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A	Ward: Allington	Allington Community Association, Castle Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0PZ	2293	<b>Presiding Officer(s):</b> <i>Poor lighting in polling booths</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>This polling station is ideal in all aspects other than lighting. Therefore it is felt that no change be made to the location but that improvements are made to the lighting at this station. Investigate the lighting situation in the polling booths. Either where the booths are stood in relation to the internal lighting or lighting attachments.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
AA	Ward: Allington	St Nicholas Church Hall, Poplar Grove, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0DE	3289	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No Change</i>

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B	Ward: Barming Parish: Barming	Barming Village Hall, Heath Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 9JU	1388	<p><b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Satisfied with current arrangements</i></p> <p><b>Alternative Location:</b> <i>Barming Parish Hall, Tonbridge Road</i></p> <p><b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>The polling station is located outside the Ward. It is used by both Barming and Heath Wards. Hence this situation is not ideal; it has not caused significant problems in the past. However, under the proposals for the new parliamentary constituencies, Barming ward will be in Tonbridge and Heath ward in Maidstone. In most circumstances the potential problems of having 2 different constituencies run by 2 different authorities would have too many risks, (principally ballot papers going in the wrong box) and means their polling stations should be located at different places. A site visit has confirmed that Barming Parish Hall would be suitable alternative to Barming Village Hall and is located within the Ward. The cost to hire this hall is unknown as the present time. However as the proposed changes to the Parliamentary Constituencies are currently out to consultation it would seem premature to make the change at present until those boundaries are confirmed. If they are confirmed I would recommend for the reasons expressed above that the change to Barming Parish Hall is made.</i></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That if the proposed boundaries of the Parliamentary Constituencies of Maidstone and Tonbridge are confirmed that at the first appropriate election, the electors of Barming Ward will vote in Barming Parish Hall but that in the meantime no change be made</i></p>
BA	Ward: Barming Parish: Teston	Teston Village Hall, Church Street, Teston, Maidstone, Kent ME18 5AH	590	<p><b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Current arrangements should remain unchanged.</i></p> <p><b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i></p> <p><b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i></p>

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F	Ward: Bridge	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, London Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8QL	2526	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> No change <b>Recommendation:</b> No change
FA	Ward: Bridge	St Simon Stock Catholic School, Oakwood Park, Maidstone, Kent ME16 0JP	1832	<b>Alternative Location:</b> Double station at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>The current location is outside the Ward, parking is an issue and there is a preference not to use schools if it can be avoided. However, despite these issues it is felt that this site is the best location for the voters that currently vote there. A change to the church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints would be a significant distance for the electors to travel.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That as accessibility to electors would be an issue as many would have further to go, the current arrangements remain unchanged.</i>

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G	Ward: Coxheath & Hunton Parish: Coxheath	Coxheath Village Hall, Stockett Lane, Coxheath, Maidstone, Kent ME17 4PT	3284	<b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Present arrangements were quite satisfactory</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
GA	Ward: Coxheath & Hunton Parish: East Farleigh	East Farleigh Church Hall, (now known as Old School Hall) Lower Road, East Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0JL	1209	<b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Church Hall to change ownership, maybe unavailable as a polling station.</i> <b>Alternative Location(s):</b> <i>East Farleigh Social Club, Lower road. Women's Institute Hall, Forge Lane. Function Room, Bull PH, Station Road</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>Awaiting information from the new owners as to the availability of the hall. According to the churchwarden the hall may be available for community use. With regard to the alterations Site visits have confirmed that the locality of the WI Hall would be difficult in relation to traffic congestion and the parking is tight and limited. The Function Room, Bull PH is downstairs and not suitable. The Social Club would be a suitable alternative should the church hall not be available. The Social Club has plenty of parking, good facilities and the club management feel it would be good for the village. The current arrangement is more central to the village and should remain unchanged unless not available.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change, if it is confirmed by January 2012 that the church hall is available but if no confirmation is received, then the polling station is relocated to East Farleigh Social Club.</i>
GB	Ward: Coxheath & Hunton Parish: Hunton	Hunton Village Hall West Street Hunton, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0RS	536	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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GC	Ward: Coxheath & Hunton Parish: Linton	Linton Village Hall Linton Hill Linton, Maidstone, Kent ME17 4AP	454	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
GD	Ward: Coxheath & Hunton Parish: West Farleigh	The Cricket Pavilion, Church Lane, West Farleigh, Maidstone, Kent ME15 0PB	370	<b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Satisfied that they meet all of the necessary requirements.</i> <b>Presiding Officer(s):</b> <i>Disabled access needs reviewing</i> <b>Alternative Location:</b> <i>All Saints Church, Church Lane</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>The current location is far from ideal located in a field and with poor disabled access. All Saints Church is located near to the Cricket Pavilion. The disabled access is good and the facilities meet all the requirements need for a polling station. Adequate parking with more planned.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That the electors be transferred to vote at All Saints Church, Church Lane, West Farleigh</i>

