

Meeting of:	Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	Wednesday, 15 November 2023
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Corporate Performance and Resources
Report Title:	Vale of Glamorgan Polling District and Places Review 2023
Purpose of Report:	To consider proposals of the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places identified within this report
Report Owner:	Rob Thomas
Responsible Officer:	Rachel Starr-Wood
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	Ward members for the relevant electoral wards were consulted as part of the review
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for consideration by Committee, Cabinet and a decision by Council
<p>Executive Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the next compulsory review must be undertaken within a 16-month window between 2 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. • The Vale of Glamorgan Polling Districts and Polling Place review commenced on 2 October 2023. • As part of the review there were no issues identified with Polling Districts and no changes are recommended. • As part of the review, visits have been made to each of the current and proposed Polling Places and Stations identified as requiring attention and local ward members have been consulted. • The recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.51 of this report are for implementation in readiness for the next Parliamentary Election. The same polling plan will also be utilised for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election in May 2024. • The findings of the review propose changes to polling places in the following electoral wards: Baruc, Buttrills, Castleland, Cadoc, Sully, Dinas Powys, Wenvoe, St Nicholas & Llancarfan, Cowbridge and St Brides Major. 	

Recommendations

1. That the proposed timetable for the review is noted and agreed.
2. That Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) considers and recommends to Cabinet that the proposed changes to the Polling Places and/or Polling Stations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.51 of this report be agreed.
3. That Scrutiny Committee (Corporate Performance and Resources) recommends to Cabinet that this report be referred to Council for consideration with a view to approving the proposed changes with immediate effect and that this report be referred to all Town and Community Councils and the Community Liaison Committee for information.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. To note the content of the report in relation to the review and timeline.
2. In line with the Councils statutory functions under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and that the proposals contained in this report which will assist with improving electors' voting experience and raise awareness.
3. To allow the review to be accepted by Council.

1. Background

- 1.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district.
- 1.2 The following definitions may be helpful when reading the report and appendices.
 - "Polling districts" are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
 - "Polling places" are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
 - "Polling stations" are the number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.
- 1.3 The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years.
- 1.4 Under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the next compulsory review must be undertaken within a 16-month window between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025. The intention of the legislation was that

reviews would be completed by the January before a UK Parliamentary general election. However, since the repeal of the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011, there is no longer any certainty as to when the next general election will be. The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 means the UK Parliament can be dissolved by the King on request of the Prime Minister, at any time within the 5 years of the life of the Parliament. The next general election must take place before Tuesday 28 January 2025, but it could happen at any point before then. There is no longer a link between the timing of the compulsory polling district and places review falling in a 16-month period ending 3 months before a scheduled general election.

- 1.5** The Boundary Commission for Wales has undertaken a review of parliamentary constituency boundaries and has now published its final recommendations, and Orders for the new parliamentary constituency boundaries will be made by 1 November 2023. Once the Orders for new parliamentary constituency boundaries have been made, the new boundaries will be used for the next general election.
- 1.6** The issues outlined in paragraphs 1.2 and 1.3 mean it is important that the polling district and polling places review is carried out as early as possible, so that the Vale of Glamorgan has agreed polling districts and places to be used for the next parliamentary election. The same polling plan will be used for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election scheduled for May 2024.
- 1.7** As highlighted above, it is important to complete the review as soon as possible, so the polling districts and places for future elections can be agreed in time for the next general election and Police and Crime Commissioner Election in May 2024.
- 1.8** Although the review itself cannot commence earlier, there is a degree of preparatory work which can be undertaken prior to the review, as well as informal consultation. It would be desirable for any changes in polling districts to be reflected in the electoral register published on 1 December 2023. However, due to the council meeting timetable, it is unlikely that the review will be complete until January 2024. This means that the register of electors will not be published until 1st January 2024. The timetable for the review can be viewed at Appendix 1.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1** As a result of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review a number of proposals are made in respect of the following Polling Places and/or Polling Stations, these changes can also be viewed at Appendix 1a:

Baruc - Portacabin, Car Park, Bron Y Mor, Barry, CF62 6SW – AB0

- 2.2** No formal concerns were raised by Baruc ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.3** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district AB0, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased through ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a larger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that Romilly Bowling Club, Romilly Park Road, CF62 6RB be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District AB0. Romilly Bowling Club falls within polling district AC1, but the building sits just to the North of the boundary line, which can be viewed on the map at Appendix 2. The map includes a red cross indicating the current arrangements and a black cross indicating the proposed polling place.
- 2.4** Another option that was considered during the review was The Ship Hotel, as this is within the AB0 polling district. However, this was not considered suitable due to accessibility issues into the polling station within the polling place that was offered.
- 2.5** It is acknowledged that Romilly Bowling Club is outside of the polling district and Electoral Commission [guidance](#) states “the polling place must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside of the district (for example, if no accessible polling place can be identified in the district)”. As no other suitable buildings have been identified, we are proposing that Romilly Bowling Club in AB1, should be the polling place for polling district AB0.

Baruc – Portacabin at Overflow Car Park at Harbour Road, Barry, CF62 5HA – AC1

- 2.6** No formal concerns were raised by Baruc ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.

The existing polling place arrangements for polling district AC1, have worked well until now. However, as stated above, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station would be beneficial. However, as we have been unable to identify a suitable alternative in the area, the electors of polling district AC1 will continue to vote at this polling place. It is worth noting that this is subject to change, should a suitable alternative be identified or become available at a later date.

Buttrills – Portacabin at Premier Inn, Hood Road, Barry, CF62 5QN – EB1

- 2.7** No formal concerns were raised by Buttrill’s ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.8** The current polling place for EB1 has been in place since 2021, due to the Premier Inn being unavailable during Covid, due to social distancing requirements. As social distancing is no longer a requirement, we are once again able to start using the Premier Inn reception area for future planned polls.

Castleland - Conference Room, Docks Office, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT – FD1

- 2.9** No formal concerns were raised by Castleland ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.10** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district FD1, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that the Bridge Between Community Centre, Heol Y Llongau, Barry, CF63 4AR be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station.

Cadoc – Portacabin, Vincent Close, Barry, CF63 2AG – HC0

- 2.11** No formal concerns were raised by Cadoc ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.12** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district HC0, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that St Cadocs Church, Coldbrook Road, Barry, CF63 1LF be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District HC0. St Cadocs Church falls within polling district HB0, but the building sits just to the West of the boundary line, which can be viewed on the map at Appendix 3. The map includes a red cross indicating the current arrangements and a black cross indicating the proposed polling place.
- 2.13** Another option that was considered during the review was the Community Hall at Hanover Close on Langlands Road. It’s worth noting that this also falls outside of the polling district, being in HC1 but is closer to the current polling place at

Vincent Close. However, this was not considered suitable due to accessibility and security issues surrounding the public accessing the building.

- 2.14** It is acknowledged that St Cadocs Church is outside of the polling district and Electoral Commission [guidance](#) states “the polling place must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside of the district (for example, if no accessible polling place can be identified in the district)”. As no other suitable buildings have been identified, we are proposing that St Cadocs Church in HB0, should be the polling place for polling district HCO.

Cadoc - Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road, Barry, CF63 2NP – HC1

- 2.15** No formal concerns were raised by Cadoc ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.16** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district HC1 have been considered, due to the distance from HC1 consisting mainly of Pencoedtre Village to the Glenbrook Inn in polling district HD1. It was also considered that the Barry Docks Link Road and Palmerston Road run along the boundaries of polling district HC1, making it undesirable for electors to travel to the Glenbrook Inn without a car. It is proposed that Parkside Christian Centre, St Brides Way, Barry, CF63 2NP be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District HC1. Parkside Christian Centre is easily accessible by car or on foot from polling district HC1. It is acknowledged that Parkside Christian Centre falls within polling district DB0, but the building sits just to the West of the boundary line of HC1, which can be viewed on the map at Appendix 4. Please note that circled red cross is the current polling place at the Glenbrook Inn and the black cross is the proposed polling place. The prominent boundary line in blue highlights the polling district HC1.

