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1	(A)RO for Dover Constituency and new Dover & Deal Constituency, also RO for Dover local authority area	Whole district	See document Appendix 4 (Responses received) for full response	See document Appendix 4 (Responses received) for full response
2	Local resident	Tilmanstone / Tilmanstone Village Hall	Reduce need for Polling Stations in rural areas by promoting postal voting.	Much better promotion of Postal Voting would substantially reduce the need for expensive Polling Stations in rural areas. The cost to parish councils is substantial and impacts council tax payers by increases to parish council precepts. I have conducted a bit of a straw poll among the elderly in Tilmanstone , many of whom are not internet savvy , and did not know how simple postal voting is ! If I had not been a subscriber to Keep me Posted I would have been unaware of this consultation.
3	Local resident	Shepherdswell, Coldred / Shepherdswell Village Hall	venue seems adequate.	N/A
4	Local resident	Whitfield (North) / Whitfield Village Hall	Perfect size and run well. Ideal distance to walk to.	
5	Local resident	Sandwich (South) / The Jubilee Centre (formerly known as The Phoenix Centre)	Works fine, access to it is a little tight but realistically aren't many viable alternatives	
6	Local resident	Buckland (South) / The Phoenix Railway Social Club	With postal voting I haven't used a polling station for years. I didn't even realise my old one at Shatterlocks school wasn't even used anymore as it's not on above list	Advertise postal voting particularly to people who complain about having to produce ID at a face to face polling station, it's so much easier
7	Local resident	Nonington / Nonington Village Hall	Perfect location as the village hall is in the centre of the village and well accessible by everyone. There is parking available and no problems for disabled access.	The existing village hall is perfect, there are no other suitable alternatives in the village.
8	Local resident	North Deal (Victoria) / Salvation Army Hall, 56 West Street	This venue makes a lot more sense for North Deal residents than the previous venue at Victoria Baptist/Community Church	No alternative to suggest
Staffing query - not relevant to review / 9	Local resident	Sandwich (North) / Sandwich United Reform Church	Ensure all persons working on election take holiday days and are not doubly paid by DDC	All via Guildhall
Council Tax query not relevant to review	Local resident	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe / St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Village Hall	I pay full council tax on my holiday park bungalow in St.Margaret's. But I cannot vote in local elections. I contribute to many things in the community that I'm not entitled to call upon. This seems immoral	Holiday bungalows and caravans that cannot be occupied all year should be exempt from council tax for services they are not entitled to.
10	Roger Loukes, Parish Councillor for Staple	Staple / Staple Village Hall	A good site, no changes are required. Plenty of parking and the Hall is perfectly adequate	N/A
11	Local resident	North Deal (Sandown) / The Golf Road Centre	Easy access for disabled; spacious hall well laid out for voting and always a friendly greeting.	
Staffing / Voter ID query - not relevant to review	Local resident	Buckland (South) / The Phoenix Railway Social Club	I was actually asked for my ID at the door rather than at the polling desk. This was a deliberate attempt to fudge the stats on the number of people arriving without ID as only those who had none at the desk were counted. The whole ID scheme was nothing more than a ploy to disenfranchise non-Tory voters, rather than fix the non-existent voter fraud 'problem'.	Employ less Tory-sympathisers at the polling stations.

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12	Local resident	I am commenting on more than one area (Please specify in your comments the areas you are covering)	All areas listed above.	To increase the uptake of our younger generation to vote, maybe looking at an alternative or an additional venue where there is more footfall, such as a supermarket? A social media platform could be considered?
13	Local resident	Sandwich (North) / Sandwich United Reform Church	This is a convenient location, but it is not as accessible for disabled people as the previous polling station in the Guildhall.	Guildhall - in the previous location.
14	Local resident	I am commenting on more than one area (Please specify in your comments the areas you are covering)	St Rad's town & tower hamlets west Both venues are easily accessible with sufficient parking and access for all. Facilities are good for both voters and the teams running the polling stations. Plenty of room, not overlooked or at risk of anyone feeling viewed during the process. Would recommend both for continued use.	I don't think there are any better options than those already in use
15	Local resident	Lydden / Lydden Village Hall	This is an excellent location for a Polling Station for those with cars, it has parking and level access to the building although requires walking up from the car park which could be difficult for those with walking difficulties or in a wheelchair. For walkers the last part of Canterbury Road needed to walk along does not have a footpath on either side. Crossing from the side of the road where the path ends, cars travel notoriously "fast" despite the 30mph speed limit which starts approx. 300 yards prior to this point.	No, only traffic calming to the area which is discussed on a regular basis but so far has not come to any suitable or successful resolution.
