

Matter which the Chairman has decided is urgent by reason of the need for Council to consider the report in order that the Review can be published by 1st January, 2024

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

COUNCIL: 4TH DECEMBER, 2023

REFERENCE FROM CABINET: 30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

C167 VALE OF GLAMORGAN POLLING DISTRICT AND PLACES REVIEW 2023 (REF) –

The reference from Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 15th November, 2023 was presented.

The Leader said that a range of comments had been made during the Committee meeting focused around the geography of polling districts themselves rather than the polling stations, in particular polling stations in Cowbridge. It was considered appropriate to await the outcome of the ongoing Community Review before making any minor changes to the make-up of polling districts.

With regard the polling stations themselves, comments had been made concerning the lack of a polling station in Plymouth ward in Penarth for districts JE0 and JF0, and a request made to assess if there were any options that could be included in lieu of stations at Stanwell Road Baptist Church and All Saints Church which were close to the boundary but not in Plymouth ward, however despite best endeavours no alternative had been found and as such the status quo would remain. Subsequently, it had been established that the Windsor Bowling Club was an option that was able to be moved forward. As such, a recommendation when the matter was to be considered by Cabinet could be for the Plymouth ward that the following arrangements be proposed:-

- Lower Penarth Community Hall – would continue to serve polling district JJ0.
- Cwrt-Y-Vil Community Centre – would continue to serve polling district JK0.
- Windsor Bowling Club – would become a new polling station to serve polling district JF0 and JE0, lying immediately adjacent to polling district JE0.
- Stanwell Road Baptist Church – would continue to serve polling district JD0 for St Augustine's only, rather than a double station.
- All Saints Church Hall – would continue to serve the polling district LA0 for Stanwell only, rather than a double station.

The matter would go to Full Council for a final decision and polling stations were kept under constant review, in particular access to public transport to access polling stations. Councillor Wilson said that transport accessibility was an important consideration and any polling station had to be fully accessible.

Having considered the reference, it was subsequently

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the report before Cabinet be referred to Full Council on 4th December, 2023 as an urgent item, whilst recognising that the matter had already been considered by the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee.
- (2) T H A T the comments of the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee be noted, while acknowledging that any changes to polling districts in advance of the outcome of the ongoing Community Review would be premature.
- (3) T H A T in referring the matter to Full Council for consideration on 4th December, 2023, attention be drawn to the amended arrangements for Plymouth ward as set out.
- (4) T H A T the use of the urgency procedure as set out at section 15.14 of the Council's constitution be agreed to refer the report to Full Council on 4th December, 2023 for consideration.

Reason for decisions

(1-4) Having regard to the contents of the reference and discussions at the meeting to enable the matter to be considered at Full Council on 4th December, 2023.

Attached as Appendix – Report to Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee: 15th November, 2023 and Reference to Cabinet: 30th November, 2023

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL

CABINET: 30TH NOVEMBER, 2023

REFERENCE FROM CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND RESOURCES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 15TH NOVEMBER, 2023

“520 VALE OF GLAMORGAN POLLING DISTRICT AND PLACES REVIEW 2023
(DCR) –

The report was presented to the Committee by the Chief Executive of the Council, in conjunction with the Electoral Registration Manager, with the purpose of the Committee considering the proposals of the review of Polling Districts and Polling Places identified within this report.

The Chief Executive set out the background and terminology surrounding this review, as well as the following:

- Under section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983, the next compulsory review had to be undertaken within a 16-month window between 2nd October, 2023 and 31st January, 2025.
- The Vale of Glamorgan Polling Districts and Polling Place review commenced on 2nd October, 2023.
- As part of the review there were no issues identified with Polling Districts and no changes were recommended.
- As part of the review, visits had been made to each of the current and proposed Polling Places and Stations identified as requiring attention and local Ward Members had been consulted.
- The recommendations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.51 of the report were for implementation in readiness for the next Parliamentary Election. The same polling plan would also be utilised for the Police and Crime Commissioner Election in May 2024.
- The findings of the review proposed changes to polling places in the following electoral wards: Baruc, Buttrills, Castleland, Cadoc, Sully, Dinas Powys, Wenvoe, St Nicholas and Llancarfan, Cowbridge and St Brides Major.
- These changes would help to accommodate Vale residents within their own polling district, or, if this was not feasible, to vote in polling places situated within a neighbouring polling district.

