed with the proposal to merge them.

No clear majority emerged in either support of, or disagreement with the proposal. In fact, we received two responses to this question, and whilst one respondent agreed with the proposal (50 per cent), the other respondent neither agreed nor disagreed (50 per cent).

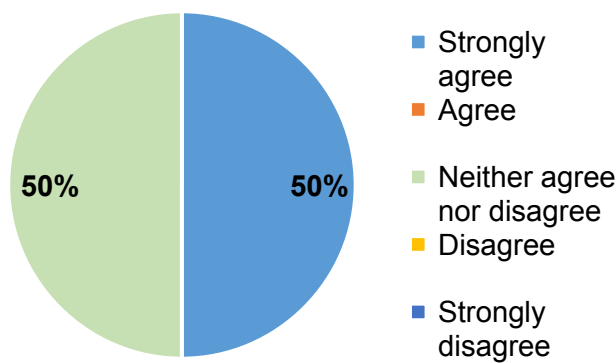


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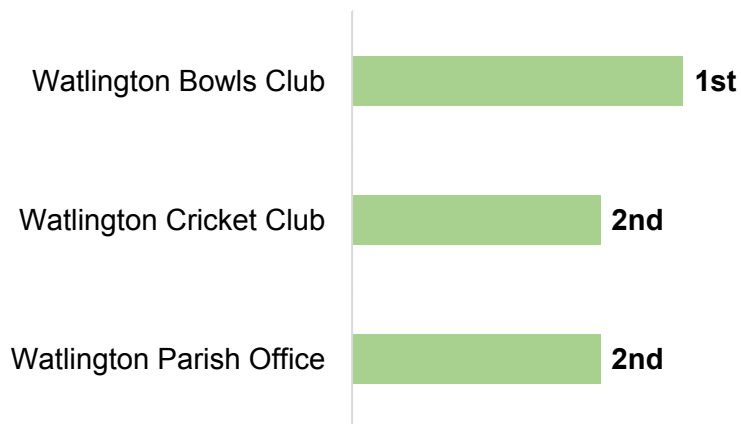
We received one additional comment on this proposal, which highlights accessibility issues with the Watlington Parish Office. Furthermore, in the respondent’s opinion, the alternative venue of the Cricket Club is preferable for those who drive, whilst the Bowls Club is better for those who cannot drive to the polling station.

Table 12

ID	Response
ANON-QQ4K2-GT31-1	As far as I remember the Parish office has a very awkward step when exiting. The Cricket club may be fine for those who drive. The Bowls club is fine for walkers

Q33. Please rank the alternative venues so far identified in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite venue and 3 your least preferred one.

Figure 11

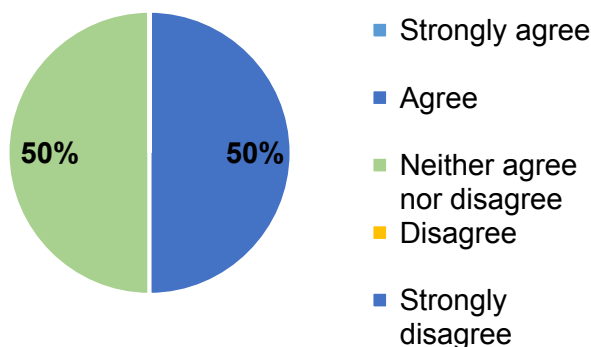


The proposed alternative venue that was ranked highest was the Watlington Bowls Club. The Watlington Cricket Club and the Parish Office both came second.

Q34. If you can suggest any other local venues that could replace Watlington Parish Office as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

We received one response to this question, which suggested the Watlington Library.

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT31-1	Watlington Library



Stoke Row Village Hall

Q36. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place for LPC voters from Stoke Row Village Hall to Rotherfield Greys Village Hall?

In order to allow voters in the LPC-Highmoor polling district to vote

alongside other voters in the same County division, the elections team proposed to move the polling place from Stoke Row Village Hall to Rotherfield Greys Village Hall.

We received two responses to this question. No clear majority emerged in either support of, or in disagreement with the proposal. In fact, whilst one respondent agreed with it (50 per cent), the other one neither agreed nor disagreed (50 per cent).

Figure 12

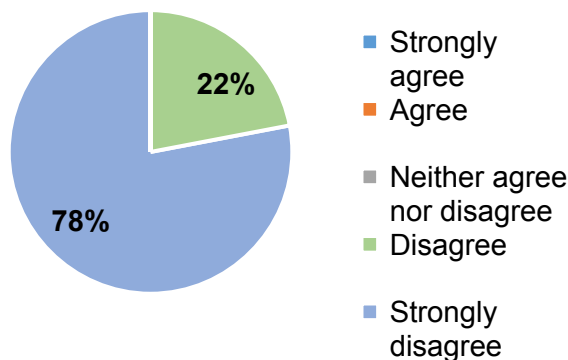
The Crown, South Moreton

Q18. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from The Crown, South Moreton, to North Moreton Village Hall?

Due to the The Crown in South Moreton having accessibility issues and being used as a pub, the elections team proposed to move the polling place to North Moreton Village Hall.