16	Local resident	Buckland (South) / The Phoenix Railway Social Club	This is far too far from my house to make voting accessible. Why can't we have a polling station at Charlton School as we used to have or at least at a venue within 15 minutes walking distance	Charlton School, St Edmunds School hall, St Richard's school, Charlton church hall
17	Local resident	Wingham / Wingham Village Hall	Good appropriate venue	No
18	Local resident	St Radigund's (West) / St Radigund's Community Centre	I have a postal vote.	Should I not have a postal vote St Radigunds School would be much more convenient for me.
19	Local resident	Middle Deal (Park) / Linwood Youth Centre	Great difficulty finding it. One website showed it somewhere along Mill Road towards Tesco. I found it after I decided to give up and go home. As Conservatives were low in the polls, I thought it was a deliberate policy.	I am a new resident. Perhaps the name is wrong. You would have to be a long term resident to know where it is.
20	Local resident	Ash / Ash Village Hall (Main Hall)	Keep the Polling Station where it is, do not centralise or move.	No alternative. To move or close the Polling Station in Ash will result in inconvenience and ultimately reduce the number of votes cast.
21	Local resident	Shepherdswell, Coldred / Shepherdswell Village Hall	A very suitable polling station	
22	Local resident	Tower Hamlets (East) / Curzon Hall	This polling station is needed because a lot of the local people are elderly	None because the next nearest one is up a steep hill
23	Local resident	River / River Village Hall	always well supervised and organised for voting in all elections.	None
24	Local resident	St Margaret's-at-Cliffe / St Margaret's-at-Cliffe Village Hall	The village hall polling station has always worked well in the past and I see no reason to change the way it is run or the location.	None needed.

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25	Local resident	Mill Hill (South) / Deal Pentecostal Church	I think that this hall is very well suited. It is a big enough space for there to be adequate room for all the desks needed and the polling booth, good access, with a ramp for the less able at the side. The only real challenge is parking nearby.	I think that the only realistic alternative would be the welfare club in Cowdray Square, where parking may be less of an issue.
26	Local resident	Tower Hamlets (West) / One Church, Noah's Ark Road	The site is easy to reach. I use a mobility scooter and was able to get inside to cast my vote without getting off the scooter	I am happy with the venue
27	Local resident	Northbourne / Northbourne Parish Hall	Very happy with Northbourne Parish Hall. I declare an interest as I am a Trustee for the Parish Hall and its use for elections generates hire income.	
28	Local resident	Walmer (St Saviour's) / St Saviour's Church, The Strand	Good access Good signing	
29	Local resident	St Radigund's (West) / St Radigund's Community Centre	good choice for venue. old venue was st radigunds school which meant another less day of schooling for children. venue easily accessible.	alternative is a postal vote, which is my (and my household) preferred choice. in the past we were shift workers and voting was not always accessible to us, with a postal vote, it is not only easy but better for those with mobility problems. though, as a negative, i can see it may be open to abuse of the system if a letter gets posted in the wrong letterbox.
30	Local resident	Sandwich (South) / The Jubilee Centre (formerly known as The Phoenix Centre)	The former Phoenix Centre is ideal for Sandwich South to use as a polling station, it has good disability access and toilets. It is big enough and has parking and easy to walk too.	There are no other public buildings apart from the junior school in St Bart's road that could really work.
31	Local resident	Whitfield (North) / Whitfield Village Hall	Handy central location with good access and well known	There is no obvious place with the facilities and convenience of the village hall
32	Local resident	Walmer (Wellington) / Walmer Parish Hall	Very convenient for my husband who is 82. I have a postal vote.	