Following the presentation, a number of questions and comments were raised by the Committee:

- Councillor Carroll queried Polling District HC1 which related to Cadoc - Glenbrook Inn, Dobbins Road, Barry and the difficulties for residents in attending the relevant polling station in that location. This included the suggestion of having the Polling Station located at the nearby Lidl supermarket. It was explained that Lidl had been contacted concerning the

siting of a Polling Station at the location but had been unwilling to accommodate this proposal. Notwithstanding this fact, it was also explained that there was a move away from using portacabins or modular units as polling stations, given their temporary nature, their cost and their inflexibility in terms of space requirements. It was also noted that a similar situation had occurred in the Plymouth Ward where all lines of enquiry and options had also been exhausted. Common issues included the availability of buildings on a regular basis during election periods and / or the cost of using such facilities being outside the budget of the Council and did not provide any additional benefit compared to the existing facilities that the Council already used for elections.

- Councillor Carroll followed up with a query concerning the apparent anomaly with regards to the configuration of Polling Districts in the Cowbridge area and their relationship to the proposed and existing Polling places, which included SC0 and SA0 polling districts. In response, it was outlined that Cowbridge was in a unique situation due to the use of the Town Hall for a number of Polling Stations as part of the electoral process. As part of the review, the opportunity had been taken due to the expansion of Cowbridge in the western area around Declare Gardens of trying to find an additional polling station. This would result in some residents having to travel further to get to their Polling Station. On the Councillor's concerns that residents would continue to turn up at the Town Hall Polling Station due to lack of awareness of these changes or out of habit, it was pointed out that residents would be made aware of these changes via publicity campaigns and that the relevant households would receive a notification letter outlining these changes with this going out in the New Year ahead of any scheduled election. This would basically outline the changes to the Polling Stations and locations.
- On the Chair's query concerning the review and whether this simply looked at Polling Stations rather than the Districts, it was confirmed that the review had focussed on Polling Stations; however, the queries raised by Councillor Carroll around the anomalies and the Polling Stations in Cowbridge would be noted and considered further in due course. The Chair added that it was extremely beneficial that as part of the consultation this information had been sent out to all Elected Members and they had had the time to look and digest the details in order to send back anything they thought might need to be clarified or addressed.

Scrutiny Committee, having considered the report and all the issues and implications contained therein

RECOMMENDED –

- (1) T H A T the proposed timetable for the review be noted and agreed.
- (2) T H A T the report, with particular reference to the proposed changes to the Polling Places and / or Polling Stations set out in paragraphs 2.1 to 2.51 therein, be referred to Cabinet for its consideration and agreement.
- (3) T H A T Cabinet considers referring this report to Council for its 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.

(4) T H A T the anomaly with regards to the configuration of polling districts in Cowbridge and its relationship with the proposed and existing polling places / polling stations be further considered in due course.

Reasons for recommendations

(1) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(2) In order that Cabinet can consider the report and its proposed changes, in line with the Council's statutory functions under the Representation of the People Act 1983 and that the proposals contained in this report will assist with improving electors' voting experience and raise awareness.

(3) In order to allow the review to be accepted by Council and for the information of Town and Community Councils and the Community Liaison Committee.

(4) In order to review and address any anomalies identified.”

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| 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 Pencoedre 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 – OBO

- 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 OBO. It is acknowledged that Dinas Powys library falls outside of polling district, but there are no other suitable alternatives within the boundary line of OBO. 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 Ogmored-By-Sea Hall, Slon Lane, Ogmored-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 implication 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 |
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| 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> | |

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| | | <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>Obtain forecast information and planning statistics to support review.</p> <p>Establish alternative polling station options</p> <p>Informal consultation with members</p> | <p>HH CL (up to date Equalities consultation list required)</p> <p>RSW</p> <p>HH / RSW</p> <p>RSW</p> | |
| September 2023 | | Findings to RO/DRO following informal consultation | RSW | |
| Week commencing 2 October 2023 | | <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> | |

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| | | <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 |
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| 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 | | |

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| | 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 | | |

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| | | 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 | | |

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| | 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 | | |

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| | | 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 | | |