St Augustines – Portacabin at Oystercatcher Car Park, Penarth, CF64 1SB – JB1

- 2.17** No formal concerns were raised by St Augustines ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period. However, due to the requirements of the Elections Act and voter ID, alternative polling stations were considered such as McCann Engineers, KBS and Marina Tech. Unfortunately, these businesses did not feel that their office space would be suitable due to various issues including possible security issues.
- 2.18** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district JB1, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station would be beneficial. However, as we have been unable to identify a suitable alternative in the area, the electors of polling district JB1 will continue to vote at this polling place. It is worth noting that this is subject to change, should a suitable alternative be identified or become available at a later date.

Stanwell Road Baptist Church – Station A & B, Next to Paget Rooms, CF64 3EG – JE0 & JF0

- 2.19** One representation was received from a councillor who was also representing the views of a district committee and a political party. There was concern raised over a lack of polling stations in the Plymouth ward (JE0 & JF0) especially due to the fact that there a lot of elderly residents in the area who may find it difficult to walk to the current polling station. There were three suggestions made as an alternative polling place, being Penarth Pavilion, Holm House, and the Methodist Home for the Elderly.
- 2.20** We are recommending that no change is made to the current polling place because no suitable alternative has been identified. It is acknowledged that Penarth Pavilion is in the polling district JE0. However, electors living at the Northern area of the district such as Cwrt-Y-Vil Road, Westbourne Road, Station Road and Plymouth Road would be expected to travel to Penarth Esplanade to vote at the pavilion. It is worth noting that the parking at the pavilion is very limited and the majority of electors within the polling district live in the Northern area of the polling district, a map of the polling districts can be viewed at Appendix 4a.
- 2.21** Holm House were contacted to query if their premises could be used as a polling station, but no response has been received.
- 2.22** Methodist Home for the Elderly is a care home. During the Covid19 pandemic, we weren't able to use one of our regular polling places which is a care home, due to health and safety concerns. Also, unless the care home had a separate entrance, it would not be deemed appropriate to leave the main doors open for electors to access the building due to the safety of the elderly residents. We would recommend that care homes are avoided as a polling place where possible in order to future proof our polling plan. It is also worth noting that the care home is in polling district JJ0, which is outside of the polling districts JE0 and JF0. This can be viewed in the map at Appendix 4a.
- 2.23** Our final recommendation is that we should continue to use Stanwell Road Baptist Church as the designated polling place for polling district JE0 and JF0 in the interim. However, the Electoral Services team will make further enquires and survey the area to try to identify a suitable alternative polling place within JE0 and JF0 polling districts.

Sully – Sully Library, South Road, Sully, CF64 5SP – NAO

- 2.24** No formal concerns were raised by Sully ward members during the early informal consultation.
- 2.25** During the formal consultation period we received four representations from three residents and a councillor. All representations were against the

recommendation to move from Sully Library to The Sports Pavilion on Burnham Avenue

- 2.26** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district NA0, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from 'New Burdens' funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It was proposed that The Sports Pavilion, Burnham Avenue, Sully, CF64 5SU be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station. However, in light of the representations made, it is recommended that no change is made to the current designated polling place at Sully Library.

Sully – Rangers Office, Cosmeston Country Park, Penarth, CF64 5UY – NB0

- 2.27** No formal concerns were raised by Sully ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.28** The existing polling place arrangements for polling district NB0, have worked well until now. However, the Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from 'New Burdens' funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that Lower Penarth Community Centre, Brockhill Way, Penarth be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station. Lower Penarth Community Centre falls within polling district JJ0 which is part of Plymouth Ward, but the building sits just to the East of the boundary line of NB0, which can be viewed on the map at Appendix 5. Please note that black circle indicates the current polling place, and the black cross indicates the proposed building. The community centre is easily accessible by car or on foot from polling district NB0.

Dinas Powys – Dinas Powys Primary School, Cardiff Road, Dinas Powys, CF64 4JU – OB0

- 2.29** No formal concerns were raised by Dinas Powys ward members during the early informal consultation.
- 2.30** During the formal consultation period we received a request from a councillor asking us to consider using Dinas Powys Library rather than Bethesda Chapel.
- 2.31** Dinas Powys Primary School have requested that an alternative polling place is identified for future elections, to remove the need to close the school on election days. The Dinas Powys library is a short walk from the Primary School, so we would recommend that the library should be the new polling place for electors in polling district OB0. It is acknowledged that Dinas Powys library falls outside of polling district, but there are no other suitable alternatives within the boundary line of OB0. Dinas Powys library sits to the South-West of the polling district and can be viewed on the map at Appendix 6. Please note that the red

cross is the current polling place, the black cross indicates Bethesda Chapel and the black circle indicates the new proposed polling place Dinas Powys Library.

Dinas Powys – Portacabin Nr Home Farm, Michaelston-le-Pit – OE0, OE1, OF0

- 2.32** No formal concerns were raised by Dinas Powys ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period.
- 2.33** The Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that St Michaels Church, Michaelston-le-Pit, CF3 6XS be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling Districts OE0, OE1 and OF0.
- 2.34** It is also worth noting that the siting of a portacabin at Michaelston-le-Pit has proven to be logistically difficult due to power cables, telephone lines etc in the area. The manoeuvring of a large vehicle in such a small space is not an ideal scenario and there have been several requests from the Vale of Glamorgan’s Building Services team to find an alternative polling place.

Wenvoe – Station A, Portacabin at the Beech Tree, Old Port Road, CF5 6XN – PA1

- 2.35** No formal concerns were raised by ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period. However, we were notified by the owner of the Beech Tree, that we would no longer be able to site portacabins in the car park of the restaurant for future elections.
- 2.36** The Elections Act 2022 also means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that the Hafod building at St Hilary Court, Copthorne Way, Cardiff, CF5 6ES be used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District PA1.

Wenvoe – Station B, Portacabin at the Beech Tree, Old Port Road, CF5 6XN – PB0

- 2.37** No formal concerns were raised by ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period. However, we were notified by the owner of the Beech Tree, that we would no longer be able to site portacabins in the car park of the restaurant for future elections.
- 2.38** The Elections Act 2022 also means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that the Horse & Jockey,

Chapel Terrace, Twyn-yr-Odyn, CF5 6BG is used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District PB0.

St Nicholas & Llancarfan – St Georges Village Hall, Drope Road, CF5 6EP – PE0, PE1, PF0

- 2.39** We were contacted by the ward member of St Nicholas and Llancarfan, as well as St Georges and St Brides Community Council who both advised that St Georges Village Hall has been closed and will no longer be available to be used a polling station.
- 2.40** It is recommended that St Nicholas Church, CF5 6SG should be used as the Polling Place and Polling Station for the polling district PE1. The church already serves as a polling place/station for polling district PC0. The church is within easy walking distance from polling district PE1, is accessible by car and there are also bus service links. This can be viewed on the map at Appendix 7.
- 2.41** It is further recommended due to the closure of St Georges Village Hall, that the electors of PE0, should be relocated to St Brides Super Ely Village Hall which is within the polling district of PF0. This can be viewed on the map at Appendix 7.
- 2.42** The electors of polling district PF0 currently vote at Peterston Church & Community Hall which sits in polling district QD0. As we have now identified St Brides Super Ely Village Hall, which is within polling district PF0, we would recommend that the electors of PF0 should use the Village Hall as their polling place.

