

PROPOSED CHANGES**Review of Polling Districts and Polling Station
(Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006****Maidstone and The Weald Constituency (Part)**Existing Polling Stations and Electorate as at 1st October 2013

POLLING DISTRICT Letters	Borough Ward & Parish (Parish Ward)	Polling Station	Elect-orate	Proposals
F	Ward: Bridge	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	2708	(Acting) Returning Officer's proposals: To incorporate the electorate from FA (currently voting at St Simon Stock RC Comprehensive School). The Church Hall is adequate in size to be utilised as a double polling station and is on a main bus route.
FA	Ward: Bridge	St Simon Stock R C Comprehensive School	1994	(Acting) Returning Officer's proposals: To move the electorate to vote at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Car parking at the School is non-existent during school hours which was felt to be an issue with voters. There is ample car parking at the Church and the current polling station is not within Bridge Ward.
N	Ward: Heath	Beechwood Community Hall, Marigold Way, Barming	2987	(Acting) Returning Officer's proposals: The electorate within the old hospital site will continue to vote at Beechwood Community Hall. However, complaints have been made to the Presiding Officer that the polling station is difficult to find, to park and is not on a direct bus route. It is our intention to reinstate St Andrews Church Hall as an additional polling place to accommodate electors outside of the former Oakwood hospital site. 1514 of those electors to remain at Beechwood Community Hall.
RR	Ward: Marden and Yalding Parish: Collier Street	St Margarets Church, Collier Street	632	(Acting) Returning Officer's proposals: This current polling place is extremely cold and cooking facilities very limited. It would be possible to pay extra for overhead heating at the Church which would provide some comfort for the polling staff. However, a room at St Margaret's School, Collier Street has now become available which meets the requirements of a polling station and it is our intention to trial the facility for the forthcoming Elections in May 2014. Car Parking at both locations would be the same, i.e. a general car park located adjacent to the Church but it is noted that most voters would park on the main road outside the Church (and opposite the school).