We received nine responses to this question. All respondents disagreed with this proposal, including a large majority who strongly disagreed (78 per cent).

Figure 13



We received seven additional comments. Below is a full list of all redacted comments. All comments expressed disagreement with the proposal to move away from The Crown, with most mentioning no issues with parking or accessibility there, whilst the proposed polling place of North Moreton Village Hall is, in respondents' opinion, not in walking distance nor served by public transport.

Table 13

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTM6-Z	There is no parking by the village hall, the Crown has parking
ANON-Q4K2-GTMV-	Please do not change our polling station. We have a lot of elderly residents

Z	who would not be able to get to north Moreton so please keep The Crown in South Moreton- this is our community space as we have no central place other than this
ANON-Q4K2-GTMF-G	Access to The Crown is far easier than to NM Village Hall. The Crown has ample car parking and access via footpaths along the road. Neither of these are available at the North Moreton Village Hall. Moving the polling station will likely disenfranchise the more elderly residents of South Moreton and many others who prefer to walk to a polling station rather than have to use a car. There is, of course, no convenient bus service or other public transport. The Crown has also recently improved disabled access for wheelchair users particularly - I understand the NM Village Hall is accessed by steps.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZD-U	As a resident of South Moreton I probably wouldn't bother going to North Moreton to vote, I am probably not alone. It is important that voters can vote locally if we are to remain a democracy.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZS-A	There is no public transport to get to north moreton so those without access to cars won't be able to vote.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZH-Y	It's convenient to walk to The Crown. North Moreton village hall requires a car journey
ANON-Q4K2-GT7J-X	There are ramps up to the part of the pub where polling takes place with only a door architrave to get over which wouldn't be a problem for a seasoned wheelchair user. This entrance is a separate one from the main pub and has extending doors separating the polling area from the main pub, which is anyway quiet through the working day and is not over patronised in the weekday evenings. having the polling station in the pub makes voting very much a community activity and helps the pub get a little extra weekday business.

Q39. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace The Crown as a polling place, use the box below to let us know.

We received six responses to this question.

Two venues were suggested by respondents:

- South Moreton School (x2)
- St John the Baptist Church (x1).

Table 14

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTM6-Z	St John the Baptist Church, could possibly be used
ANON-Q4K2-GTMV-Z	No keep The Crown
ANON-Q4K2-GTMF-G	The Crown is the central hub of South Moreton village life and as such is an excellent place for a polling station. If this is a matter of cost, please

	negotiate with the Tenant and if necessary the South Moreton Community benefit Society, who own the building.
ANON-Q4K2-GTzd-U	The Crown works well for local voters, what is the problem with it? If not The Crown then the school might be an alternative?
ANON-Q4K2-GTzS-A	South moreton school
ANON-Q4K2-GTzH-Y	The Crown is perfect so why change

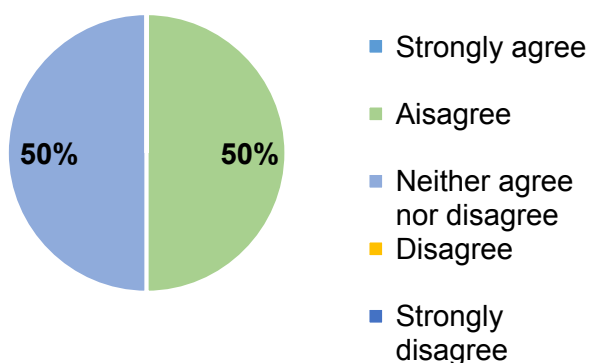
Ladygrove Community Centre

Q41. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to split the existing polling district (RBA1) into two smaller ones?

Due to the growing size of the RBA1 electoral district, the elections team proposed to split it into two different polling districts.

We received two responses to this question. No clear majority emerged, which either supported or disagreed with the proposal. In fact, whilst one respondent agreed with it (50 per cent), the other one neither agreed nor disagreed (50 per cent).

Figure 14



We received one additional comment from respondents on this proposal.

Table 15

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTV4-7	I've been at various times to vote on voting days and it never seems to be that busy - maybe two people in front of me.

Q42. If you can suggest other venues in the local area that could be used as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

We received two responses to this question. The venues that respondents suggested are:

- Willbrook Leisure Centre (x2)
- Didcot Football Club (x1).

Table 16

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTV4-7	Willowbrook Leisure Centre or Didcot Football Club on the Ladygrove.
ANON-Q4K2-GTMS-W	Willbrook leisure Center

Barnes Close Community Centre

Q44. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Barnes Close Community Centre to Didcot Leisure Centre?

There were no responses to this question.

Q45. If you can suggest any other local venues that could replace Barnes Close Community Centre as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

There were no responses to this question.