Cowbridge – Station C, Cowbridge Lesser Hall, Cowbridge Town Hall, CF71 7JF – SC0

- 2.43** No formal concerns were raised by Cowbridge ward members or stakeholders during the early informal consultation period.
- 2.44** The new housing development at Clare Gardens is expanding and it was important to identify a polling place/station within or closer to polling district SC0. It should be noted that there is currently only one polling place within Cowbridge Town, which is Cowbridge Town Hall split in to three stations serving polling districts SA0, SB0 and SC0.
- 2.45** The Elections Act 2022 also means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a suitable polling place/polling station has been identified. It was first identified that Glyndwr Vineyard, Church Road, Llanblethian, CF71 7JF is used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling District SC0.
- 2.46** During the formal consultation period, we received a representation from a ward member. The representation highlighted another possible polling place as the United Free Church. The electoral services team conducted a site visit and confirmed that the premises are a more suitable polling place to use for future elections. Therefore, we would recommend that the polling place for the electors of polling district SC0 should be the United Free Church, Westgate,

Cowbridge, CF71 7AG. The premises is in a much more convenient location for the electors it will serve in SCO. This can be viewed on the map at Appendix 8.

Cowbridge – Portacabin at Llanfair School, The Herberts, CF71 7LT – SE0

- 2.47** No formal concerns were raised by Cowbridge ward members or stakeholders during the early informal or formal consultation period. However, we were advised by the school ahead of the last Local Government Elections in May 2022, that the siting of the portacabin in the school car park, causes considerable disruptions and that we could only site the smallest portacabin available.
- 2.48** The Elections Act 2022 now means that the Returning Officer has a duty to provide electors with an area where Voter ID can be checked in private upon request. Privacy screens have been purchased from ‘New Burdens’ funding from the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities (DLUHC). In order to accommodate a private viewing area and privacy screen, a bigger polling place/polling station has been identified. It is proposed that the Church of St Mary, Talbot Terrace, Llanfair, CF71 7LW is used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling Districts SE0.

St Brides Major – All Saints Church, Main Road, Southerndown, CF32 0RW - WA0

- 2.49** No formal concerns were raised by ward members or stakeholders during the early informal consultation period.
- 2.50** We did receive a suggestion to consider moving the polling place to a newly constructed building within the polling district WA0.
- 2.51** It is proposed that Ogmores-By-Sea Hall, Slon Lane, Ogmores-By-Sea, CF32 0PN is used as a Polling Place and Polling Station for Polling Districts WA0. This polling place is in a very convenient location and easily accessible by road and also on foot. This can be viewed on the map at Appendix 9.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** The review of Polling Places and Stations safeguards the long-term needs of local residents to ensure that all electors in a constituency in the local authority areas have such reasonable facilities for voting as practicable in the circumstances.
- 3.2** The review included informal consultation with local ward Councillors to inform the final proposals made in this report.
- 3.3** Relevant public awareness raising, and communications with the electorate will take place in respect of the proposed changes in order to avoid voter confusion. This will include the production and printing of a Household Notification Letter to all households in affected areas.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

- 4.1** There are no direct implications arising from this report, although the increased emphasis on the use of existing buildings as opposed to 'portacabin' structures will reduce the need for transportation and the logistics around siting temporary structures, thereby reducing the carbon footprint associated with providing temporary buildings as polling stations. .

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

- 5.1** There will be a cost associated with the production of a Household Notification Letter, these costs will need to be met within existing budgets. The costs associated with providing and transporting portacabins will reduce as the use of existing buildings is favoured.

Employment

- 5.2** There are no direct implications arising from this report.

Legal (Including Equalities)

- 5.3** The proposals set out in this report are in line with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

6. Background Papers

Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

PROJECT PLAN 2023

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Legislation

Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013
Schedule A1 Representation of the Peoples Act 1983

Notes

UK Parliamentary polling districts and places only.

Polling district – geographical area created by the subdivision of a UK Parliamentary constituency for the purposes of a UK Parliamentary election.

Polling place – building or area in which polling station is placed.

Polling station – room or area within polling place where voting takes place.

There must be a designated polling place for each polling district unless the size or other circumstances of a polling district are such that the situation of the polling station does not materially affect the convenience of the electors.

The polling place must be an area in the district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area wholly or partly outside the district.

Start Date	End Date	Action	Responsible Officer	Date Completed
January 2023	September 2023	<p>Obtain relevant statistics and information in relation to electorate figures, population change within the area and turnout information at previous elections, including the numbers of electors voting in person.</p> <p>Obtain detailed up to date maps with appropriate scale to enable accuracy designation of polling district boundaries. Utilise internal contacts to enable use of planning tools such as the GIS.</p> <p>Compile details of current polling places with a summary of suitability including any surveys/diagrams or photographs with comments from Presiding Officers or polling station inspectors and notes from any previous reviews.</p> <p>Gather any comments or complaints including any up to date information regarding renovation work etc.</p> <p>Write out to all current polling stations for up to date information on facilities, accessibility and use at future elections.</p>	<p>HH CL – Evaluation Checklist RSW - Planning Support</p> <p>RSW BO</p> <p>HH CL – Evaluation Checklist</p> <p>HH</p> <p>HH</p>	

		<p>Obtain advice and guidance from officers within the authority who are responsible for equality schemes. Consider different types of disability which may make voting in person difficult and consider the Council's own policy on disabled access.</p>	<p>HH CL (up to date Equalities consultation list required)</p>	
		<p>Obtain forecast information and planning statistics to support review.</p>	<p>RSW</p>	
		<p>Establish alternative polling station options</p>	<p>HH / RSW</p>	
		<p>Informal consultation with members</p>	<p>RSW</p>	
<p>September 2023</p>		<p>Findings to RO/DRO following informal consultation</p>	<p>RSW</p>	
<p>Week commencing 2 October 2023</p>		<p>ERO initial representations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Justify no AND change decisions • Ensure all polling stations have suitable facilities for voting and accessible to electors who are disabled <p>• Notice of Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Press release • Website • Invite representations <p>Copy to interested parties/stakeholders</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors • MPs • AMs 	<p>RSW / RT</p> <p>HH HH</p>	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Political parties • Disability groups • Consult RO – Cardiff 		
2 October 2023 – 27 October 2023		Consultation Period <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collate responses/recommendations 	RSW/HH	
1 November 2023 – 8 November 2023		Proposals Considered by RO/DRO and final recommendations prepared	RSW/RT/VD	
Wednesday 15 November 2023		Report to Corporate Performance and Resources	RSW/RT/VD	
Thursday 23 November 2023		Report to cabinet	RSW/VD/HH	
Thursday 30 November 2023		Cabinet	RT	
Monday 4 December 2023		Final recommendations to Full Council	RSW/VD/HH	
		Full Council	RT	
December 2023		Publish results <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All correspondence • All representations • All minutes 	HH / RSW	
1 January 2024		New arrangements in place – republish the Register of Electors	HH / RSW	

Review of Polling Districts. Polling Places and Polling Stations for the Vale of Glamorgan 2023: Electoral Registration Officer

Ward	Polling District	Place and Station Name	Proposals October 2023	Notes	Final Results
Baruc	AA0	St Francis Millennium Centre Junction Of Porth Y Castell & Park Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 6QA	No change		
	AB0	Portacabin - Car Park, Bron Y Mor, Barry The Knap, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 6SW	Romilly Bowling Club Romilly Park Road Barry CF62 6RB	We considered various alternatives in the vicinity. Romilly Bowling Club is a suitable venue. The polling station would be just outside of the polling district boundary line, but due to Voter ID and accessibility requirements brought in as a consequence of the Elections Act 2022, this is a much better alternative to a polling station. It is also worth noting that portacabins are costly in comparison to the rate of hire charged but venues such as the Bowling Club.	Final recommendation to move the polling place from Bron Y Mor Car Park to Romilly Bowling Club.
	AB1	St Nicholas Hall St Nicholas Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 6QX	No change		
	AC0	Barry Island Community Centre Friars Road, Barry Island, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 5TR	No change		

