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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report has been produced by council officers to analyse the comments received on the Vale of White Horse Polling Districts and Places Review Consultation.

We received 78 responses to this consultation. 97 percent of respondents were members of the public.

When asked about what they wanted to comment on, 76 percent chose to comment on polling districts and places under assessment, versus those not under assessment. Among the polling districts and places that respondents chose to comment on, the most selected one was The Corn Exchange in Faringdon, which was chosen by 66 percent of respondents. The second most selected places were The Beacon in Wantage and Shellingford Community Hall, which were chosen by ten percent each.

Below is a summary of the results for each one of the polling places that are under assessment:

- **Milton Height:** Two respondents commented on this polling place. No clear majority emerged in support or in disagreement with the proposal to move the polling place from St Blaise CE School to Milton Bowling Club. In fact, whilst one respondent strongly agreed with it, the other one neither agreed nor disagreed.
- **Shellingford:** Six respondents commented on this polling place. All of them strongly disagreed with the proposal to move the polling place from Shellingford Community Hall to Standford in the Vale Village Hall. Among the alternative venues that were suggested by respondents, Shellingford Church was the most mentioned.
- **Faringdon:** 40 respondents commented on this polling place. 65 percent said they prefer Faringdon United Reform Church over Faringdon Bowling Club as an additional polling place to be used alongside The Corn Exchange. Among the other alternative polling places that were suggested, the most mentioned was Faringdon Leisure Centre.
- **Wantage:** Six respondents commented on this polling place. 67 percent strongly disagreed with the proposal to move the polling place from The Beacon to Wantage Methodist Church.
- **Longcot and Fernham:** Two respondents commented on this polling place. All the respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to move the polling place from Longcot Methodist Chapel to St Mary the Virgin Community Hub.
- **St John's Ambulance, 200 Caldecott Road, Abingdon:** One respondent commented on this polling place. All the respondents strongly agreed with the proposal to move the polling place from St John's Ambulance to Abingdon Carousel Family Centre.
- **Abingdon Fitzharris:** Two respondents commented on this polling place. No clear preference emerged for any of the two alternative venues – Preston Road Community Centre or Abingdon Carousel Family Centre - that could be used as a polling place to replace the existing one at Stonewater.
- **Botley and North Hinksey:** Two respondents commented on this polling place. Respondents said that the Seacourt Hall is the venue they prefer the most to use as additional polling place alongside the existing one of St Peter and St Paul's Church.
- **Woolstone, Fyfield and Tubney, Radley:** No responses were received for any of these polling places.

ENGAGEMENT METHODOLOGY

The 'Vale of White Horse Polling Districts and Places Review Consultation' was launched on 9 September 2024 and closed at 11.59pm on 21 October. 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 received 6,750 views and 144 clicks, whilst posts on Nextdoor and Twitter were viewed by 2,449 and 768 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 on their village noticeboards.
- 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. (I'm not quite sure what this means. I'd suggest taking out the last sentence)

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.

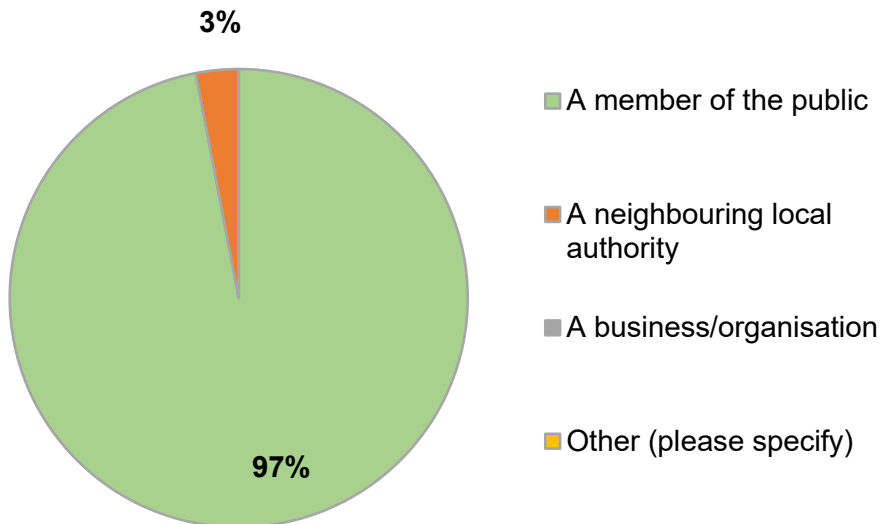
KEY FINDINGS – QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DATA

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 they appeared on the comment form.

About you

Q1. Are you responding as:

Figure 1



78 out of 78 total respondents answered this question. Of them, 76 were members of the public (97 percent), and two responded as a neighbouring local authority (three percent).

One respondent selected 'Other (please specify) and then wrote:

'Wantage Town Councillor.'

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

There was one response to this question.

Table 1

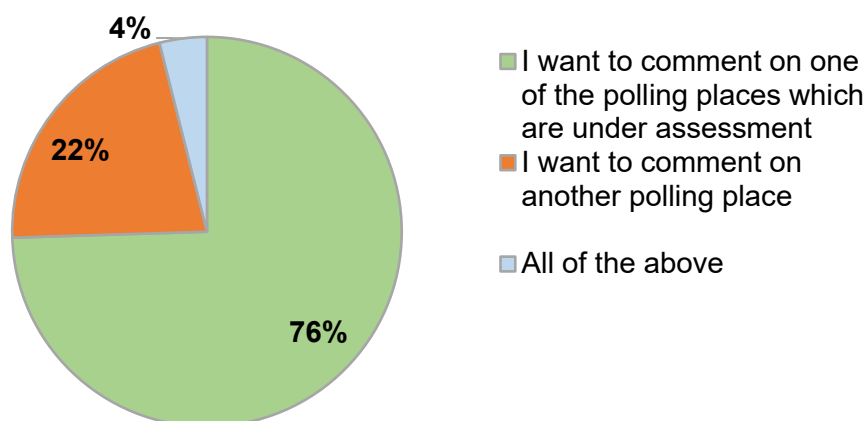
ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GP88-4	Faringdon Town Council

Your polling place

Q3. Please select one of the options below.

78 out of 78 respondents answered this question. Most said they wanted to comment on one of the polling places under assessment (76 percent), whilst 22 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.