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| | 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 |

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| | | | | | <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 | | |

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| | | 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 |

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| | | | | | <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 |

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| | | | | 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. |

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| | | | | 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. |

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| | | | | 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. |

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| 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 |

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| | | | | | <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 |

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| | | | | | 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 | | |

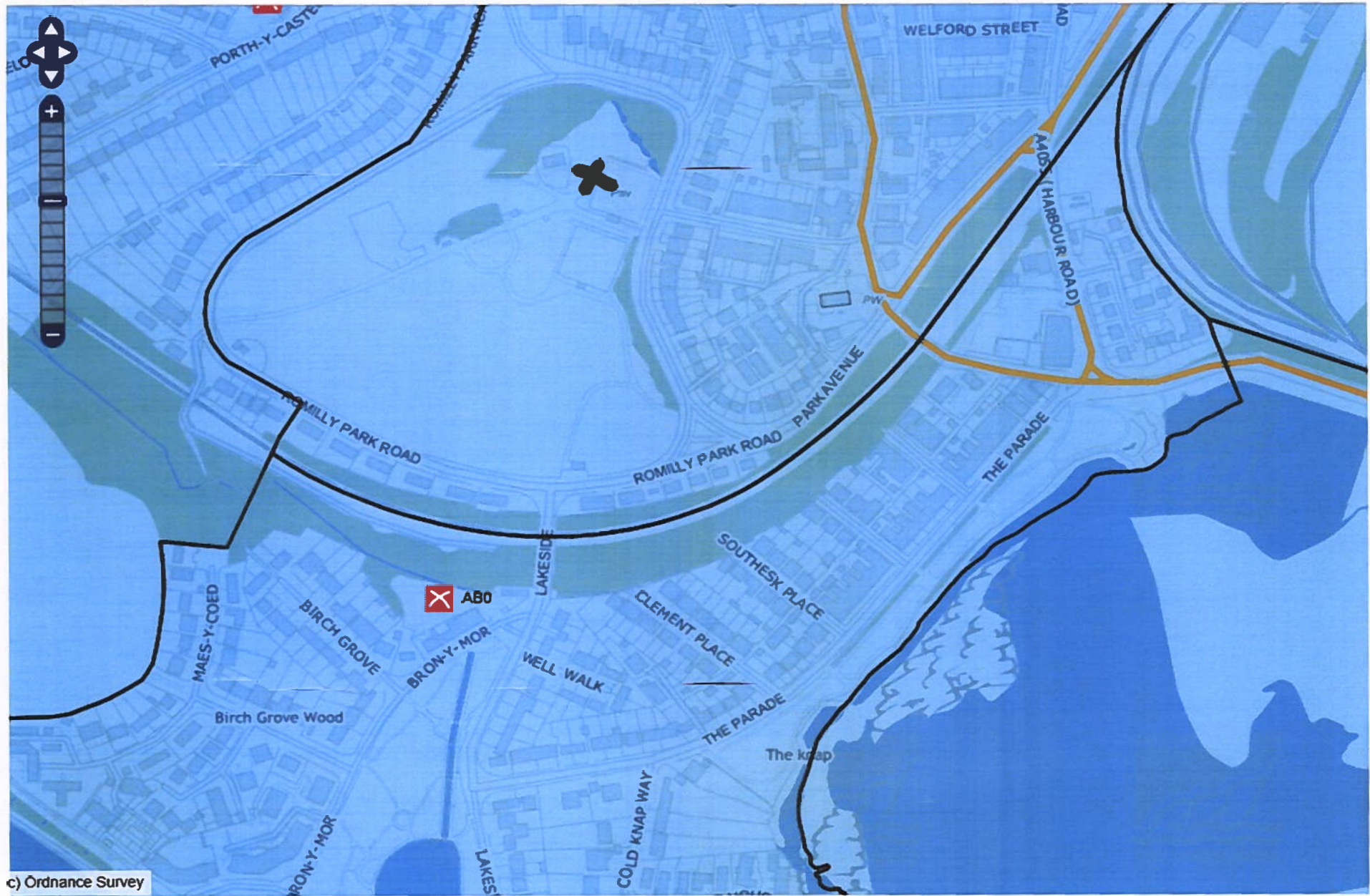
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| | RF0 | Celtic Way Community Centre Celtic Way Rhoose Vale of Glamorgan CF62 3FT | No change | | |
| Cowbridge | SA0 | Cowbridge Lesser Hall - Station A Town Hall Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7AD | No change | | |
| Llanblethian East | SB0 | 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. |