	AC1	Portacabin Overflow Car Park at Harbour Road Barry, CF62 5HA	No change	The portacabin that we use at this location isn't ideal to fit the polling booth and equipment needed as a consequence of the Elections Act 2022. However, we have been unable to find an alternative.	Final recommendation to continue to site the largest portacabin available at the Overflow Car Park.
Illtyd	BA0	Romilly Primary School Canteen - Via Staff Car Park Romilly Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 6LF	No change		
	BB0	Cwm Talwg Community Centre Cwm Parc, Cwm Talwg, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7QS	No change		
	BB1	Highlight Community Centre - Station A Sterling Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8NX	No change		
	BB2	Millwood Bowling Club Pontypridd Road, Nant Talwg, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7LX	No change		
	BC0	Margaret Alexander Community Centre Alexandra Crescent, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7HU	No change		
	BD0	Memo Arts Centre Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA	No change		
Dyfan	CA0	St Davids Methodist Church Winston Road, Colcot, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 9SU	No change		
	CB0	Highlight Community Centre - Station B Sterling Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8NX	No change		
	CC0	Buttrills Community Centre North Walk, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8BX	No change		
Gibbonsdown	DA0	Colcot Community Hall	No change		

		Keats Way, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 9TZ			
	DB0	Parkside Christian Centre St Brides Way, Barry, CF63 1QN	No change		
	DC0	Witchill Scout Hall Dyfan Road, Barry, CF63 1DP	No change		
Butrills	EA0 BC0	Margaret Alexander Community Centre Alexandra Crescent, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 7HU	No change		
	EB0	Memo Arts Centre Gladstone Road, Barry, CF62 8NA	No change		
	EB1	Portacabin at Premier Inn Hood Road, Barry, CF62 5QN	Premier Inn Hood Road Barry CF62 5QN	The Premier Inn has not been used for elections since 2019, however they have agreed for us to resume use of the hotel for elections. We wanted to find an alternative to use as a contingency station in the event that The Premier Inn becomes unavailable. There are limited buildings in the area for use. Snap Fitness is a suitable alternative as its still within the vicinity and is a permanent building with more space for a privacy screen.	Final recommendation to use the reception area of the Premier Inn.
	EC0 EC1	Pioneer Hall Beryl Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8DN	No change		
	EC1	Pioneer Hall Beryl Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF62 8DN	No change		
	ED0	St Helens Parish Hall Wyndham Street, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4ET	No change		
Castleland	FA0	Castleland Community Centre	No change		

	FD0	Belvedere Crescent, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4JZ			
	FB0 FC0	Barry Sea Scout Hall Everard Street, Barry, CF63 4PW	No change		
	FD0	Castleland Community Centre Belvedere Crescent, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4JZ	No change		
	FD1	Conference Room, Docks Office Vale of Glamorgan Council, Subway Road, Barry, CF63 4RT	Bridge Between Community Centre Waterfront Barry CF63 4AT	The use of the polling station within the Docks Office was problematic in 2022 due to social services using the side entrance for their clients. We decided to find an alternative polling place in the vicinity that could accommodate all the requirements of the Elections Act 2022 and that would be readily available when needed. The Bridge Between Community Centre is accessible and large enough for all equipment.	Final recommendation to move the polling place from the Dock Offices to the Bridge Between.
	FE0	Ambito Care Hayes Road, Sully, CF64 5SE	No change		
Court	GA0	Barry Ymca - The Hub Court Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 4EE	No change		
	GB0	Witchill Scout Hall Dyfan Road, Barry, CF63 1DP	No change		
	GC0 GD0	Gibbonsdown Community Centre Gibbonsdown Community Centre - Station B Ramsey Road, CF62 9DF	No change		
Cadoc	HA0	Mount Pleasant Baptist Church Community Hall	No change		

		Mount Pleasant, Cadoxton, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 2HE			
	HB0	Victoria Park Community Association Church Road, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 1JY	No change		
	HC0	Portacabin - Car Park, Vincent Close, Barry Off Coldbrook Road East, Barry, Vale of Glamorgan, CF63 2AG	St Cadocs Church Coldbrook Road Barry CF63 1LF	The use of portacabins is no longer ideal due to Voter ID and accessibility changes which are now in force as a consequence of the Elections Act 2022. There are no suitable buildings available but on viewing this church we concluded that it is accessible and bigger than the portacabin at Vincent Close.	Final recommendation to move the polling place from portacabin at Vincent Close to St Cadocs Church.
	HC1	Glenbrook Inn Dobbins Road Barry Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2NP	Parkside Christian Centre St Brides Way Barry	Move to Parkside Christian Centre, but HD1 will remain at Glenbrook Inn. The rationale for this is that the space at Parkside Christian Centre is better to accommodate additional equipment. The change will also make it easier for electors in Penceodtre Village to vote, as the new venue is closer, and they do not need to navigate Barry Docks Link Rd.	Final recommendation to move the polling place from the Glenbrook Inn to Parkside Christian Centre.
	HD1	Glenbrook Inn Dobbins Road Barry Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2NP	No change		

	HD0	Cadoxton Moors Community Centre Off Henry Street Rear Of Edmund Place Barry Vale of Glamorgan CF63 2NX	No change		
St Augustines	JA0	Salvation Army Hall 101a Plassey Street Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 1EL	No change		
	JB0	St Augustine's Parish Hall - Station A Albert Road Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 1BX	No change		
	JB1	Portacabin - Oystercatcher Car Park Terra Nova Way Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 1SB	No change	Alternative polling stations were considered such as McCann Engineers, KBS and Tec Marina. Unfortunately, these businesses did not feel that their office space would be suitable due to various different matters. The Harbour master's Office was considered previously but there is no disabled access. Cardiff Bay Boat Sales is not appropriate. The portacabin at Oystercatcher is to remain (there are no function rooms available in the Oystercatcher).	Final recommendation is to continue siting a portacabin at the Oystercatcher.
	JC0	St Augustine's Parish Hall - Station B Albert Road Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 1BX	No change		
	JD0	Stanwell Road Baptist Church Schoolroom - Station A (Next To Paget Rooms) Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3EG	No change		We would recommend sticking with the current arrangements int the

					<p>interim on the grounds that the majority of voters going to the Stanwell Baptist Church, live at the top end of the districts and this decision would also future proof in the event of another pandemic.</p> <p>However, it is acknowledged that further surveying of the area is required to try to identify alternative polling places for JD0 & JE0 polling districts. The Electoral Services team will undertake this work.</p> <p>Reps received – lack of polling station in this area, lots of elderly people who find it difficult walking to polling station. 758 electors. Emailed consultee on 12.10.23 asking for ideas.</p> <p>Suggestions made: Penarth Pavilion, Holm House, Methodist Home for Elderly</p> <p>Penarth Pavilion is too far away for the majority of the electors in JE0 and is down a very</p>
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					steep hill (see map attached), Holm House have not responded to our query and it worth noting that this building is outside of the polling district in JF0. Methodist Home for the Elderly is a nursing home which is not ideal due to possible closures which happened during the pandemic at another care home that was used as a station. Again, it's worth noting that this building is in polling district JJ0, which is two districts away from JE0.
	JE0	Stanwell Road Baptist Church Schoolroom - Station B (Next To Paget Rooms) Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3EG	No change		Please see final recommendations above.
Plymouth	JF0	All Saints Church Hall Schoolroom - Station A Victoria Square Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3EH	No change		
	JJ0	Lower Penarth Community Centre Brockhill Way Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5QD	No change		
	JK0	Cwrt Y Vil Community Centre Byrd Crescent Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3QU	No change		
Cornerswell	KA0	Penarth And District Scout Hall - Station A Lane At Junction of Bedwas Place / Rudry Street Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2TZ	No change		
	KB0	St Joseph's Church Hall Fairfield Road Entrance Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2RL	No change		
	KC0	Penarth And District Scout Hall - Station B	No change		