41 respondents said they wanted to comment on The Corn Exchange, in Faringdon. This option was the most selected and it was chosen by two thirds of total respondents (66 percent).

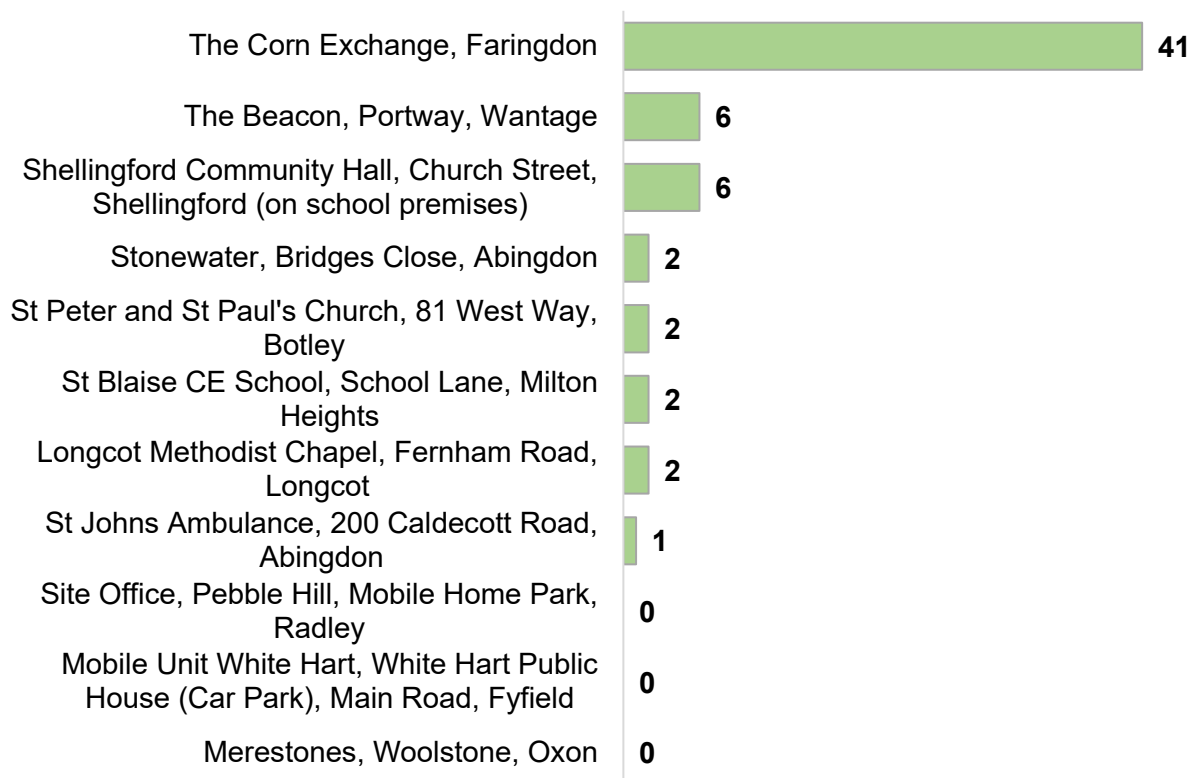
The second most selected polling places were The Beacon in Wantage and Shellingford Community Hall, which were chosen by six respondents each, or ten percent of the total.

Longcot Methodist Chapel in Longcot, St Blaise CE School in Milton Heights, St Peter and St Paul's Church in Botley, and Stonewater in Abingdon were all selected by two respondents each, or three percent of the total.

Only one respondent commented on St Johns Ambulance in Abingdon (two percent).

No respondents selected the polling places in Radley, Fyfield and Woolstone. Please see 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 15 comments in response to this question. Below is a summary of what respondents said and a table with the full list of redacted comments.

XAE2 – Abingdon No13 (Dunmore): Two respondents said they are happy with the venue used (Long Furlong Community Centre).

TTK - Shrivenham Memorial Hall: Two respondents said they find this to be a good, useful location.

TTA – Ashbury Village Hall: Five respondents said this a good location and venue. Two respondents reported some accessibility issues with this venue.

The Corn Exchange in Faringdon: One respondent said this is a good, central location but the layout could be improved.

TRC Hinton Waldrist: One respondent said this is a good location and venue.

TEA Appleton with Eaton – Appleton Village Hall: One respondent said this is a good location.

Abingdon Rugby Club: One respondent said that access to the venue is through woodland and on unpaved road, which is not ideal, particularly for the elderly.

Table 2

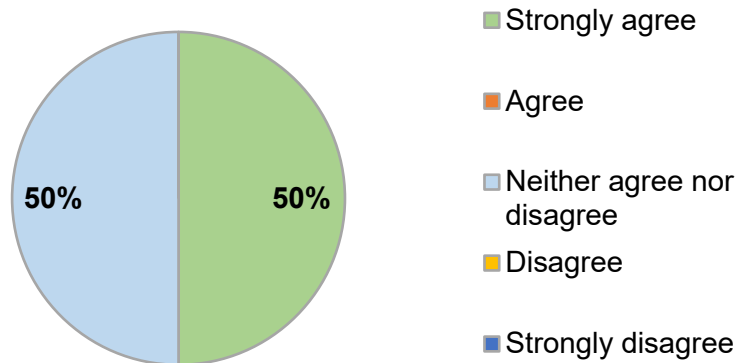
ID	Comment
ANON-C8KW-GPD5-D	XAE2 - No problems.
ANON-C8KW-GPV1-U	XAE2 - Long Furlong Community Centre. I am happy with this (I use postal voting these days anyway!). But please note that many new properties are being occupied on the North Abingdon estate - Please make allowances for these extra voters!
ANON-C8KW-GPVW-1	TTK Shrivenham. This is a very useful location in the village
ANON-C8KW-GPVP-T	<p>Hinton Waldrist village hall.</p> <p>Convenient for the village, good disabled access, toilets.</p> <p>Should continue.</p>
ANON-C8KW-GPVY-3	<p>I ticked VOWH area but my polling station in Kennington is not listed either as under review or not under review?</p> <p>I wanted to say I am deaf with mobility disability and have a support dog. The polling station team had to send me home to fetch my ID last time, I had ID but it was not the accepted kind.</p> <p>Once back again, the team had no deaf accessible communication, the main thing to do is smile, make eye contact and use hand signals that are everyday if you think about it. But if they knew “name” and “address” in BSL, it would be more welcoming and not difficult for them to learn (don’t need full sentences and grammar, just two signs delivered with a non-terrified face. They did however want to make sure I understood that my support dog was welcome to join me in the room, when he had decided all the voters must be there to admire/ cuddle him so I’d had a bit of a job getting to the door (delightful).</p>
ANON-C8KW-GPXJ-P	TTA Ashbury this is a convenient place for all of our village to vote at and I would not want to see it moved to a place outside the village.
ANON-C8KW-GPXB-E	TTA Ashbury can be difficult for wheelchair users.
ANON-C8KW-GPX1-W	I find that the Polling Station in Ashbury Village Hall is always bright, accessible, convenient and always friendly and well organised by the Polling Staff.
ANON-C8KW-GPXV-2	We use Ashbury Village Hall which is very convenient, clean and has good facilities.