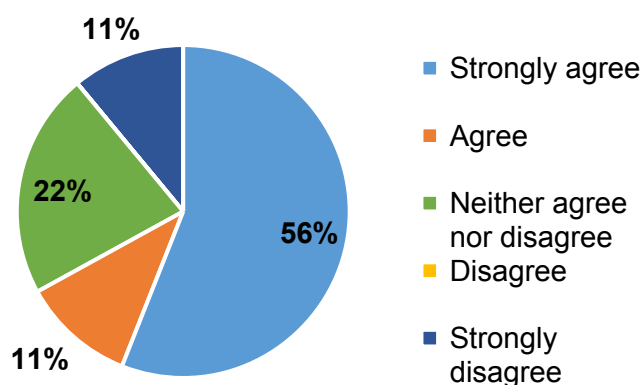
Didcot Civic Hall

Q47. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to split the existing RCA2 polling district into two smaller ones?

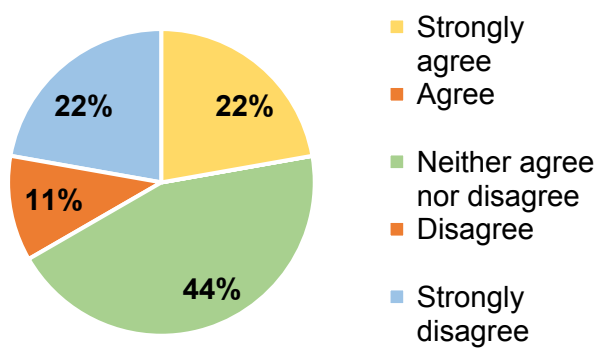
Due to the growing size of the electorate, the existing polling place of Didcot Civic Hall is no longer suitable for the entire polling district RCA2 – Didcot No.5 (Park). The elections team proposed to split this polling district into two smaller ones and to use different polling places for each one.

We received nine responses to this question. Most respondents agreed with this proposal, including 56 per cent who strongly agreed with it.

Figure 15



We received three additional comments on this proposal, which are listed below.



ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTV4-7	Waste of resources and polling officials
ANON-Q4K2-GTMS-W	Making it a shorter distance to caste your vote is very important for the elderly
ANON-Q4K2-GT15-3	GWP south should be able to vote on GWP south, e.g. within walking distance at the community centre.

Q48. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Didcot Civic Hall to Edmund's Park Pavilion?

We received nine responses to this question. No clear majority emerged in either support of, or disagreement with the proposal. However, more respondents disagreed with the proposal than agreed with it. More specifically, 33 per cent disagreed with this proposal, including 22 per cent who strongly disagreed, whilst 22 per cent strongly agreed with it.

44 per cent of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed.

Figure 16

We received four additional comments on this proposal. Two comments indicated issues with limited car access and parking at Edmund’s Park Pavilion.

Table 17

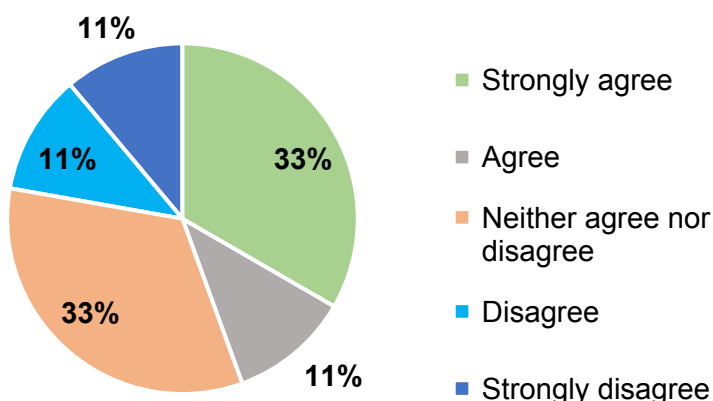
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT39-9	Both are accessible with reasonable parking....
ANON-Q4K2-GTGG-F	The choice of two places is best casting your vote according to where you live is the best option
ANON-Q4K2-GT15-3	Edmunds road is even worse to get to due to the bus gate, so driving access is more limited.
ANON-Q4K2-GT8U-A	There is not much parking there

Q48. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Didcot Civic Hall to GWP Southern Community Centre?

We received nine responses to this question. No clear majority emerged, which either supported or disagreed with the proposal. However, more respondents agreed with this proposal than opposed it. More specifically, 44 per cent of respondents said they agreed with moving the polling place to GWP Southern Community Centre (including 33 per cent who strongly agreed), whilst 22 per cent disagreed with it (including 11 per cent who strongly disagreed).

A third of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal.

Figure 17



We received three additional comments on this proposal, which are listed below.

Table 18

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT39-9	It's on the outer boundary for the residents who don't know GWP and live in the 1930's etc..estates of Didcot. The majority of this precinct is not in GWP, the access is via one road, being Wantage Road. This requires navigation out of the old estates along Wantage Road to GWP... Difficult to find and access, especially for the elderly and those who don't know GWP. Why change what has worked perfectly well for over 50 years....
ANON-Q4K2-GTGGK-F	Both places the parking at the Civic Hall is good also the entrance
ANON-Q4K2-GT15-3	Easier for people on GWP south.

Q50. If you can suggest other venues in the local area that could replace Didcot Civic Hall as a polling place for polling district RCA2, please use the box below to let us know.

We received three responses to the above question. Below is a full list of redacted comments.