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| | | | | 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 | | |

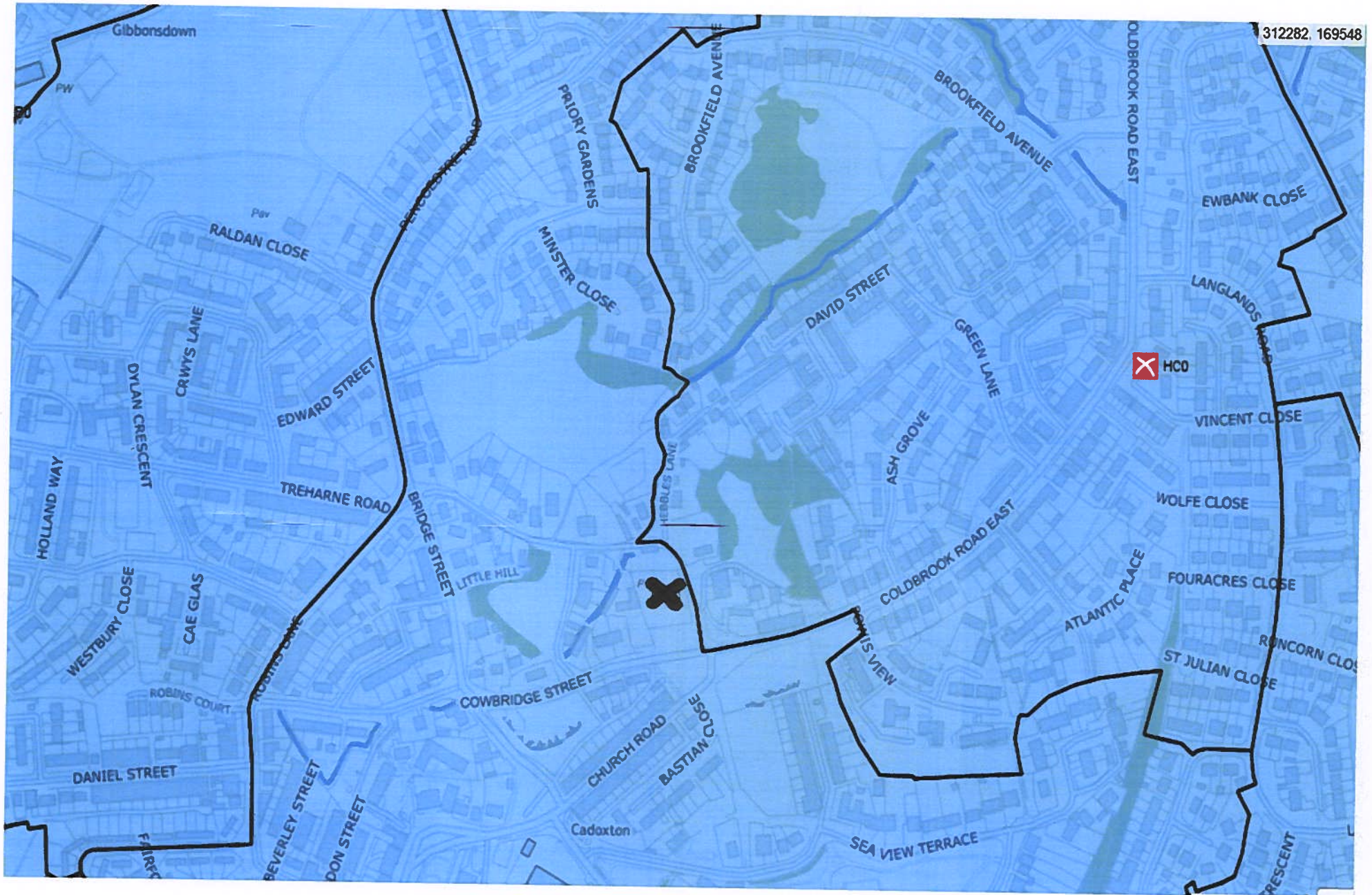
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| | TE0 | St Tydfils Church, Llysworney, CF71 7NQ | No change | | |
| | TF0 | Sigingstone Village Hall Sigingstone Cowbridge Vale of Glamorgan CF71 7LP | No change | | |
| Llantwit Major | UA0 | GVS CF61 - Station A Adj To St Illtyds School Station 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. |