ANON-C8KW-GPX6-2	TTA Ashbury is fine for voters (apart from the front access which may be awkward for some) but is very cold in winter for the people working in the polling station. Extra heaters would benefit them.
ANON-C8KW-GPSC-A	<p>I cannot find the Polling Station for Abingdon Caldecott at Abingdon Rugby Club.</p> <p>This station requires pedestrians to walk along an unpaved road or through woodland to reach it and, particularly after dark, is a disincentive to elderly people to vote.</p>
ANON-C8KW-GPSN-N	We really appreciate the village hall in Ashbury so are delighted this is being retained.
BHLF-C8KW-GPSF-D	<p>The Corn Exchange is a good, central site for a polling station, but it has limitations in the way it is currently used. The current entrance is from the small door on Gloucester Street. The entrance is also used as the exit, which causes a bottle neck as people cannot enter and exit at the same time. In addition, for the last few elections, local and national, representatives of the various parties have gathered around this small door. In addition, there is usually at least one official in the doorway. The pavement is narrow here, and often people entering/leaving are obliged to step into the road.</p> <p>When I first moved to Faringdon, many years ago now, the main entrance was used in addition to the side entrance and a 'one way' system was in operation with people entering through one door and left via the other. The main entrance has a large area of pavement outside it, which would allow far more room for representatives to gather whilst allowing those exiting the polling station to do so safely.</p> <p>I really do think that this original layout needs to be used. The current single entry is unworkable and unsafe. If you really want to keep one entry/exit point, then please use the main door at the front. So much larger and safer for all concerned.</p>
ANON-C8KW-GPTA-9	<p>TEA Appleton with Eaton, Appleton Village Hall Oaksmere Appleton. A good central venue for the community to vote at.</p> <p>Easy access and parking facilities. Hopefully this location will not feature in any further reviews</p>
ANON-C8KW-GP2H-E	TTK - Shrivenham. The current polling place, the Memorial Hall, is the best available location in the village of Shrivenham - don't move it!

Milton Heights

Q6. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from St Blaise CE School to Milton Hill Bowls Club?

Figure 4



There were two responses to this question. One respondent strongly agreed with the proposal (50 percent), whilst another one neither agreed nor disagreed (50 percent). No clear majority either agreed or disagreed with the proposal.

We received two additional comments, which are listed below. Both comments show support for the proposal.

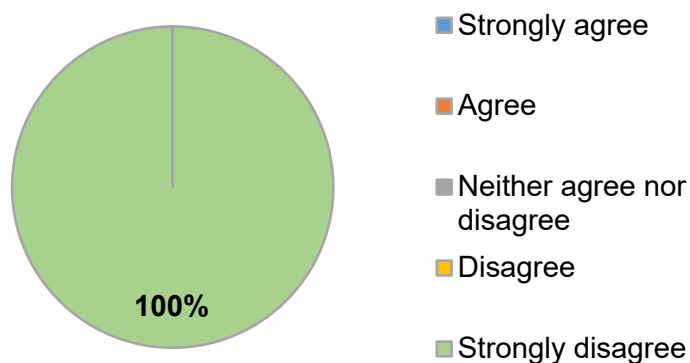
Table 3

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPVX-2	I live equal walking distance from both locations so this change would be fine for me. Probably would feel more appropriate not to be walking into a school during term time.
ANON-C8KW-GPTR-T	Totally support this move, it is too disruptive and not safe for the children to have people accessing the site all day for voting and puts an additional stress and burden on the school staff.

Shellingford

Q8. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Shellingford Community Hall to Stanford in the Vale Village Hall?

Figure 5



We received six responses to this question. All respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal.

Six further comments were made. All comments raised issues with the proposal to move the polling station to Stanford in the Vale Village Hall. Respondents lamented the fact that the alternative polling station is not in walking distance for Shellingford residents, and this would reduce voting, particularly among the elderly, who are less likely to drive.

Please see below a full list of redacted comments.

Table 4

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPDM-5	Shellingford community wants to vote within walking distance in its village hall. Some residents don't drive and there is no public transport.
ANON-C8KW-GPXG-K	<p>We held a joint School / Shellingford hall committee meeting, and everyone was extremely upset about the protentional removal of Shellingford Hall as a polling station, including the Head Teacher, who was adamant that the local polling station is a key element in the local community, which VWHDC is keen to support. No one want rural communities to dwindle. Exert from Hall Minutes:</p> <p>10. AOB</p> <p>Possible loss of election voting to Hall.</p> <p>Great concern was raised about losing elections in village hall. If this happens it will cause significant inconvenience to many villagers and would very probably result in less villagers voting. School head teacher on the committee stated that election disruption causes NO significant</p>

	<p>problem to the school day. The Hall has good access for disabled villagers and has excellent parking. It appears that Consultation has been limited / non-existent.</p> <p>This will be raised urgently at a village meeting. FW to give JT Council contact. MW to contact our MP on this.</p>
ANON-C8KW-GPSJ-H	In a functioning democracy any community of a decent size should expect to have a place to register a vote within walking distance. This move has the potential to disenfranchise those most vulnerable such as the elderly and those without reliable transport. Please check your information on public transport as Shellingford DOES NOT have any buses running to or from it.
ANON-C8KW-GP6A-B	You shouldn't have to travel to another town to vote. But the school needs to stay open.
ANON-C8KW-GP2V-V	My wife uses a wheelchair and has no difficulties gaining access to the Community Hall. It is level access without steps. Furthermore, I know that the school has no objections to the use of the Hall for election purposes. Moving the polling place to Stanford or anywhere outside Shellingford would be very inconvenient. Does Stanford have level access (without any steps at all) or blue badge car parking close to the Village Hall?
ANON-C8KW-GP2W-W	Very concerned that we would have to travel to Stanford in the Vale. Once this is changed it will be forever.

