

Appendix 2 - Working assumptions for the Polling District and Polling Place Review 2021

- The aim was for 2000-3000 electors per polling station
 - This included postal voters, meaning around 1800-2500 in-person anticipated electors for each station
 - some districts will have multiple polling stations in the polling place
- Reasonable walking distance was assumed as 10-15 minutes, and distances aimed to account for topography
- A further aim was to minimise the use of schools:
 - Some schools are happy to be used and can either plan an inset day or have a separate space that can be used with minimal disruption
 - Where a school has to close, nearby alternatives were looked at
 - Finding an alternative space wasn't always possible so there were some schools that still needed to be used
- Generally, polling district boundaries were drawn along the centre of the road
- Where a venue was used, reasonable adjustments were applied to make it accessible where this was needed
- It was recognised that some of these districts might need to be revisited as a result of the outcome of the parliamentary ward Boundary Review which is due to report in July 2023