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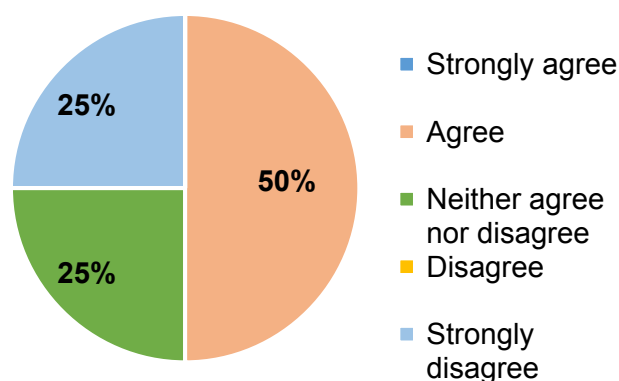
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT39-9	What's wrong with Didcot Civic Hall..... It works perfectly well. Are you selling it off to combine with another council or pay for recent loans for Edmonds Pavillion? This is not in the interests of the community....
ANON-Q4K2-GTC3-K	The education facility seems more central to the polling district
ANON-Q4K2-GT15-3	Use both the Community Hall and Pavillion, divide into 3 areas. The ridiculous bus gate means this side of town is cut in half for vehicular access without a long detour through town which would deter voting.

Northbourne Centre

The existing polling venue of Northbourne Centre is no longer suitable due to it having accessibility issues. This venue is currently shared by two polling districts – RCA3 Didcot No.6 (Orchard) and RDB – Didcot No.9 (Northbourne). The elections team proposed two different alternative venues for each polling district.

Q52. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place for RCA3 from Northbourne Centre to King Alfred Drive Community Centre?

Figure 18



We received four responses relating to district RCA3. No clear majority emerged among respondents, which either supported or disagreed with the proposal. However, more respondents agreed with this change (50 per cent), than strongly disagreed with it (25 per cent).

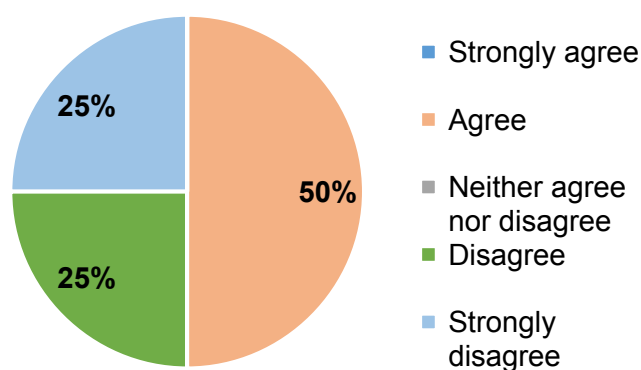
Another 25 per cent of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal.

No additional comments were made by respondents.

Q53. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place for RDB from Northbourne Centre to Didcot Methodist Church?

We received four responses relating to district RDB. No clear majority emerged among respondents, which either supported or disagreed with this proposal. In fact, whilst 50 per cent of them agreed to move the polling place to Didcot Methodist Church, 25 per cent disagreed and another 25 per cent strongly disagreed.

Figure 19



Respondents made two additional comments on this proposal, which are listed below.

Table 20

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT8C-R	If it does go to the Methodist Church, thats OK. But any furthur than that then I think people would not vote.
ANON-Q4K2-GTM5-Y	To far

Q54. If you can suggest any other local venues that could replace Northbourne Centre as a polling place, please use the box below to let us know.

We received one response to this question. Please see table below.

Table 21

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT8C-R	I don't kknow thats what you are there for!

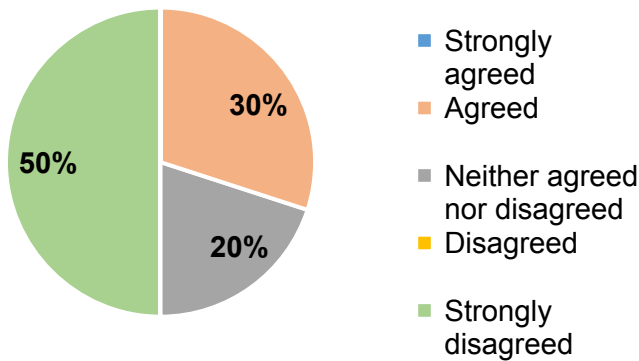
2nd Wallingford Scout Group, Station Fields

Q56. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to find an alternative venue to replace the 2nd Wallingford Scout Group as a polling place?

The existing polling place is no longer suitable due the size of the electorate and because it has limited facilities. The elections team has therefore proposed to find an alternative venue to replace the 2nd Wallingford Scout Group as a polling place.

There were ten responses to this question. No clear majority emerged among respondents which either supported or disagreed with the proposal. More specifically, whilst 30 per cent agreed with it, 50 per cent strongly disagreed and 20 per cent neither agreed nor disagreed. However, more respondents strongly disagreed with this proposal (50 percent), than agreed with it (30 percent).

Figure 20



We received five additional comments. Most comments indicated that they are happy with the existing polling place (2nd Wallingford Scout Group).