Q9. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace Shellingford Community Hall as a polling place, use the box below to let us know.

Respondents made four comments with respect to this question. Two of them suggested Shellingford Church as an alternative polling place. Please see below the full list of redacted comments.

Table 5

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPDM-5	Why not Shellingford?
ANON-C8KW-GPXG-K	Shellingford Hall does NOT need to be replaced. PLEASE CAN YOU LET ME KNOW WHO TO CONTACT REGARDING THIS
ANON-C8KW-GP6A-B	How about using the church or would one of the farms be able to offer a venue
ANON-C8KW-GP2W-W	Shellingford Church

Woolstone

Q11. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Merestones, Woolstone, to Thomas Hughes Memorial Hall, Uffington?

There were zero responses to this question. As explained previously in this report, no respondents chose to comment on the polling place in Merestones, Woolstone.

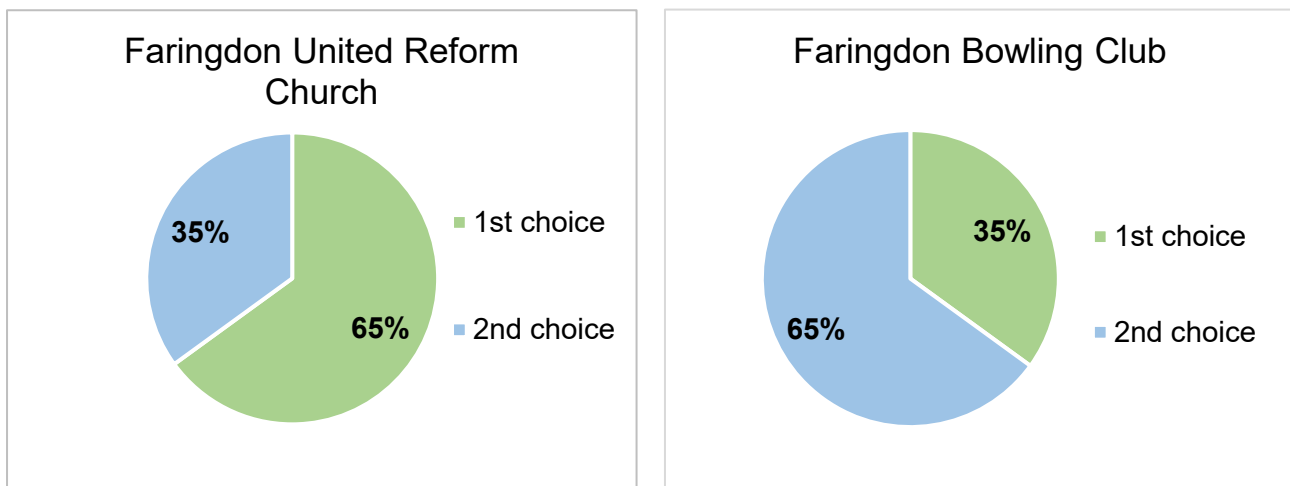
Faringdon

Q13. Please rank the additional venues we have so far identified in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite venue, and 2 being your least preferred one.

We asked respondents to rank two venues, Faringdon Bowling Club and Faringdon United Reform Church, in order of preference. The venues could both be used as a polling place alongside The Corn Exchange. The Corn Exchange is no longer a suitable venue for the entire polling district due to the growing size of the electorate.

Almost two-thirds of respondents said they prefer Faringdon United Reform Church (65 percent) over the alternative venue, Faringdon Bowling Club, which was ranked 1st by 35 percent of respondents.

Figure 6



Q14. If you can suggest other venues in the local area that could be used as a polling place alongside The Corn Exchange, use the box below to let us know.

19 comments were made with respect to alternative venues that could be used as polling stations alongside the Corn Exchange in Faringdon.

The alternative venues that respondents suggested are:

- Faringdon Leisure Centre (x 5)
- Faringdon Community College (x 2)
- The theatre (x 1)
- 'Folly View' and 'The Elms' Primary Schools (x 1)
- Faringdon Football Club (x 1)

- The Pump House Project (x 1)

Table 6

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPDV-E	Faringdon Community College
ANON-C8KW-GPX3-Y	My polling place is not affected but the options did not allow for no comment!
ANON-C8KW-GP3V-W	What was wrong with the leisure centre? seemed to work fine.
ANON-C8KW-GP3M-M	Faringdon Leisure Centre
ANON-C8KW-GP38-Y	I'm interested to know why Faringdon Leisure Centre is no longer considered suitable. It's a much easier location for a significant proportion of the town. Or how about the theatre at FCC? No need to close or involve the rest of the school as I believe it has a separate entrance. Alternatively, if there is an empty shop or factory unit along Park Road or up Coxwell Road, I wouldn't mind working there REDACTED
ANON-C8KW-GPTH-G	Maybe the two primary schools, Folly View Primary is one end of town and accessible and The Elms Primary is closer to the centre of town so you cover both ends of Faringdon
ANON-C8KW-GPTF-E	Faringdon football club Faringdon leisure centre Faringdon school
ANON-C8KW-GPTY-1	The Corn Exchange has always seemed convenient, large enough, well organised, easily accessible - why is it being suggested it should change?
ANON-C8KW-GP6J-M	They are both still very close to corn exchange and parking poor
ANON-C8KW-GP6G-H	Nothing wrong with the Corn Exchange. Big building near to the car park and easy to get to. The others, I wouldn't bother with so would postal vote. REDACTED
ANON-C8KW-GP6A-B	One is needed up by finding community college and London Street end. These looking station venues are ok, but very close to the existing one. With the expansion of Faringdon it's ridiculous to have them so close together
ANON-C8KW-GP6M-Q	Faringdon Community College
ANON-C8KW-GPP9-W	The Pump House Project
ANON-C8KW-GPP8-V	Leisure centre

