

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

- The aim was for 2250 electors per polling station (excluding postal voters)
  - some polling 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 considered.
  - 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.
- Given the changes that have taken place over the last two polling scheme reviews in the last two years, we are trying to minimise voter confusion by only making changes where they are required to meet the other principles of the review.

(\* ) Distances are taken from [google.co.uk/maps](https://www.google.co.uk/maps)