33	Local resident	Eastry / Eastry Village Hall	Perfect location	Parish council room if the village hall is already booked
34	Local resident	Preston / Preston Village Hall	I would like Preston kept please as it has great parking...i do wonder, being a small community, that perhaps the polling hours should be reduced and that if people feel they couldn't make it during the reduced hours then perhaps they could obtain a pass e.g. within perhaps obtaining a postal vote time frame, to go to another larger polling station open for longer hours, obviously they would have to be able to commute. At present with cyber crime I am not in favour of online voting.	See previous answer.
35	Parish Clerk on behalf of the Parish Council	I am commenting on more than one area (Please specify in your comments the areas you are covering)	Aylesham - Aylesham Baptist Free Church and Aylesham St Finbarr's Church Aylesham Parish Council have no comments to make.	None.

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36	Paul Carter, Town Councillor for Sandwich	Sandwich (South) / The Jubilee Centre (formerly known as The Phoenix Centre)	A large number of residents have said that they would prefer One voting poll station in Sandwich and that the two ward system is not a good idea, they would prefer the voting to go back to one ward. Having two polling stations is very confusing and a lot of voters even from the Sandwich South area are unaware of the Jubilee Centre especially as it was called the Phoenix Centre recently as well. It is also difficult for parties to travel or allocate tellers and candidates to both stations adequately. I think one central polling station would work best with lots of car parking and known sign posting/address. I am wondering how many residents knew where the new, United Reform Church was in Sandwich?	As stated above I would have a temporary DDA compliant polling station in the Guildhall car park adequately sign posted and allowing 20 mins free parking for voting only. Everyone knows where the Guildhall is, it's the central/administrative centre and well known.
37	Tricia Marshall, Acting Returning Officer	The future Herne Bay and Sandwich Parliamentary Constituency	I am happy with the proposed arrangements in respect of the areas that fall within the Herne Bay and Sandwich constituency.	
	Local Resident	Representation 3	The current arrangement for using the Shepherdswell Village Hall is ideal. We have several new builds here and more to come it would appear; so coupling us with Coldred is ideal and keeps Coldred within this area. Not sure why we appear to be lumped with Aylesham.	
	Local resident	Representation 3	Current arrangement for Shepherdswell polling station is ideal. Shepherdswell looks like it's being swallowed by Aylesham. Keep our villages at Coldred and Shepherdswell independent from Aylesham. So many villages and Hamlets are being lost through boundary changes. English Heritage ought to be involved.	
	Local resident	Representation 4	No comment to make	
	Lynne Ewart, Parish Councillor for Staple	Representation 10	I agree the present hall is a good size, has plenty of parking and is well lit on darker evenings. Perhaps more publicity regarding postal votes would be helpful for residents without transport.	
	Local resident	Representation 16	As mentioned Phoenix Club is not user friendly for those who have to travel either on foot or by car in order to cast their vote. Parking is charged and access to site by car is dangerous due to narrow access and restricted view due to parked cars. Also same entrance/exit is used by cars and pedestrians. An accident waiting to happen. As a resident living nearer town the distance & access issues are enough to put people off voting. Charlton Primary, St Edmunds, Barton primary, Shatterlocks are ideal for access & locality or maybe the church hall off Frith road or Girls Grammar sites.	
	Local resident	Representation 20	It is important from a village perspective that this continues to be open to support the local community	
	Local resident	Representation 24	I believe it essential we keep the Village Hall as a polling place because of the proportion of elderly and infirm members of the village community.	
	Local resident	Representation 34	The present Village Hall/Community Centre is very suitable for electoral needs, as it has off road parking for disabled and easy access for all.	
	Local resident	Representation 36	I agree with the sound points that Councillor Paul Carter has made. In the new constituency Sandwich Guildhall is the most accessible and popular site for a polling station	
	Local resident	Representation 1	All voting areas and stations should be free of any government interference (local or National) and fixed in a law that can not be changed by the government. As all changes appear to be done for the government in power's advantage.	

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	Local resident	Representation 24	The venue is centrally located and easily accessible and is the right place for a polling station.	
	Local resident	Representation 12	Can only speak for St. Saviours church polling station. Good access, good administration. Blunt pencil.	
	Martin Porter, DDC Councillor for Little Stour & Ashstone	Representation 1	Quality of venues are variable and as a poll clerk and presiding officer I have some experience of venues	
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