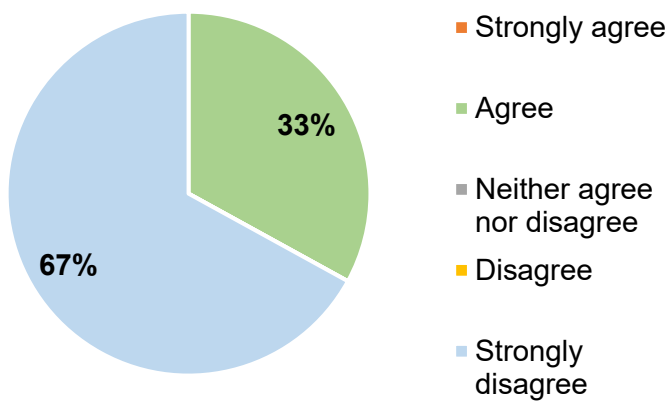
ANON-C8KW-GP8C-F	Faringdon leisure centre
ANON-C8KW-GP8X-4	The leisure centre
ANON-C8KW-GP8A-D	They are all too close together and central. Faringdon now covers a very wide area. The leisure centre has been used before and is an obvious choice for all the new western developments - Coxwell and Highworth Roads.
ANON-C8KW-GP8D-G	Why on earth can we not join the 21st Century and most of Europe and do it all online????????????? REDACTED
ANON-C8KW-GP88-4	It is unclear from the consultation information whether The Corn Exchange will no longer be used. Faringdon Town Council wish to comment that the venue should continue to be used in ADDITION to the other venues proposed, neither of which have a preference.

Wantage

Q16. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from The Beacon to Wantage Methodist Church?

Two-thirds of respondents strongly disagreed with the proposal to move the polling place from The Beacon to the Wantage Methodist Church (67 percent). Conversely, the remaining third of respondents agreed with it (33 percent).

Figure 7



We received six comments on this proposal. Most comments raised issues with the proposal due to the Wantage Methodist Church accessibility issues and lack of sufficient parking. All redacted comments are listed below.

Table 7

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPDE-W	The Beacon is perfectly accessible and has plentiful parking which the alternative does not. I suspect that if the Methodist church is used people would park at the Beacon and then have further to walk to cast their vote. Not that accessible for disabled voters who rely on a car.
ANON-C8KW-GPSW-X	What's the point? Anyone driving who moves to there will still use a parking space at the beacon - may as well keep it there.
ANON-C8KW-GP2K-H	Little onsite parking. More difficult to access especially for elderly and disabled residents due to parking and the amount of cars trying to come in and out of the turning
ANON-C8KW-GP23-S	I know both buildings well REDACTED. I presume that the church has worked well as a polling station previously and in terms of location and as far as parking and disabled access is concerned I think on a par with the Beacon although parking not quite as close. I haven't voted at the Church as I always have a postal vote which I would encourage others to have, especially the elderly or disabled.
ANON-C8KW-GP29-Y	<p>I agree on the basis that disabled parking will continue to be available at the polling place.</p> <p>I also have a concern about entry/exit by car onto Newbury Street as the sightlines are poor especially when leaving.</p> <p>Although there is parking it is tight for manoeuvring.</p> <p>Have you carried out a risk-assessment for parking and traffic entering and leaving?</p>
ANON-C8KW-GP24-T	The Methodist Church has has very little and difficult car parking. The main entrance has deep steps therefore this building is difficult for the elderly and disabled to access

Fyfield and Tubney

Q18. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from the Mobile Unit White Hart at White Hart Public House, to St Nicholas Church?

No responses were received for this question.

Q19. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace the Mobile Unit White Hart as a polling place, use the box below to let us know.

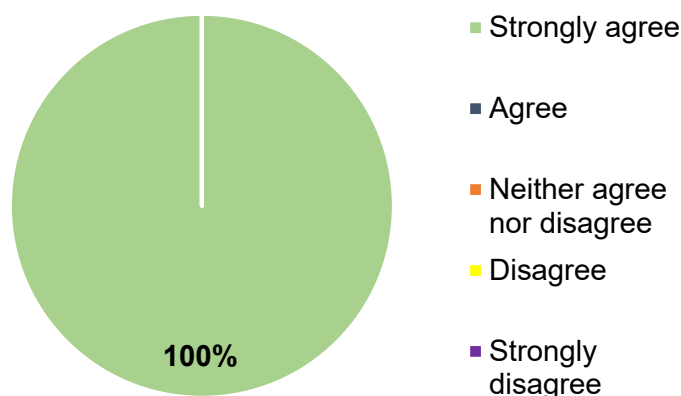
No responses were received for this question.

Longcot and Fernham

Q21. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from Longcot Methodist Chapel to St Mary the Virgin Community Hub (Longcot)?

We asked respondents how far they agreed with the proposal to move the polling place from the Longcot Methodist Chapel, which is no longer available to hire, to St Mary the Virgin Community Hub in Longcot. The proposed venue has already been successfully used as a polling place for past elections.

Figure 8



We received two responses to this question. Both respondents strongly agreed with the proposal.

No further comments were made.

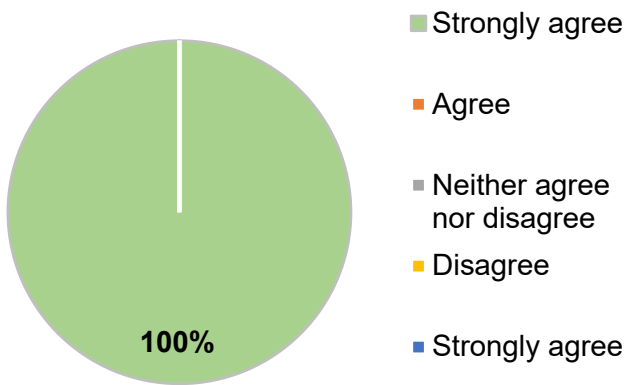
St Johns Ambulance, 200 Caldecott Road, Abingdon

Q23. How far do you agree or disagree with the proposal to move the polling place from St Johns Ambulance on Caldecott Road to Abingdon Carousel Family Centre?

Due to St John's Ambulance no longer being available to hire, we asked respondents how far they agreed or disagreed with the proposal to move the polling place to the Abingdon Carousel Family Centre.

We received one response to this question, which strongly agreed with the proposal. No further comments were made.

