Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2026

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SLC7 / SLC8 LODDON /SISLAND	Loddon and Chedgrave	The Hollies, 10 High Street, Loddon, NR14 6AH	Loddon and Chedgrave Jubilee Hall, George Lane, Loddon, NR14 6NB	**Option 1 – Retain the Existing Polling Station at The Hollies** The Hollies currently serves as the polling station for the district and is familiar to local electors as the established polling venue in Loddon. Retaining the venue would avoid any change to the existing arrangements and maintain continuity for voters who are accustomed to attending this location. However, accessibility concerns were raised following the July 2026 election. A voter who uses a wheelchair reported difficulties accessing the building, and polling station staff identified similar concerns. Although the venue is centrally located, these limitations may create difficulties for some electors and reduce its suitability as a polling station in the longer term. **Option 2 – Relocate the Polling Station to Loddon and Chedgrave Jubilee Hall** It is proposed that the polling station be relocated from The Hollies to Loddon and Chedgrave Jubilee Hall. The Jubilee Hall offers improved accessibility, better parking provision and easier access to the building. The venue remains centrally located within the town and is a well-known

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				community facility, helping to maintain convenient and familiar polling arrangements for local electors. Relocating the polling station would address the concerns raised by electors and polling station staff while providing a more accessible, practical and resilient venue for future elections.
SCR1A / CRINGLEFORD	Cringleford	Patteson Parish Room and Club, 13 Newmarket Road, Cringleford, NR4 6UE	St Peters Church Hall, Newmarket Road, Cringleford, NR4 6UE	**Option 1 – Retain the Existing Polling Station at Patteson Parish Room** Patteson Parish Room currently serves as the polling station for the district and is familiar to local electors as the established polling venue in Cringleford. Retaining the venue would avoid any change to the existing arrangements and maintain continuity for voters who are accustomed to attending this location. However, the venue has limited internal space and parking provision, which may make it less suitable for a particularly busy polling station. Following the July 2026 election, concerns were also raised about accessibility for some voters with mobility impairments, including a trip hazard at the entrance that would require a temporary ramp. Limited Wi-Fi connectivity created additional operational difficulties for polling station staff. **Option 2 – Relocate the Polling Station to St Peter's Church Hall** It is proposed that the polling station be relocated from Patteson Parish Room to St Peter's Church Hall. The church

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				hall offers improved accessibility, greater internal capacity and better parking provision, making it more suitable for the volume of electors using this busy polling station. Relocating the polling station would address the access and operational concerns raised following the July 2026 election while providing a more accessible, practical and resilient venue for future elections.
SHR3A/1, SHR3A/2 AND SHR3B (NEW) / HETHERSETT	Hethersett	Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ	Hethersett Village Hall, Back Lane, Hethersett, NR9 3JJ The Hethersett Hub, Hethersett Memorial Playing Field, Park Drive, Hethersett, NR9 3EN	**Option 1 – Retain the Existing Polling District and Polling Station Arrangements** SHR3 is currently divided into two polling district subdivisions, SHR3/1 and SHR3/2, both of which are served by Hethersett Village Hall. The polling district has a large electorate, but the existing arrangement helps to manage voter numbers on polling day. Retaining the current boundaries and polling station arrangements would maintain continuity for electors who are accustomed to voting at the Village Hall. However, the electorate is expected to continue growing as a result of significant housing development within the area, which may place increasing pressure on the existing arrangements over time. **Option 2 – Create a New Polling District Served by the Hethersett Hub** It is proposed that a new polling district, SHR3B, be created and served by the Hethersett Hub at the Memorial Playing Field. This would provide an additional polling station for the

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				area and help manage the large and growing electorate arising from significant housing development. The proposed new district would include electors residing on the southern part of Great Melton Road and Queens Road through to the southern parish boundary via Norwich Road. Creating SHR3B would help balance elector numbers between polling districts, improve access to voting facilities and provide additional resilience for future housing growth. SHR3A/1 and SHR3A/2 would continue to be served by Hethersett Village Hall for electors in the northern part of the parish. A map showing the proposed polling district boundaries is available on the website.