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| | | | | | <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 | | |

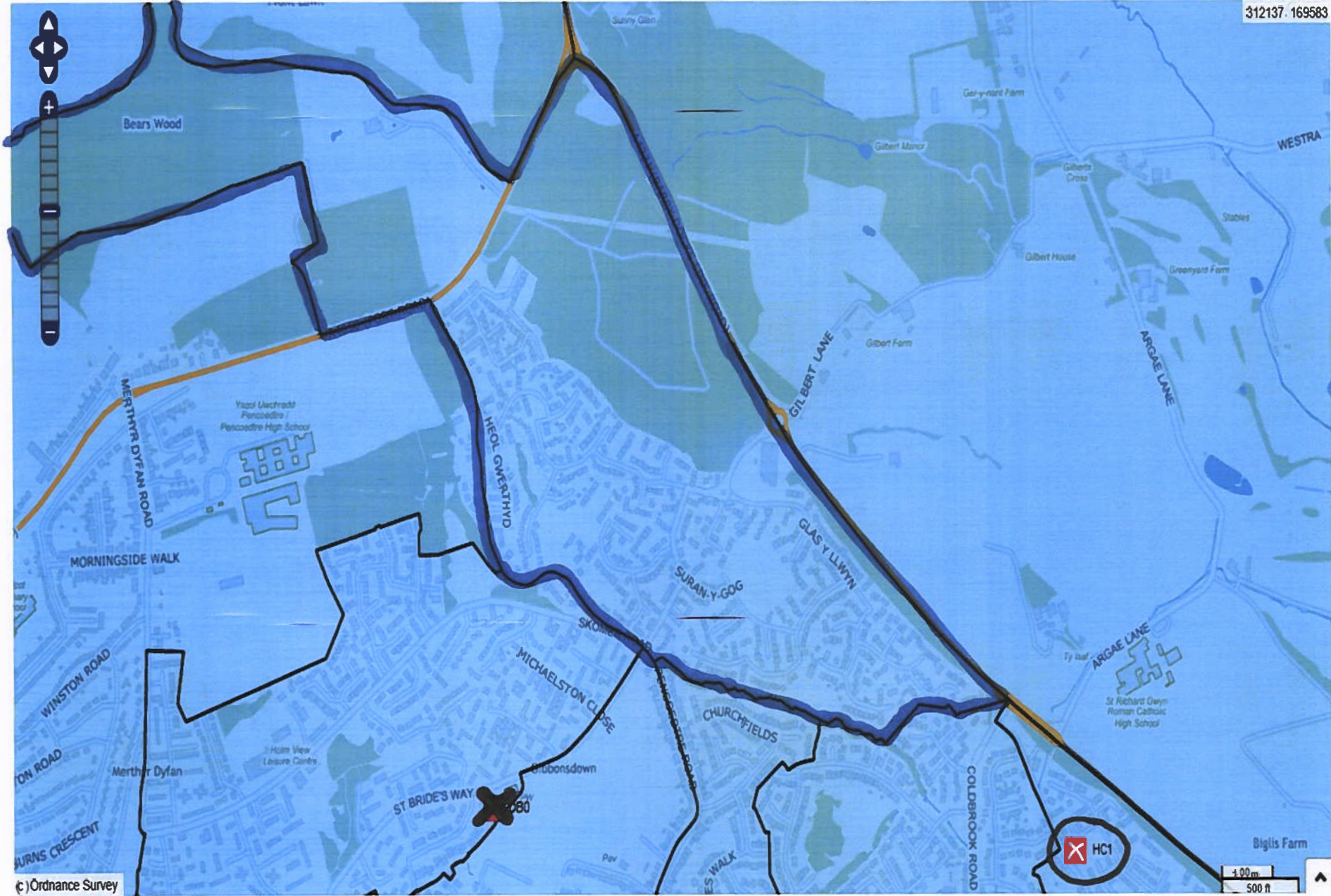
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St Cadocs Church (HCO)