Figure 9

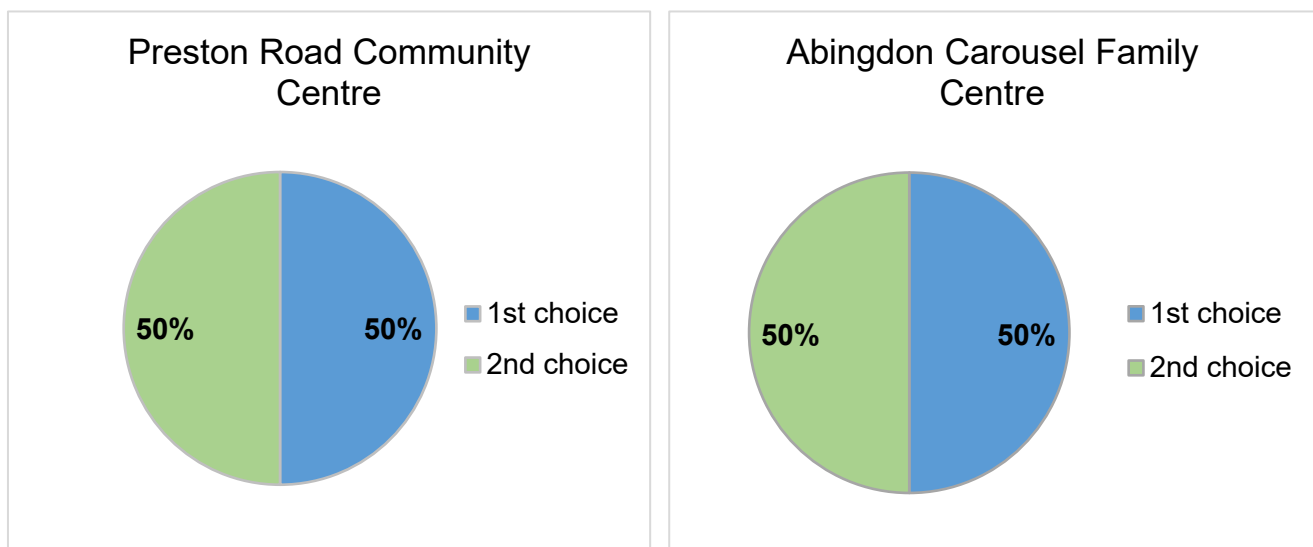


Abingdon Fitzharris

Q25. Please rank the alternative polling places in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite venue and 2 your least preferred one.

The existing polling place at Stonewater in Abingdon has accessibility issues and is no longer available to hire. At the time of the survey, we had identified two alternative venues that could serve as a polling place, Preston Road Community Centre and Abingdon Carousel Family Centre, and have asked respondents to rank them in order of preference.

Figure 10



Both alternative venues were ranked first and second by 50 percent of respondents, so it's not clear which venue was respondents' favourite.

We received one additional comment on this proposal, which indicated a preference for keeping Stonewater as a polling place.

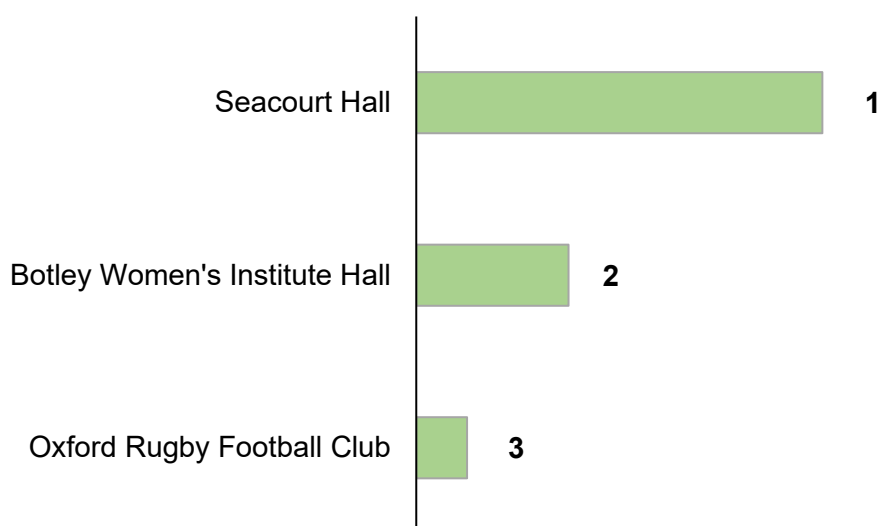
Table 8

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GP6X-2	Stomewater is preferable to the alternatives for the people on tithe farm and Ladygrove

Botley and North Hinksey

Q28. Please rank the additional polling places we have identified in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite one, and 3 your least preferred one.

With the existing polling place of St Peter and St Paul's Church being too small for the entire polling district due to the growing size of its electorate, we identified three venues which could serve as polling place alongside it and asked respondents to rank them in order of preference.

Figure 11

The polling place which obtained the highest ranking was Seacourt Hall, followed by Botley Women's Institute Hall in second place, and by Oxford Rugby Football Club in third place.

We received two additional comments on this proposal. Both comments indicated accessibility issues at one of the alternative venues, the Oxford Rugby Football Club.

Table 9

ID	Response
ANON-C8KW-GPDN-6	<p>Seac/aourt Hall is close to bus stops and the shops and at the centre of the community. It is close to bus stops, cycle parking and car parking. The facilities are fairly new and well maintained.</p> <p>The Rugby club can not be accessed by public transport and is down a narrow lane so could get very congested.</p>

	The WI is closer to West Way than the Rugby club but still on a narrow lane and a 5min walk from a bus stop.
ANON-C8KW-GPSE-C	The Rugby Club is not an appropriate site, it is located a long way down a narrow lane with poor road access and no public transport.

Q29. 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.

There were no responses to this question.

Radley

Q31. Please rank the additional venues we have so far identified in order of preference, with 1 being your favourite venue, and 2 being your least preferred one.

We asked respondents to rank two alternative polling places, Radley Church Room and Redrow Site Office, in order of preference.

There were no responses to this question.

Q32. If you can suggest alternative venues in the local area that could replace the existing polling place on Pebble Hill, use the box below to let us know.

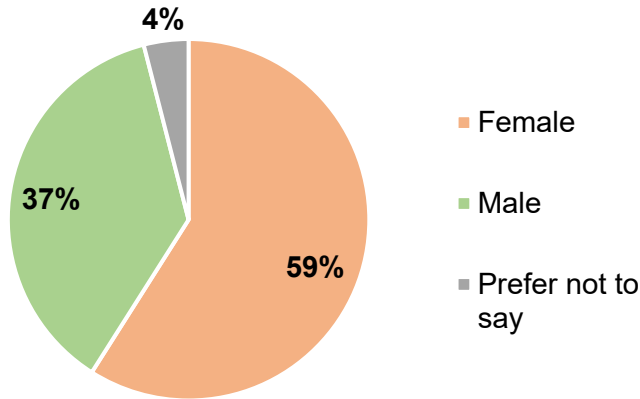
There were no responses to this question.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA¹

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

Q34. What is your sex?