		Lane At Junction of Bedwas Place / Rudry Street Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2TZ			
	KD0	Hebron Church Annexe - Station A Hebron Church Pill Street Cogan Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2JS	No change		
	KD1	Redlands House 10 Redlands Avenue Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2QT	No change		
	KE0	Hebron Church Annexe - Station B Pill Street Cogan Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF62 2JS	No change		
Stanwell	LA0	All Saints Church Hall Schoolroom - Station B Victoria Square Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3EH	No change		
	LBO	Penarth And District Scout Hall - Station C Lane At Junction of Bedwas Place / Rudry Street Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2TZ	No change		
	LC0	Glyndwr Community Centre - Station A Glyndwr Road Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3ND	No change		
	LD0	Glyndwr Community Centre - Station B Glyndwr Road Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 3ND	No change		
Llandough	MA0	Llandough & Leckwith Institute Memorial Hall Penlan Road Llandough Vale of Glamorgan CF64 2LT	No change		
Sully	NA0	Sully Library South Road Sully CF64 5SP	No change	Sully Library is too small to accommodate the additional requirements of the Elections Act 2022. It would be a struggle to get the polling booth and a privacy screen inside the building. The Sports Pavilion is accessible and larger. This is a much more suitable alternative.	Final recommendation is no change, and the polling place will remain as Sully Library. Rep received: I do not think this move is at all in the interests of the residents at the eastern part of the village moving the Polling Station to The

					<p>Sports Pavilion Burnham Ave, when the other Polling Station in Sully is based in the Old School which is just around the corner does not make any sense at all. I have had no issues in the past with using the library as the Polling Station, I would agree it is small but the throughput of people has been small when I have previously voted. Even at the last election when there were restrictions on numbers in the building due to Covid restrictions there were no problems. It is unclear having looked at the "additional requirements of the Elections Act 2022 why it is now considered unsuitable. I do not agree with the proposal to move the Polling Station from Sully Library.</p> <p>Rep received:</p>
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					<p>There is no disabled access to the Pavilion in Sully and no disabled toilet (there are steps down to the Ladies). The access road from the bottom of Burnham Avenue is an unmade and potholed road which would make it difficult for disabled and the elderly. It is also too close to the Primary School with the subsequent parking problems. The library has good parking and access and is also at the further end of the village giving better access for residents at that end of the village.</p> <p>Rep received:</p> <p>Sully Library is presently negotiating to obtain s106 funding to remodel the interior of the library within the next few months. This will replace all the existing mobile shelving with perimeter units, freeing up the interior</p>
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					<p>space for multiple activities, use by groups and acting as a polling station.</p> <p>There is generous parking space available within the Sports Club Car park.</p> <p>The cricket pavilion is located on an unmade and unlit road, making it difficult and potentially unsafe for access by the elderly or disabled, especially during the winter months. There is very limited parking available and severe local traffic congestion at morning and afternoon school peak hours.</p> <p>I propose that the library is retained as a polling station until the situation is reviewed after the planned refurbishment has taken place.</p> <p>Rep received:</p> <p>Whilst I appreciate that the community library is not the largest of venues it has a large car park to</p>
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					accommodate those attending and easy access for the disabled and elderly, enjoying a relatively flat walk to and from the premises. Whilst the pavilion has more room on the inside, it is fairly close to the Old School which is another venue that is used as a polling station. The pavilion is serviced by a rough road and car park with no real disabled access to the premises. Should the switch be made then consideration needs to be given to addressing these concerns and needs of those attending should it be a polling station.
	NA1	The Old School 1 South Road Sully Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5TG	No change		
	NB0	Rangers Office Cosmeston County Park Penarth Vale of Glamorgan CF64 5UY	Lower Penarth Community Centre Brockhill Way Penarth	The Rangers Office is no longer suitable as it is too small to accommodate the additional requirements of the Elections Act 2022. We already use the community centre as a polling station, so we know it works well and is accessible. The	Final recommendation is for the polling place to move from the Rangers Office to Lower Penarth Community Centre. A resident of Lavernock Park approves of the movement due to problems with lighting

				centre is slightly outside of the polling district, but there is no other alternative within the polling district.	and parking at the Rangers Office.
Dinas Powys	OA0	Lee Hall Britway Road Dinas Powys Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4AF	No change		
	OB0	Dinas Powys Primary School Cardiff Road Dinas Powys Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4JU	Dinas Powys Library Fairoaks Dinas Powys CF64 4QQ	The school has asked if an alternative venue is available due to the school closing on poll day. The Bethesda is a short walk away from the school and is already used as a polling station.	Final recommendation is to move the polling place from Dinas Powys Primary School to Dinas Powys Library. Rep rec'd asking if consideration would be given for the Library to be used to increase footfall into the library. Final recommendation is to move the polling place from Dinas Powys Primary School to Dinas Powys Library.
	OC0	Bethesda Chapel Fairoaks Dinas Powys Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4QQ	No change		
	OD0 OD1	Murchfield Community Hall Sunnycroft Lane Dinas Powys Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4QQ	No change		
	OE0 OE1 OF0	Portacabin - Near Home Farm, Michaelston Le Pit Michaelston Le Pit Vale of Glamorgan CF64 4HF	St Michael's Church Michaelston le Pit CF3 6XS	The use of portacabins is no longer ideal due to Voter ID and accessibility changes which are now in force as a consequence of the Elections Act 2022. There are no suitable	Final recommendation is to move the polling place from a portacabin to St Michaels Church.

				buildings available but on viewing this church we concluded that it is accessible and bigger than the portacabin at normally used in Michaelston-Le-Pit. After consultation with building services, they have also confirmed the area where the portacabin is normally situated is on the main road through the village, so is very difficult to site and affects the residents once sited.	
Wenvoe	PA0	Wenvoe Community Centre Old Port Road Wenvoe Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6AN	No change		
	PA1	Portacabin – Beech Tree Old Port Road Wenvoe CF5 6XN	Hafod St Hilary Court Cophorne Way Cardiff CF5 6ES	The use of portacabins is no longer ideal due to Voter ID and accessibility changes which are now in force, the owner of the Beech Tree Inn has made alterations to the car park where the portacabin was sited. It would no longer be possible to place a portacabin in the car park. There are no suitable buildings available in the vicinity but on viewing Hafod's office space, they have found a suitable room that can be used on the	Final recommendation to move the polling place from the Beech Tree to Hafod.

				ground floor of the building. This is accessible and large enough to accommodate all equipment required as a consequence of the Elections Act 2022.	
	PB0	Portacabin – Beech Tree Inn Old Port Road Wenvoe CF5 6XN	Horse & Jockey Chapel Terrace Twyn yr Odyn CF5 6BG	The use of portacabins is no longer feasible as a consequence of the requirements of the Elections Act 2022 due to Voter ID and accessibility changes. Also, the owner of the Beech Tree Inn has made alterations to the car park where the portacabin was sited. It would no longer be possible to place a portacabin in the car park. There are no other suitable buildings available in the vicinity but on viewing the Horse and Jockey, this would be suitable. The venue has been viewed by our Building Services team and they are able to build ramps to make the polling station accessible to everyone.	Final recommendation to move the polling place from the Beech Tree to the Horse and Jockey.