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J	Ward: East	St Luke's Church Hall Foley Street, Maidstone Kent ME14 5BE	3691	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
JA	Ward: East	Vinters Community Centre Aldon Close, Vinters Park, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5QF	2527	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
JBX	Ward: East Parish: Boxley - Woodlands	Vinters Community Centre Aldon Close, Vinters Park, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5QF	345	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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K	Ward: Fant	St Michael's CE Junior School, Douglas Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8ER	3606	<b>Ward Councillor(s):</b> <i>Satisfied of the arrangements that currently exist. Cllrs Paine, Black and Beerling</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
KA	Ward: Fant	Fant Hall, Fant Lane, Maidstone, Kent ME16 8NN	2997	<b>Ward Councillor(s):</b> <i>Satisfied of the arrangements that currently exist. Cllrs Paine, Black and Beerling</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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N	Ward: Heath	St Andrews Church Hall St Andrews Road, Maidstone, Kent ME16 9LW	2791	<b>Political Parties:</b> <i>current location not central to voters, one way access to current station by car. Mr Coates</i> <b>Alternative Location:</b> <i>Beechwood Community Hall, St Andrews Park</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>An Increasing electorate makes the current venue unsuitable because of its size as well as not being central to majority of voters. A site visit to Beechwood Community Hall identified that the facilities meet all the requirements needed for a polling station. Parking is limited, but as the hall is so central that many electors would not be required to use a car. Cost to hire the hall is £297, whilst St Andrews Hall is £192.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That the polling station be changed to Beechwood Community Hall on the grounds of locality.</i>
NA	Ward: Heath	Barming Village Hall Heath Road, Maidstone Kent ME16 9JU	1434	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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OO	Ward: High Street	St Philips Church Hall Waterloo Street, Maidstone, Kent	2066	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
OA	Ward: High Street	The Maidstone Baptist Church, Knightrider Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6LU	1363	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
OB	Ward: High Street	The Friends Meeting House 170 Union Street, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1EE	1047	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
OC	Ward: High Street	Bob Prowse Health Club, Armstrong Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6AZ	1992	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>The venue is on the boundary of the Ward opposite a polling station used by a different Ward. It is within the Ward. It is important that the Presiding Officer at each station is briefed about potential problems. Parking limitations make it difficult to distribute the electorate to other polling places within the Ward.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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QQ	Ward: Loose Parish: Loose	Loose Parish Pavilion, King George V Playing Fields, Loose, Maidstone, Kent	1998	<b>County Councillor:</b> <i>No Comment. Cllr Hotson</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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RR	Ward: Marden & Yalding Parish: Collier Street	St Margaret's Church, Collier Street, Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9RR	601	<b>Parish Council:</b> <i>St Margaret's Church provides a reasonable and practicable facility and meets the accessibility needs of disabled persons.</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
RA	Ward: Marden & Yalding Parish: Yalding	Laddingford Church Hall Claygate Road, Laddingford, Maidstone Kent ME18 6BP	516	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
RB	Ward: Marden & Yalding Parish: Marden	Marden Memorial Hall Goudhurst Road, Marden Tonbridge, Kent TN12 9JX	2813	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
RC	Ward: Marden & Yalding Parish: Nettlestead	Nettlestead Village Hall Maidstone Road, Nettlestead, Maidstone Kent ME18 5HE	684	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
RD	Ward: Marden & Yalding Parish: Yalding	Yalding Village Hall Lyngs Close, Yalding, Maidstone, Kent ME18 6JS	1277	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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SS	Ward: North	St Paul's Church Hall Church Hall, Boxley Road Maidstone, Kent ME14 2AL	4474	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
SA	Ward: North	St Faiths Church Hall Moncktons Lane, Ringlestone, Maidstone Kent ME14 2PY	1672	<b>Booking Secretary:</b> <i>Building is due to be renovated in 12/18 months</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No alternative venues available, the situation will be monitored. No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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XX	Ward: South	Loose Baptist Church, Boughton Lane Loose, Maidstone Kent ME15 9QF	1317	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
XA	Ward: South	Loose Bowls Club 444 Loose Road Maidstone, Kent ME15 9UA	1947	<b>Alternative Location:</b> <i>YMCA has reopened. No complaints with current venue.</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>Before the Bowls Club the polling station was located at the YMCA. There are issues at the current polling station namely parking which is on the opposite side of the road and is not specific to the site and the station is very cold. Site visit to the YMCA proved beneficial as parking is good, the facilities for staff are reasonable. Noise maybe an issue when the other half of the hall is used. Cost to hire would be £300. It costs £250 to hire the Bowls Club and additionally YMCA is more central to the area.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>That the polling station is transferred to the YMCA.</i>
XB	Ward: South Parish: Tovil	St Stephens Day Centre, 1 St Stephens Square Tovil, Maidstone Kent ME15 6RE	1950	<b>Ward Councillor(s):</b> <i>Additional sign posting put up around the area surrounding St Stephens Day Centre. Cllr Chittenden</i> <b>Polling Station moved back to school, Cllr English.</b> <b>Parish Council:</b> <i>Archbishop Courtenay Primary School is used as a polling station instead of St Stephens Day Centre.</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>Had previously received a request to move out of the Archbishop Courtenay Primary School from the School and agreed to a request, moving to the current location at St Stephens Day Centre. This station is suitable but improved signage will be used at the new location. If the school building comes into a community use and is available, a further polling place review should be held for this area.</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change but there be a further polling place</i>

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XC	Ward: South Parish: Tovil	Maidstone Hockey Club, Armstrong Road Maidstone, Kent	676	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>
XD	Ward: South	Maidstone Hockey Club, Armstrong Road Maidstone, Kent	468	<b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>

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YA	Ward: Staplehurst Parish: Staplehurst	Staplehurst Village Centre High Street Staplehurst Tonbridge, Kent TN12 0BJ	4444	<b>Ward Councillor(s):</b> <i>No Comment, Cllr Hotson</i> <b>County Councillor:</b> <i>No Comment Cllr Hotson</i> <b>Returning Officers comments:</b> <i>No change</i> <b>Recommendation:</b> <i>No change</i>