Table 22

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT8M-2	The venue is accessible, however, as it is off the main road and around a corner, because the signs indicating where the polling station is have not always been put on the main road , there have been situations where it is not clear where the polling Station is
ANON-Q4K2-GT89-E	Well located, good parking
ANON-Q4K2-GTZB-S	Never had to queue Easy to walk to equally easy to park so can easily vote while running errands
ANON-Q4K2-GTZ6-D	It was better and feel more private and confidential in a different location
ANON-Q4K2-GT7Q-5	Seems plenty big enough and doesn't have a step. Nice small carpark fir those not on foot. However, last time we voted it appeared there were less staff checking us in (2 instead of 4). Also checking in by electronic device appeared to take longer. I went early and there wasn't much of a queue. Later there was a queue and I've not seen this much before. I live quite close. I dont believe the issue was due to space, as there is plenty but in the process.

Q57. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace the 2nd Wallingford Scout Group as a polling place, use the box below to let us know.

We received four responses to this question. Here are the venues that respondents suggested could be used as a polling place:

- Hithercroft Sports ground (x1)
- Wallingford School (x1)
- Guides Hut at Fir Tree School (x1).

Table 23

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTZ1-8	Hithercroft Sports ground.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZ6-D	Back near Fir Tree School
ANON-Q4K2-GT7Y-D	Wallingford school
ANON-Q4K2-GT7Q-5	Guides Hut at Fir Tree School.

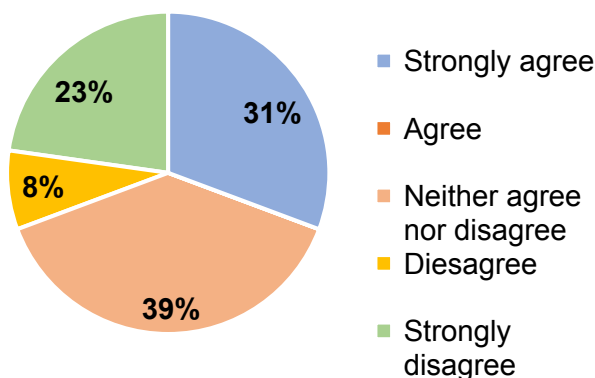
St Mary's Church, Market Place

The existing polling place of St Mary's Church in Wallingford is no longer suitable due to lack of sufficient space for the size of the electorate, and limited parking. The elections team proposed to move the polling place to Centre 70 or other alternative venue.

Q59. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from St Mary's Church to Centre 70?

There were 13 responses to this question. No clear majority emerged among respondents which either supported or disagreed with the proposal. More specifically, whilst 31 per cent strongly agreed with it, an equal number of respondents disagreed, including 23 per cent who strongly disagreed. An additional 39 per cent of respondents neither agreed nor disagreed with it.

Figure 21



Respondents made ten additional comments. Three comments highlighted limited parking at the proposed venue of Centre 70. Two comments expressed positive feelings about moving the polling place to Centre 70, whilst another two indicated that they prefer St Mary's Church. Two comments said that using a church as a polling place is inappropriate.

Table 24

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT85-A	Access in and out of st Mary's is great. Parking can be an issue. but centre 70 has less parking and is very congested getting in and out of it.
ANON-Q4K2-GT89-E	The main issue with St Marys is the lack of suitable parking
ANON-Q4K2-GTM6-Z	Having worked this venue for an election and also the hall that's in goldsmiths car park - I found the church difficult to run as a double polling station. The previous hall was much easier and more accessible. Centre 70 also has limited/tight parking
ANON-Q4K2-GTZG-X	Queues were into road at general election - unsafe. Inappropriate to have in a Christian place of worship given electorate is 50% non-Christian
ANON-Q4K2-GTZW-E	There is more space at Centre 70 to enable voters to have privacy to cast their votes. The orientation and proximity of voting kiosks to volunteer tables has always made me feel somewhat uncomfortable.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZZ-B	Centre 70 is no more spacious than St Mary's, has a tiny car park used by the dance school on the same site, and is no more accessible from the Town Car Parks.
ANON-Q4K2-GT7S-7	St Marys is in the centre of town and is easily accessible to all voters -

	large open space with ramps and flat surfaces for wheelchairs and mobility scooters.
ANON-Q4K2-GT7X-C	The church weekend really well. It is large and light. When queues form there is space for it off of the road. I don't need to consider parking but people can use Waitrose though this isn't free during the day
ANON-Q4K2-GT73-7	A church should not be used for political voting
ANON-Q4K2-GT7C-Q	St Mary's Church is not large enough for the size of our electorate, and it is not convenient for voters with mobility issues or those that need to drive & park close to the polling place. At busy times, voters often have to queue outside of the church, getting cold & wet and blocking the way for pedestrians & shoppers. Centre 70 is a much better location for all of these issues.

Q60. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace St Mary's Church as a polling place, use the box below to let us know.

There were six responses to this question. Here are the alternative venues that respondents suggested:

- Baptist church
- Wallingford School Main Hall
- Wallingford Sports Hall.