St Nicholas and Llanccarfan	PC0	St Nicholas Church Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6SG	No change		
	PD0	Bonvilston Reading Room Bonvilston Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6TR	No change		
	PE0	St Georges Village Hall Drope Road St Georges Super Ely Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6EP	St Brides Village Hall St Brides Super Ely CF5 6HB	Hall is not available to use as its closed	Final recommendation to move polling place from St Georges Village Hall to St Brides Village Hall. Rep received from cllr - St Georges (Downs) Polling District needs to move its Polling station from St Georges Village Hall to St Nicholas Church. The Downs is physically remote from St Georges/Drope and requires use of a car, usually via Culverhouse Cross and Michaelston Road, Cardiff, whereas St Nicholas is an easy, flat walk from the Downs and the settlements are directly linked by the X2 bus service. The Downs residents have complained about the inaccessibility of St Georges Village Hall

					<p>and have turned up in St Nicholas to vote, only to be turned away.</p> <p>Community Council rep - The St Georges-super-Ely Village Hall is currently closed due to safety reasons with no date given as to when it may reopen for public use. St Georges & St Brides-super-Ely Community Council would like to suggest that residents of The Downs could utilise poll station facilities at St Nicholas, and residents of the Drope, St Georges and St Brides-super-Ely could make use of the St Brides-super-Ely village hall.</p> <p>Visited St Brides Super Ely Hall which looks suitable, as long as the path is cleared ahead of an election. Would recommend sending the electors of PE0 to PF0 St Brides Super Ely Village Hall.</p>
	PE1	St Georges Village Hall Drope Road St Georges Super Ely Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6EP	St Nicholas Church Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6SG	Hall is not available to use as its closed	Final recommendation to move polling place from St Georges Village

					Hall to St Nicholas Church in PC0.
	PF0	Peterston Church & Community Hall Ffordd Yr Eglwys Peterston Super Ely Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6LG	St Brides Village Hall St Brides Super Ely CF5 6HB		Visited St Brides Super Ely Hall which looks suitable, as long as the path is cleared ahead of an election. This is a much better option than Peterston Church because it is within the polling district PF0. Final recommendation to move the polling place from Peterston Church and Community Hall to St Brides Village Hall.
	PG0 PH1	Llancarfan Village Hall Llancarfan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3AD	No change		
	PH0	Llancarfan Village Hall Llancarfan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3AD	No change		
Peterston Super Ely	QD0	Peterston Church & Community Hall Ffordd Yr Eglwys Peterston Super Ely Vale of Glamorgan CF5 6LG	No change		
	QE0	Pendoylan War Memorial Hall Pendoylan Road Pendoylan Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7UP	No change		
	QF0	Welsh St Donats Community Hall Cornelly Cross Welsh St Donats Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7SS	No change		
Rhosee	RA0 RB0	Celtic Way Community Centre Celtic Way Rhosee Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3FT	No change		
	RB1 RC1 RE0	Rhosee Community Hall - Station A Rhosee Community Hall Stewart Road Rhosee Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3EZ	No change		
	RD0	The Six Bells Penmark Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3BP	No change		

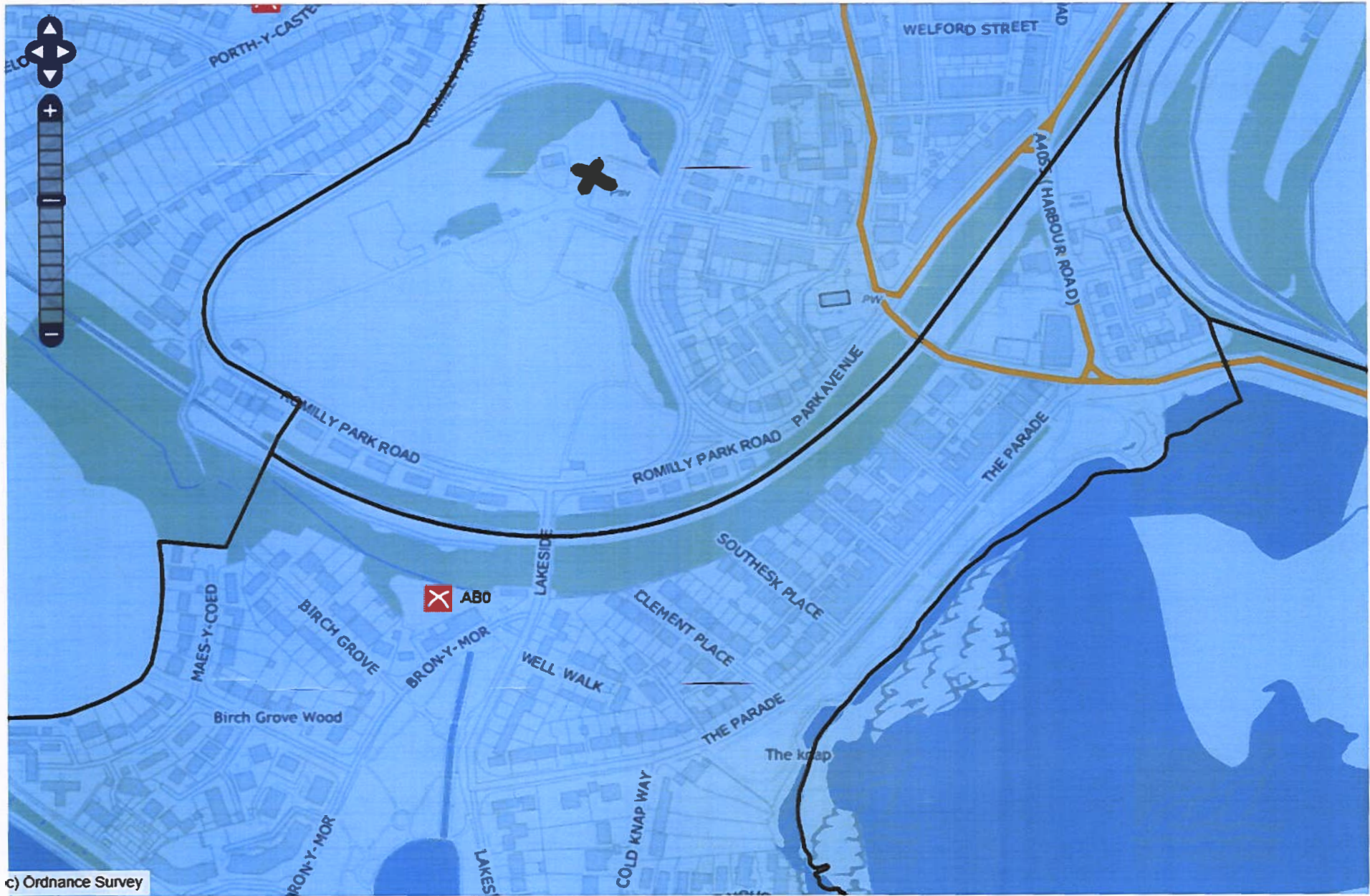
	RF0	Celtic Way Community Centre Celtic Way Rhoose Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3FT	No change		
Cowbridge	SA0	Cowbridge Lesser Hall - Station A Town Hall Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7AD	No change		
Llanblethian East	SB0	Cowbridge Lesser Hall - Station B Town Hall Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7AD	No change		
Llanblethian West	SC0	Cowbridge Lesser Hall - Station C Town Hall Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7AD	United Free Church Westgate Cowbridge CF71 7AQ	The new housing estate at Clare Gardens is expanding so a polling station in closer proximity is required. There are no buildings on the new estate that could be used but when visiting the Glyndwr Vineyard this is a good alternative and is close to the Clare Gardens estate which makes up the majority of the SC0 polling district.	Final recommendation is to move the polling place from Cowbridge Town Hall to United Free Church. Rep received to use United Free Church which is a short walking distance from the Town Hall and has better access than the Vineyard. The United Free church was viewed and is a better alternative to Gyndwr Vineyard.
Llanblethian West	SC1	Llanblethian Church Hall Llanblethian Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7JG	No change		
Aberthin	SD0	Aberthin Village Hall Aberthin Lane Aberthin Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7EH	No change		
Llanfair	SE0	Llanfair Primary School - Portacabin The Herberts St Mary Church Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7LT	Church of St Mary Talbot Terrace CF71 7LW	The use of portacabins is no longer feasible as a consequence of the requirements of the Elections Act 2022 due to Voter ID and	Final recommendation to move the polling place from portacabin at Llanfair Primary School to The Church of St Mary.