Figure 12

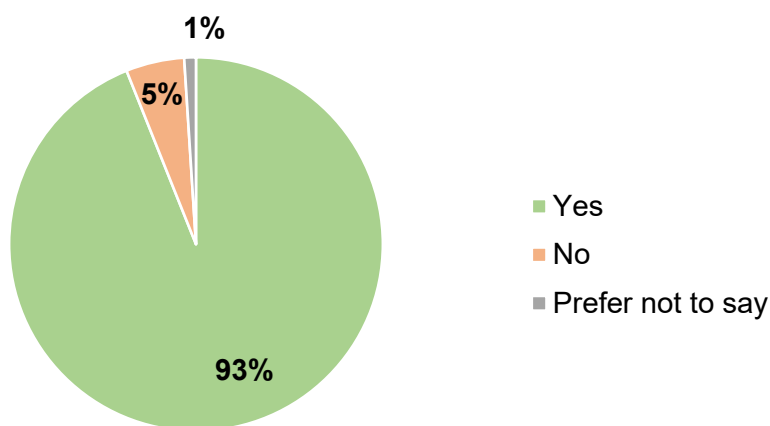


75 out of 78 respondents answered this question.

Overall, more females than males took part to this consultation, with females making up 59 percent of total respondents, and males 37 percent. Four percent of respondents preferred not to answer this question.

This is quite different from real population data for the Vale of White Horse, where females make up 50.4 percent of total population, and males 49.6 percent.

Q35. Is the gender you identify with the same as your sex registered at birth?



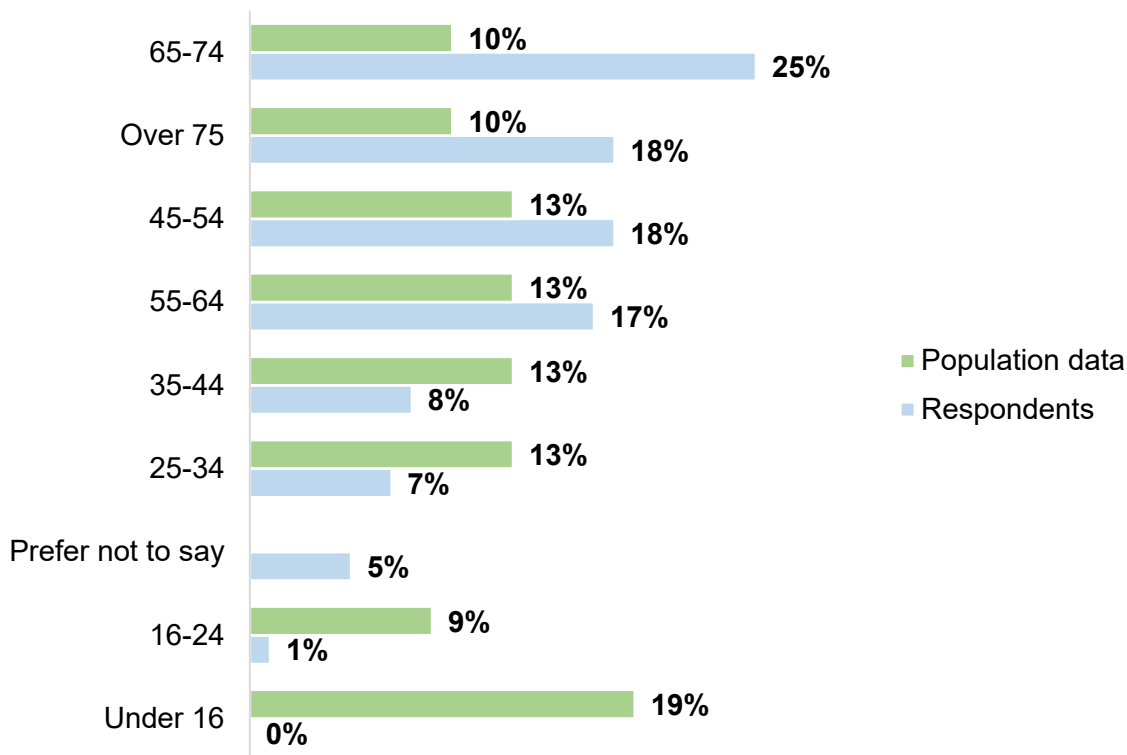
¹ Data for the actual population is taken from the 2021 Census and is available [here](#).

There were 74 responses to this question.

93 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.

Five percent said their gender is different from the sex registered at birth, which is much higher than the figure registered within the real population – 0.11 percent. One percent of respondents preferred not to say.

Q36. How old are you?

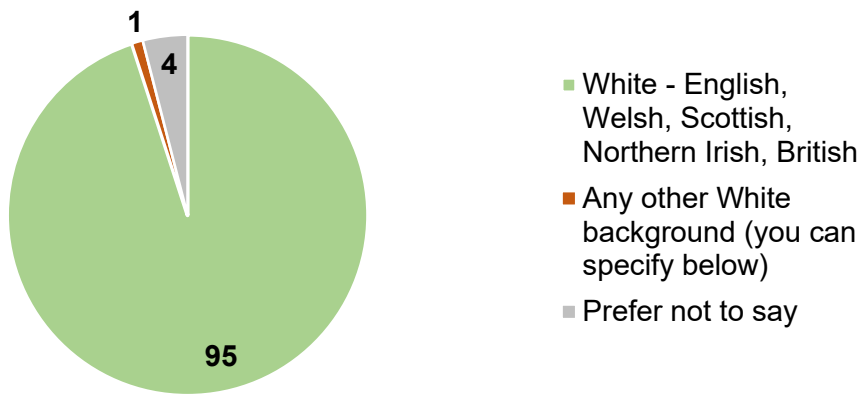


The largest age group to respond to the consultation was 65-74-year-olds, which made up 25 percent of total respondents. This was followed by the over 75s and 45-54-year-olds, both making up 18 percent each. These three age groups combined represented 61 percent of respondents.