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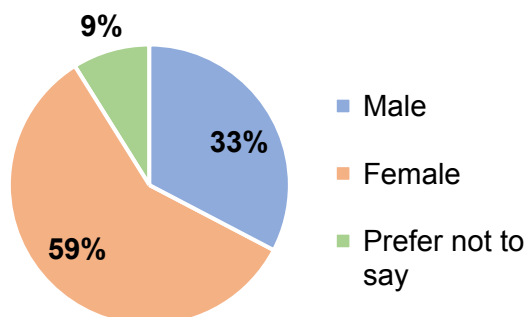
ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT85-A	Baptist church
ANON-Q4K2-GT89-E	Centre 70, but is busy when ballet classes are running in an adjacent building that shares the carpark.
ANON-Q4K2-GTZG-X	Wallingford has very little community space hence difficulty in finding alternatives. Good luck trying to book Centre 70 as they are generally unresponsive
ANON-Q4K2-GTZW-E	Wallingford School Main Hall.
ANON-Q4K2-GT7S-7	I would not like to see this polling station moved.
ANON-Q4K2-GT73-7	Wallingford School sports hall

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA¹

Below is the demographic data collected in the engagement. Not all respondents answered, so percentages given represent responses to each question.

Q62. What is your sex?

Figure 24

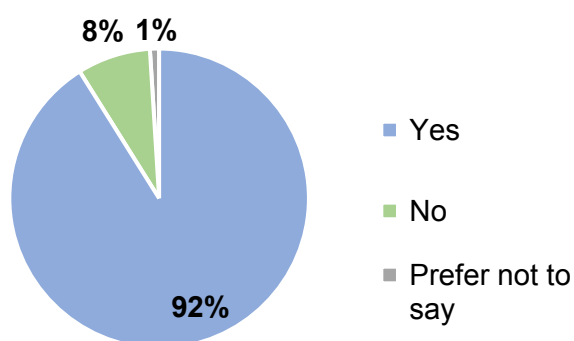


117 out of 120 respondents answered this question.

Overall, more females than males took part to this consultation. In fact, whilst female respondents made up 59 percent of the total, male ones made up 33 percent. Nine percent of respondents preferred not to answer this question.

This result is quite different from real population data for South Oxfordshire, where females make up 50.7 percent of total population, and males 49.3 percent.

Q63. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?



¹ Data for the actual population is taken from the 2021 Census and is available [here](#).

There were 117 responses to this question.

92 percent of respondents said that the gender they identify with is the same as their sex registered at birth. This is very close to the figure for the real population, which is 95 percent.

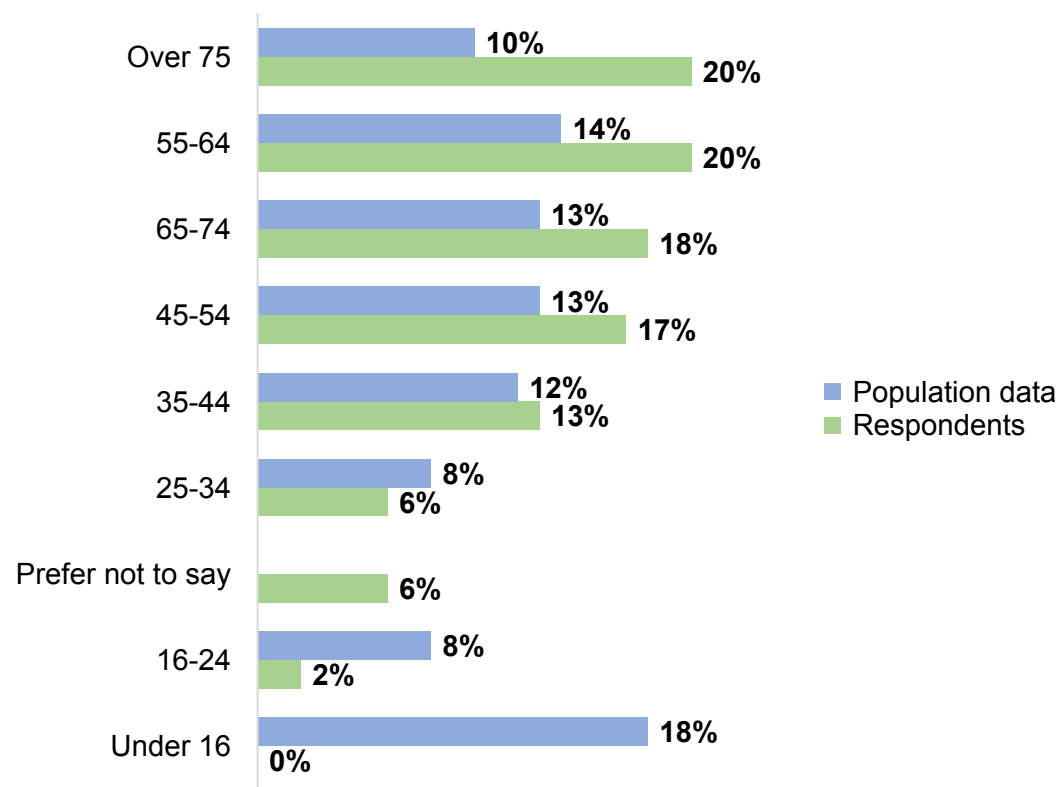
One percent said their gender is different from the sex registered at birth, which is somewhat higher than the figure registered within the real population – 0.13 percent. Eight percent of respondents preferred not to say.

