| **Respondent** | **Response** |
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| Pamela Goodman, Desborough | Bestwood Close & Gapstile Close are on KS1 at present but would be better suited on KT1 as they are both off Harborough Road which is also KT1 (also, logically, they are nowhere near the other roads on KS1)  KT list: Similarly, Orchard Close & Tideswell Close are on KT1 at present but would be better suited on KS1. Orchard Close is near to ‘The Potteries’ (Meissen, Doulton etc) and Tideswell Close is in ‘The Peak District’ (Buxton, Ashbourne Drive)  I see no anomalies on the St Giles wards. |
| Paul Hanson, Democratic Services Manager, NCC | Not aware of any polling district/polling station issues but will inform NCC members. |
| Rothwell Town Council | Rothwell is happy with the polling districts here and with the polling places used at the last election.  However, they were concerned because there was a rumour that the Methodist Church might not be used again for the Tresham Ward because it is not actually in that Ward.  Rothwell would like to keep the Methodist Church as the Tresham polling place because it is very suitable, it is in the town centre and very close to the Tresham boundary so it is convenient for these voters.  In addition, this means that the Infant School will no longer have to be considered for a polling place, which has been very disruptive for the school and the pupils. The Community Centre is also approved for Trinity Ward. |
| Barton Seagrave Parish Council | The only issue we have at the moment concerns the gate at the rear of the Masque Theatre which gives access to Wallis’s Spinney and Belvoir Drive. Following the increased security measures at the LAC with the boundary fence, etc., this is kept locked by the school although I believe they do open it at the start and end of the school day. This needs to be open for the time that the polling station at the Community Centre is in operation but I understand that this has not always been the case until staff arrive. The LAC needs to be asked to ensure that the gate is open for the duration of the polling day so that early and late voters have ready access.  All being well this should be the last time that there will be a problem as the new community building which will become the village hall should be available in 2019 – if we are still around! |
| Geddington, Newton and Little Oakley Parish Council | As per your Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places letter dated 3 Sep 2014. This was discussed at the October Parish Council meeting.  The minutes record the councillors' discussions:-  **052/15 KBC - REGISTER OF ELECTORAL INFORMATION**  Cllr Watson suggested that the Newton polling station could be put forward for closure.  34 residents are registered to vote, only 10 voted at the polling station at the last election.  As regards to siting, Cllr Bailey said that £4,000.00 had just been spent to install ramps at Little Oakley village. After a general discussion, it was agreed by all councillors present that the village hall remained the best venue for Geddington.  So no suggested change for venues for Geddington and Lt Oakley, an option of closing if you so wish for the Newton polling station. |
| Desborough Town Council | This matter was discussed at last night’s Desborough Town Council Meeting, with the following outcomes and recommendations:   * An additional Polling Station in the Loatlands Ward. * Venues to be considered are, Loatlands Primary School, Desborough Football Club and a Mobile Polling Station.   Not discussed at the meeting, however I was wondering if the Children's Centre at the Library would be a suitable venue to be considered. |
| Kettering Constituency Labour Party | The Kettering Constituency Labour Party has considered the KBC paper on the review of polling places and wishes to make the following submission in response.  We are concerned that the arrangements for voters choosing to vote in person in the Desborough Loatland ward entail attendance at a polling station sited at the Desborough Leisure Centre, which is a considerable distance from parts of the ward, particularly the older part of the town, where more elderly and frail people live. It is difficult for these vulnerable people to travel to the Leisure Centre , particularly by foot when distances can be over mile.  The attached listing[[1]](#footnote-1) indicates the democratic deficit for the Loatland Ward, being the highest amount of voters expected to vote within one polling Station.  KS is the original part of the Loatland Ward and all houses are sited the other side of the former A6 (Harborough Road) which is a very busy Road. A number of streets in the Ward are over a mile from the Leisure Centre on the Grange Estate. There are 2471 electors, 1703 of whom chose to vote in person. The polling Station has, for a number of years, been sited centrally to this area, at Loatland School.  KT is mainly the Grange Estate plus housing off the Pipewell Road in Desborough. The electorate is 1999, with 1568 voting in person which demonstrates the need for a Polling Station on the Grange Estate.  We would suggest therefore that there are 2 polling stations in the ward – one at the Leisure Centre and discussions take place to enable voting to continue at the Loatland School Site either by using the Nursery part of the School, or by the siting of a mobile. |

1. NB: Not attached here but available for inspection. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)