

## **Appendix C**

### **Changes resulting from the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's recommendations**

The recommendations of changes to polling districts, polling places and polling stations required following the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) Review are as follows:

#### **Barleythorpe Ward**

The polling place for the newly created Barleythorpe Ward is the Oakham United Football Club building, Main Road, Barleythorpe, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 7EE. The ward will contain the parish of Barleythorpe, and following the LGBCE review, part of the parish of Oakham, the new Barleythorpe Road Parish Ward of Oakham Town Council (OTC). This new Parish ward of OTC comprises electors from Huntsmans Drive, Prince George Avenue, Ellingworth Close, Edwards Way, Mallard Court and College Close, areas that are currently part of the Oakham North West Parish Ward.

It is recommended that the parish of Barleyhorpe and the Barleythorpe Road Parish Ward of OTC each become a separate polling district. However, although the Barleythorpe Road Parish Ward of OTC will be a polling district it will not, by exception, have its own polling place as a suitable venue cannot be identified within the parish. Instead, it is recommended that all electors from the Barleythorpe Ward vote at the polling place/station, Oakham United Football Club.

The alternatives considered were as follows:

Voters from Barleythorpe Road Parish be given a separate polling station within their area, however the only venue in the area considered to be suitable with the required facilities was the Brambles Day Centre situated within Rutland Care Village. Having visited the centre and discussed its use with both the staff and the Head of Service for Adult Services, it was considered that using this venue could have an undue impact on the users of this facility due to the need to close the centre on a polling day.

Voters from the Barleythorpe Road Parish of OTC vote at the Barleythorpe Ward polling station (Oakham United Football Club) for the County level elections and then at their current station for their parish level election. Again the use of Brambles was considered inappropriate, and it would have been logical to use the previous station that these electors had been used to which was the Scout Hut in ONW. It was felt that asking voters to vote at different stations for different level elections would be both confusing and inappropriate.

A final alternative would have been for voters in the Barleythorpe Road Parish of OTC to use the same station they had in the past for both levels of election, but this could complicate matters at the polling station and more importantly

would mean that at County Ward level the electorate would not be voting in their ward.

### **Braunston and Martinsthorpe Ward**

This will be a new ward made up of the two pre-existing wards of Braunston and Belton Ward and Martinsthorpe Ward. It is recommended that the individual polling districts remain the same for each parish, as will the polling place and polling stations. Electors in the new ward will now vote for two councillors, instead of one.

### **Cottesmore Ward**

The parish of Teigh currently part of Cottesmore Ward will become part of Whissendine Ward. It is recommended that voters from Teigh retain their current polling district of Teigh but now use the polling place, the Memorial Hall, Whissendine as they are now part of that ward. All other electors in the Cottesmore Ward will retain their current polling places, polling districts and vote at the existing polling stations.

### **Oakham North East Ward**

It is recommended that the polling district for this ward remain as Oakham North East and the polling place remain as All Saints Church Hall. Electors on the Ladywell Estate (currently in Oakham South East Ward) will be moved into the ward and polling district of Oakham North East. The polling station for this polling district will remain as the All Saints Church Hall in Church Street, Oakham. No alternatives were considered for this ward as this represented a no change to existing, accepted arrangements.

### **Oakham North West Ward**

It is recommended that the polling district for this ward will remain as Oakham North West and the polling place becomes the Scout/Guide Hut on Grampian way. The preferred polling station will remain the Scout Hut, although the Guide Hut was visited to ensure that this could be used as a back-up during a period when the Scout Hut underwent renovations. As the Guide Hut was suitable it makes sense to maintain this as an alternative venue for the polling station if required.

Electors from Willoughby Gardens, Graffham Drive, Braunston Road from the junction with Derwent Drive to West Road/Braunston Road (even numbers) will move from the Oakham South West Ward into this ward.

However, electors from Huntsmans Drive, Prince George Avenue, Mallard Court and College Close will move into the Ward of Barleythorpe and the Barleythorpe Road Parish of Oakham Town Council.

No alternatives were considered for this ward as this represented a no change to existing, accepted arrangements.

## **Oakham South Ward**

The previous wards of Oakham South West and Oakham South East will combine to become Oakham South. Small pockets of each of the previous wards will be moved out of this ward into the Oakham North West and Oakham North East wards as detailed above. It is recommended that Oakham South become the revised polling district for this area.

Previously electors from Oakham South West voted at Catmose Primary School and those from Oakham South East voted at Martinsley Room of the Council Offices. To better represent the Ward geography it is proposed to use one, more central, polling place which would be the Council Buildings on Catmos Street (this includes the County Museum, Library and Council Offices). Making the polling place the council buildings offers the option to use an alternative venue if required.

It is recommended that the Council buildings, Catmos Street become the polling place for Oakham South and Oakham Library be used as the polling station for the ward. Two stations be situated in the library to cope with the increased electorate.

## **Whissendine Ward**

The parish of Teigh will move from its current ward (Cottesmore) to become a part of Whissendine Ward. Teigh's polling district will remain as Teigh but it is recommended that its polling place and polling station will now become The Memorial Hall, Whissendine.