We received on additional comment from respondents:

Table 26

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GTG5-S	of course! stupid question!

Q64. How old are you?



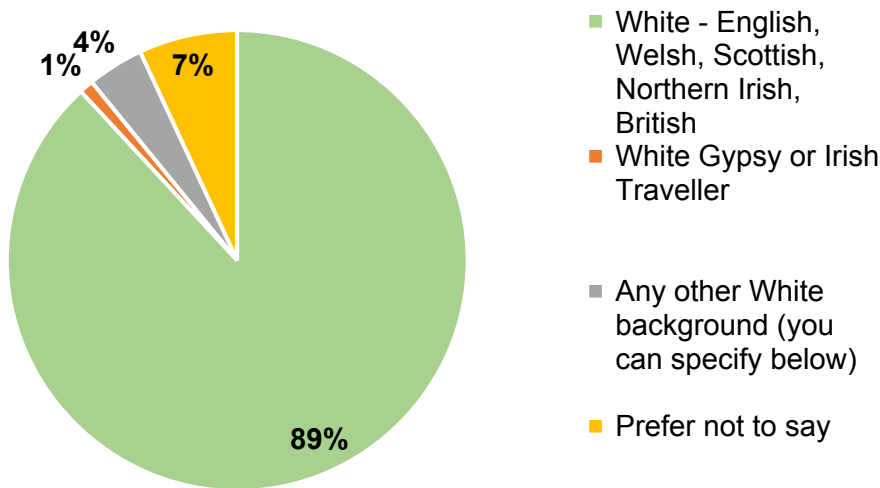
The largest age groups to respond to the consultation were the over 75s and 55-64-year-olds, which made up 20 percent of total respondents each. This was followed by the 65-74 and 45-54-year-olds, which made up 18 and 17 percent respectively.

Together, three age groups made up the majority of all respondents. These were the over 75s, 65-74 and 45-54-year-olds, which made up 58 per cent of the total. These groups also responded in much larger proportions when compared to younger cohorts and to their shares of the district’s population (please see chart above).

35-44 and 25-34-year-olds made up 13 and six percent of total respondents respectively. These proportions are very close to their shares of the district’s population.

Younger cohorts appear to be underrepresented in this consultation by comparison with real population data, particularly the under-16s.

Q65. What is your ethnic group?



89 percent of respondents said they are White – English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British. This compares to 86 percent of district’s residents who belong to this ethnic group.

Four percent said they have ‘Any other White background’. This is similar to population data, where people with ‘Any other White background’ make up six per cent of the total.

The two White groups above were both well represented in this consultation.

One percent said they are ‘Gypsy or Irish Traveller’. This group’s share of total population is 0.1 per cent.

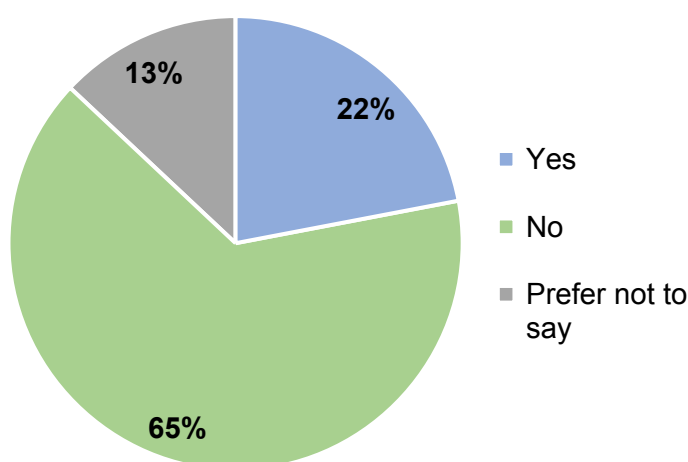
Seven per cent preferred not to answer this question.

Three further comments were received in response to this question.

Table 27

ID	Response
ANON-Q4K2-GT3U-5	I am European
ANON-Q4K2-GTGJ-E	Canadian
ANON-Q4K2-GTG5-S	Human

Q66. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?

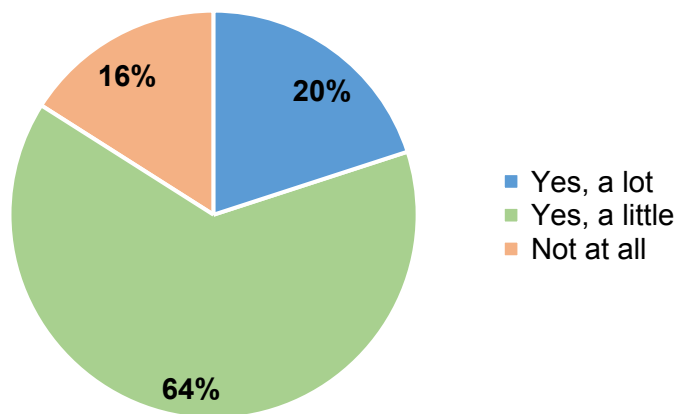


118 out of 120 respondents answered this question.