				accessibility changes. There are no suitable buildings available in the area but on viewing this church it was deemed as being a suitable alternative. It's also worth noting, that Llanfair School have previously advised us that the siting of a portacabin the school car park, causes parking issues during school drop off and pick. This has meant that we have to site the smallest portacabin available, which is too small to accommodate the required equipment.	
St Hilary	SF0	St Hilary Village Hall St Hilary Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7DP	No change		
Ystradowen	SG0	Ystradowen Village Hall Ystradowen Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7SY	No change		
Llansannor	SH0	Llansannor Community Hall City Near Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7RW	No change		
Penllyn	SJ0	Penllyn Village Hall Penllyn Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7RQ	No change		
Llandow	TA0	Colwinston Village Hall Colwinston Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7NP	No change		
	TB0 TC0	Llangan And St Mary Hill Community Centre Heol Llidiard St Mary Hill Vale of Glamorgan CF35 5DS	No change		
	TB1	Treoes Community Centre Nant Canna Treoes Vale of Glamorgan CF35 5DE	No change		
	TD0	Llandow Village Hall Llandow Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7NT	No change		

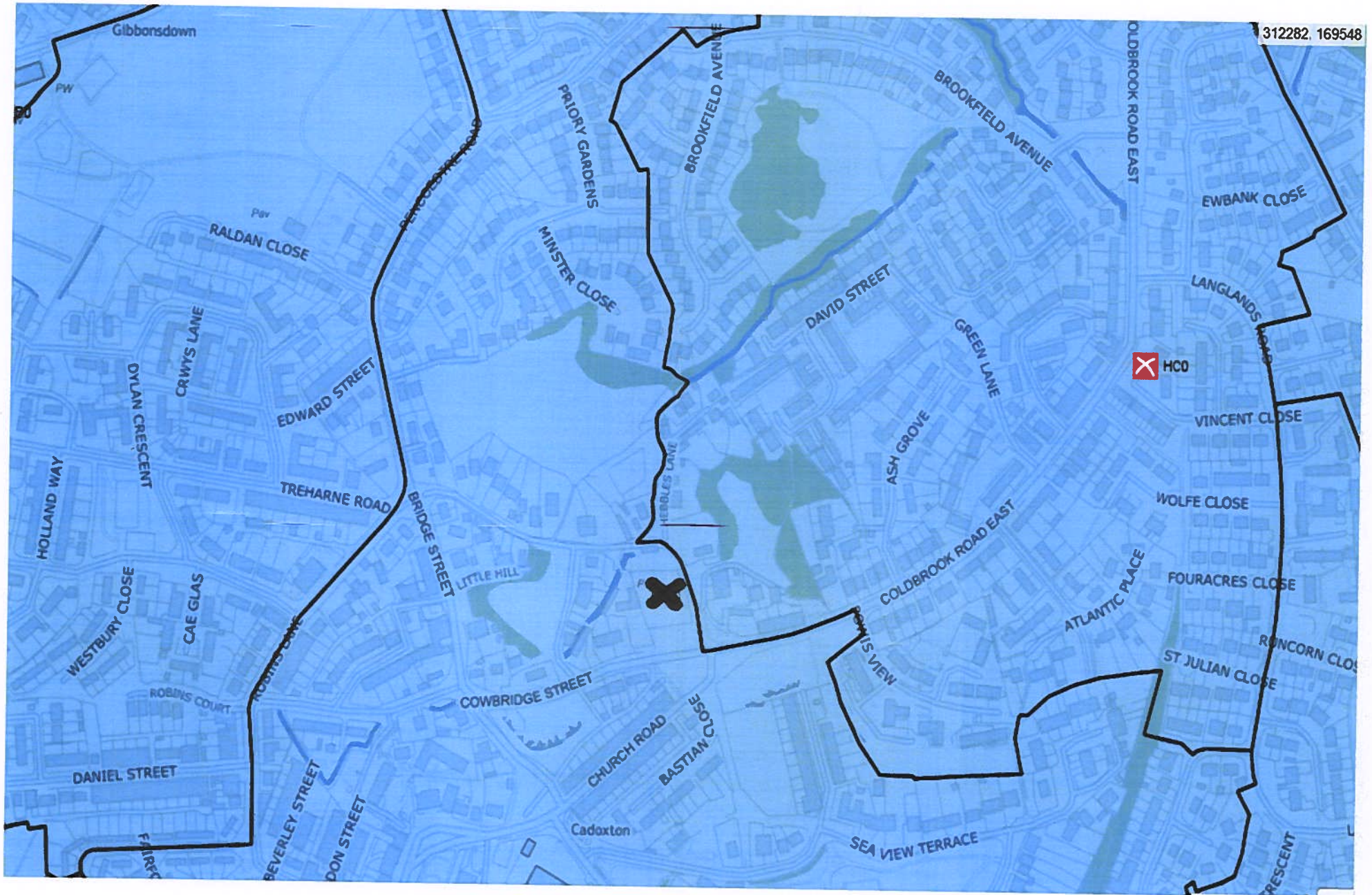
	TE0	St Tydfils Church, Llysworney, CF71 7NQ	No change		
	TF0	Sigingstone Village Hall Sigingstone Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7LP	No change		
Llantwit Major	UA0	GVS CF61 - Station A Adj To St Illtyds School Station Road Llantwit Major Vale of Glamorgan CF61 1ST	No change		
	UB0	Llantwit Leisure Centre Ham Lane, Llantwit, CF61 1TQ	No change		
	UC0	GVS CF61 - Station B Adj To St Illtyds School Station Road Llantwit Major Vale of Glamorgan CF61 1ST	No change		
	UC1	Windmill Playing Fields, Changing Rooms Windmill Lane Llantwit Major Vale of Glamorgan CF61 2UZ	No change		
	UD0	Llantwit Leisure Centre Ham Lane, Llantwit, CF61 1TQ	No change		
	UD1	West Camp Community Centre Raf St Athan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4WA	No change		
	UE0	St Cattwgs Village Hall Siginstone Lane Llanmaes Vale of Glamorgan CF61 2XR	No change		
St Athan	VA0 VC0	St Athan Community Centre Old School Hall Community Centre Church Lane St Athan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4PL	No change		
	VB0	RAF St Athan Golf Club Golf Club Lane St Athan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4JD	No change		
	VC0	St Athan Community Centre Old School Hall Community Centre Church Lane St Athan Vale of Glamorgan CF62 4PL	No change		
St Brides Major	WA0	All Saints Church, Main Road, Southerndown, CF32 0RW	Ogmore by Sea Hall, Slon Lane, Ogmore by Sea, CF32 0PN		Final recommendation to move polling place from All Saints Church to Ogmore by Sea Hall.

					<p>Rep received - Ogmore by Sea Hall, Slon Lane, Ogmore by Sea, CF32 0PN. Brand new building that is in the vicinity and suitable to use.</p> <p>Ogmore by Sea Hall is a better alternative, and it is also in the correct polling district of WA0. The current polling place All Saints Church is in polling district WB0.</p>
	WB0	All Saints Church Main Road Southerndown Vale of Glamorgan CF32 0RW	No change		
	WC0	St Brides Major Church Hall Southerndown Road St Brides Major Vale of Glamorgan CF32 0SD	No change		
	WD0	Wick and Monknash Village Hall Church Street Wick Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7QF	No change		
	WE0	Vale Cricket Club Corntown Road Corntown CF35 5BA	No change		
	WF0 WF1 WG0	Holy Trinity Church Marcross Lantwit Major CF61 1ZF	No change		