As shown in the chart above, older cohorts took part in this consultation in larger proportion when compared to both younger age groups and to their proportions within the actual population.

Younger cohorts made up smaller proportions of the total and appear to be underrepresented in this consultation by comparison with real population data.

Q37. What is your ethnic group?

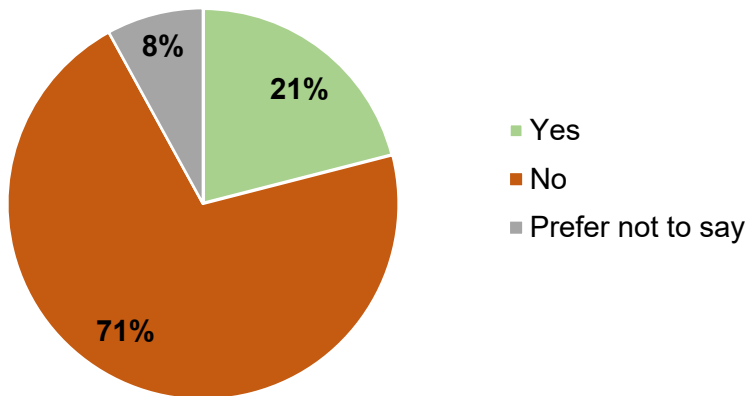


95 percent of respondents said they are White – English, Welsh, Scottish, Northern Irish or British. This compares to 83 percent of district’s residents who belong to this ethnic group.

One percent said they are White ‘Other’. This is quite a small proportion when compared to the actual population, where White ‘Other’ make up seven percent of the total.

Four percent preferred not to answer.

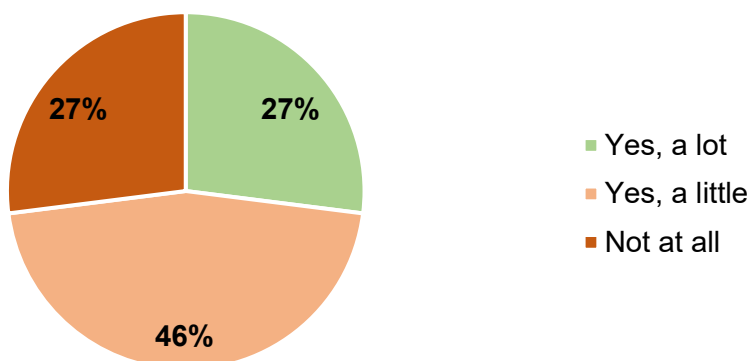
Q38. Do you have any physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting or expecting to last 12 months or more?



21 percent of respondents said they have a physical or mental health conditions or illness lasting 12 months or more, whilst 71 percent said they don’t have such disability or illness. This compares to 85 percent of the actual district’s residents who said they don’t have a disability or illness.

Eight percent preferred not to answer this question.

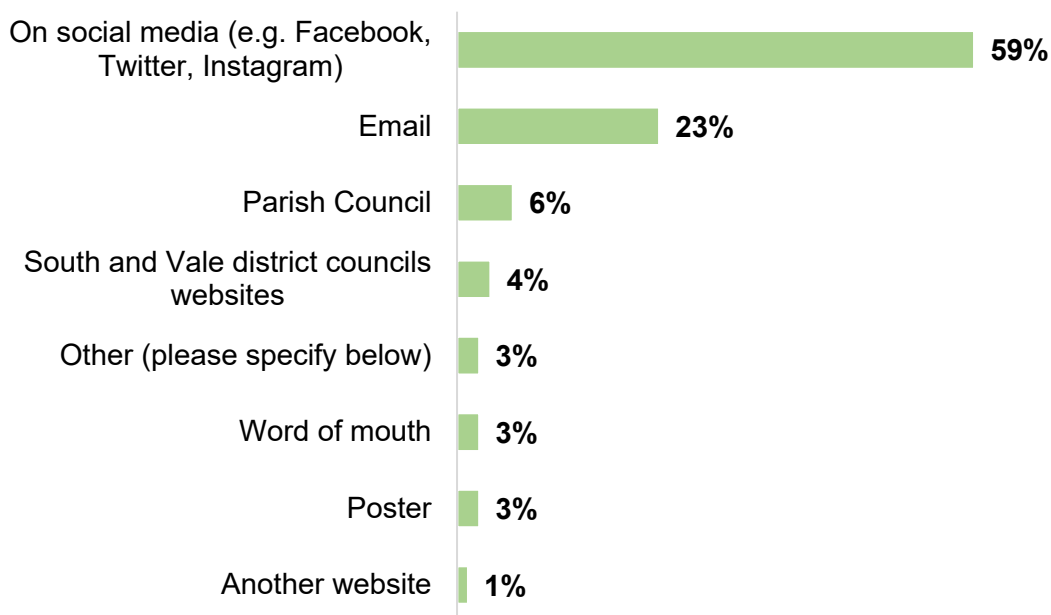
Q39. Do any of your conditions or illnesses reduce your ability to carry out day to day activities?



Among the 21 percent of respondents who said they have a disability or illness lasting more than 12 months, 27 percent said this impacts on their daily activities a lot. This is a much larger proportion compared to the actual population data, which shows that 5 per cent of residents consider their disability to impact on their daily activities a lot.

46 percent of respondents said the impact on day-to-day activities is little and another 27 percent said it does not impact on their ability to carry out daily activities at all.

Q40. Where did you hear about this survey?



Most respondents said they heard about this consultation on social media (59 percent), with another 23 percent receiving an email about it.

HOW WE HAVE USED RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

Thank you for taking part in our consultation on the Vale of White Horse 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 were presented to the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee (hereafter 'the Committee') on 13 November 2024.

On 13 November 2024 the Committee discussed and agreed to all the proposed 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 SOC - Shellingford:** Stanford in the Vale Village Hall will not replace Shellingford Community Hall, with the latter venue remaining the designated polling place for this district.
- **Polling district TGA - Faringdon:** the Committee decided to split this polling district into three; TGA with designated polling place of Faringdon Leisure Centre; TGB with designated polling place of Faringdon United Church; TGC with designated polling place of Faringdon Corn Exchange.
- **Polling district TRB - Fyfield and Tubney:** St Nicholas Church will not replace the Mobile Unit White Hart, with the latter venue remaining the designated polling place for this district.

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

Following the meeting on 13 November, the Elections team 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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