22 percent of respondents said they have a physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting 12 months or more, whilst 65 percent said they don't have such disability or illness. This compares to 86 percent of district's residents who said they don't have a disability or illness.

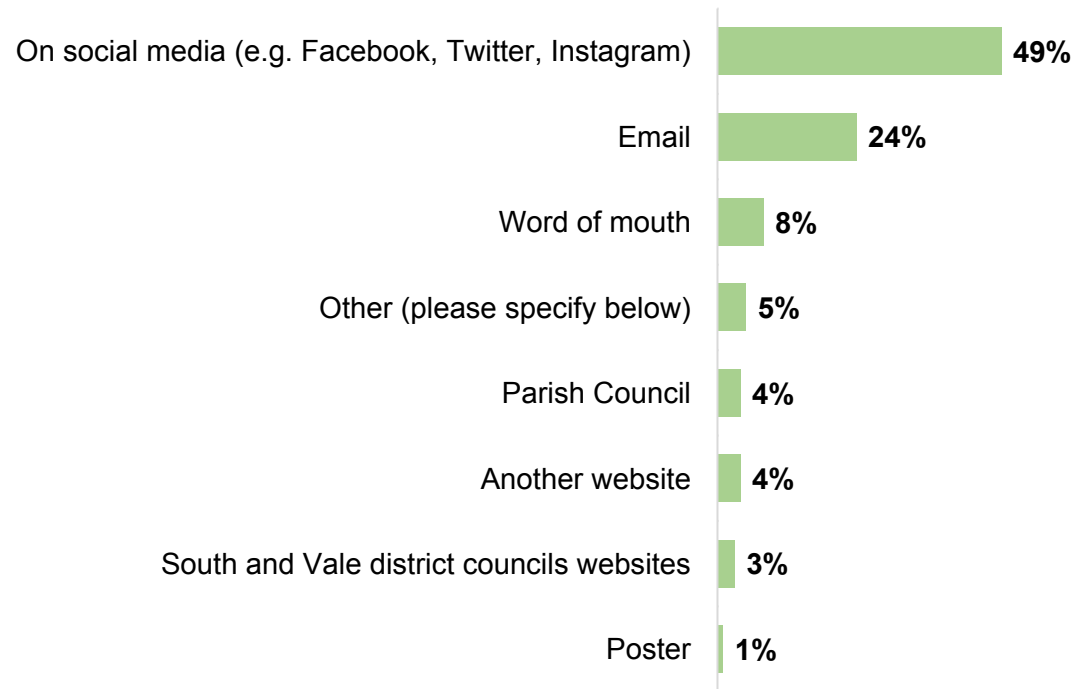
13 percent preferred not to answer this question.

Q39. Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities?



Among those who said they have a disability or illness lasting more than 12 months, 64 per cent said this impacts on their daily activities a little. Another 20 per cent of respondents said this impacts on their daily activities a lot, and 16 per cent said 'not at all'.

Q40. Where did you hear about this survey?



Most respondents said they heard about this consultation on social media (49 percent), with another 24 percent receiving an email about it.

HOW WE HAVE USED RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

Thank you for taking part in our consultation on South Oxfordshire Polling Districts and Places Review. As a local authority, it is our statutory duty to review polling districts and places for UK parliamentary constituencies at least once every five years. Your feedback has been reviewed and helped us shape our final proposals, which have been presented to the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee (hereafter 'the Committee') on 18 November 2024.

On 18 November 2024 the Committee discussed and agreed to all the changes to polling districts and places which were included in our [final recommendation](#). All the proposals initially made in this consultation have been adopted, with the exception of:

- ❖ **Polling district LEG - Waterperry with Thomley:** Waterperry Gardens Limited will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district LGA2 – Goring-on-Thames:** the Committee designated Goring Community Centre as the polling place for this district, thus replacing Goring Village Hall.
- ❖ **Polling district LHF – Stadhampton:** Stadhampton Village Hall will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district LIA2 – Henley (North):** Henley Leisure Centre will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district LIA4 – Henley 4 (South):** Henley Leisure Centre will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district LPC – Highmoor:** Stoke Row Village Hall will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district RAH – South Moreton:** The Crown Public House will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district RFA1 – Wallingford No.1:** The Wallingford Scout Group will remain the designated polling place for this district.
- ❖ **Polling district RFA2 – Wallingford No.2:** This district has been split into two smaller ones, RFA2 and RFA3. The designated polling place for RFA2 is St Mary's Church, whilst for RFA3 is Centre 70.

You can read [the agenda and the minutes of the Committee's meeting](#) on our website.

Following the meeting on 18 November, the Elections team has proceeded to implement the agreed changes. This required updating and publishing the electoral register to include the amendment of polling districts, which took place on 16 December 2024, and updating the list of default polling places on the election management system shortly afterwards. All listed changes were actioned to take effect before the next election in May 2025.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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