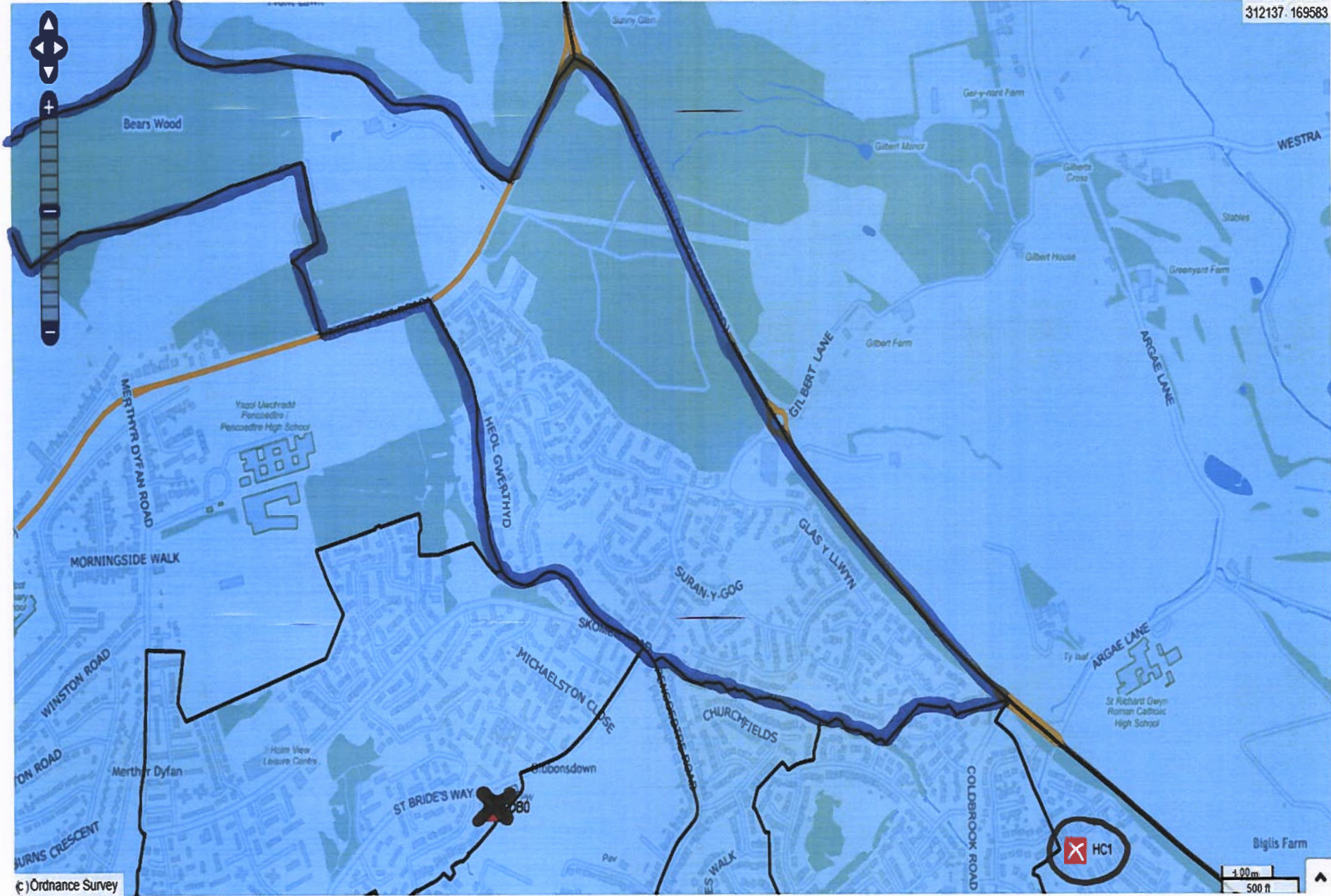
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St Cadocs Church (HCO)



Parkside Christian Centre (HC1)



JEO + JFO - Stanwell Baptist Church



Methodist Home for the Elderly

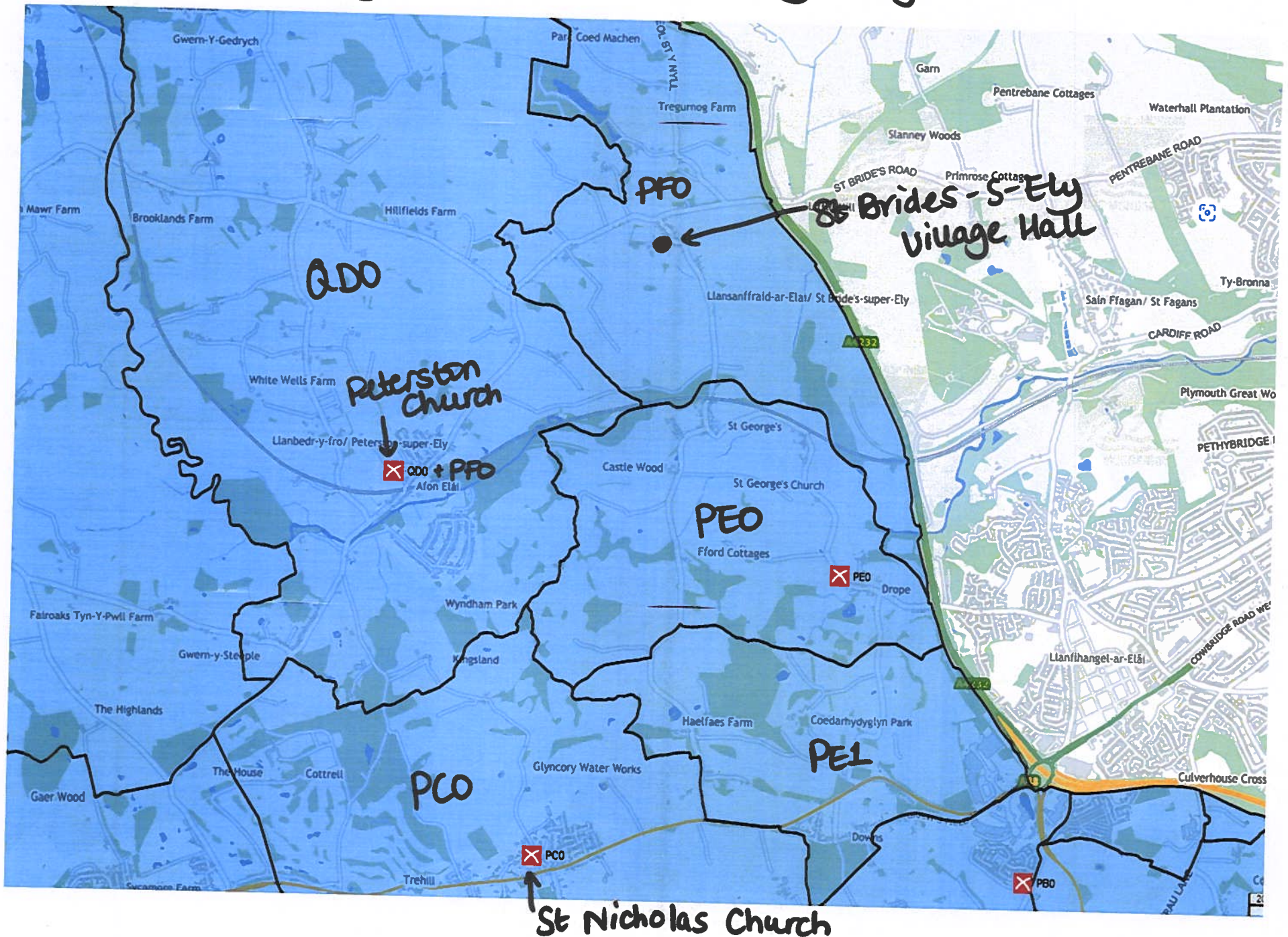
Lower Penarth Community Centre (NBO)



OBO - Dinas Powys School to Dinas Powys Library



PE1 to PCO St Georges Village Hall to St Nicholas Church
PFO to St Brides - S-Ely Village Hall from Peterston Church
PEO to PFO St Georges Village Hall to St Brides - S-Ely Village Hall



SCO - Cowbridge Town Hall to United Free Church



Glyndwr Vineyard

United Free Church

Cowbridge Town Hall

SCO

SAO

SBO

WAO All Saints Church to Ogmere By Sea Hall