Parkside Christian Centre (HC1)



JEO + JFO - Stanwell Baptist Church



Methodist Home for the Elderly

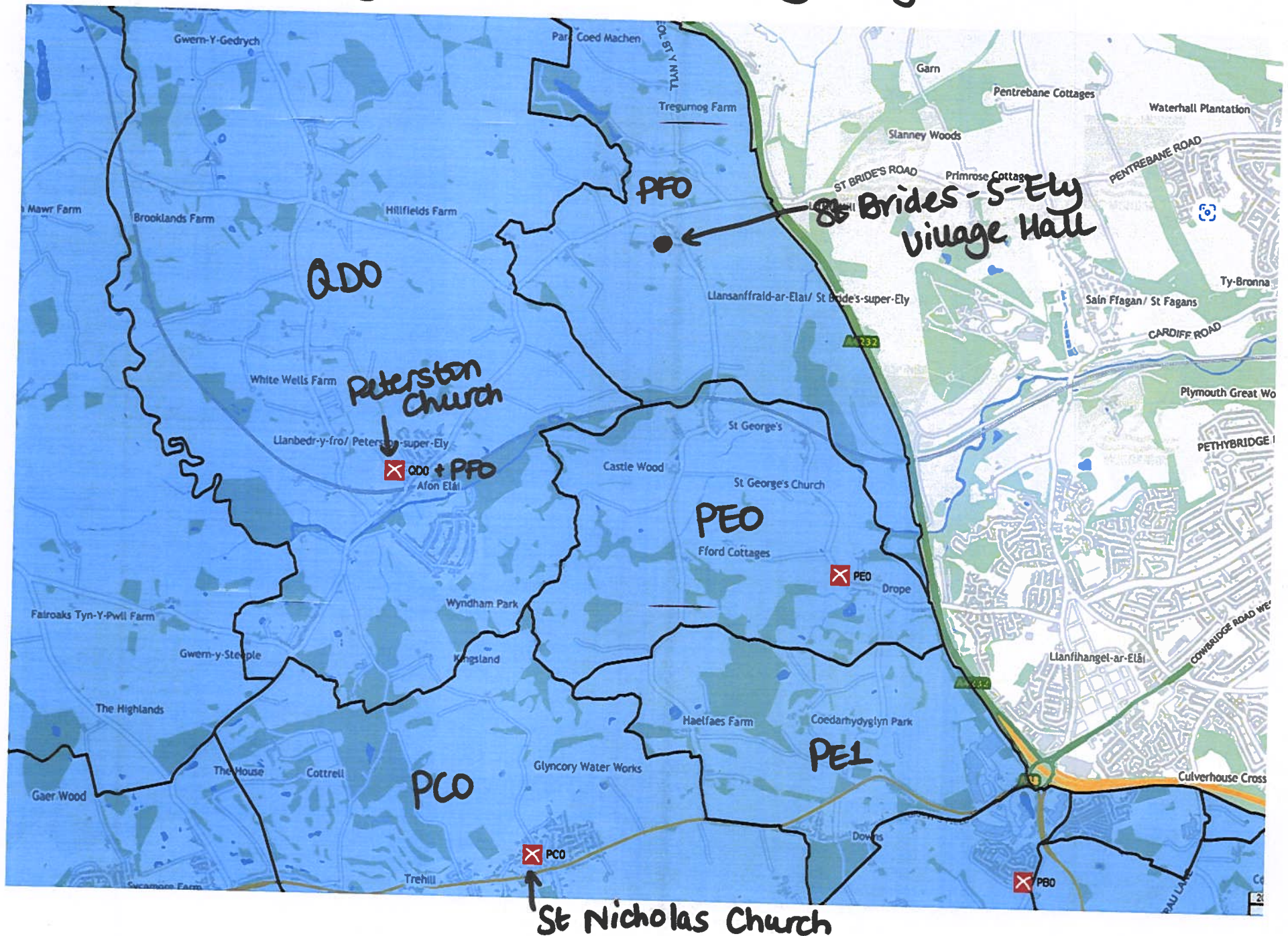
Lower Penarth Community Centre (NBO)



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

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WAO All Saints Church to Ogmere By Sea Hall

