



Full Council

Report of: Returning Officer

Report to: Council

Date: 6th March 2019

Subject: Interim Review of the WA and WG Polling Districts and Polling Places – Proposal to create a new polling district in Southey ward

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Summary: Following the 2016 ward boundary changes the Authority reviewed and approved its Polling Districts and Polling Places scheme but subsequently received further representations with regard to changes in Southey Ward which would be beneficial to implement before the local elections on 2 May 2019.

Reasons for Recommendations:

The recommendations have been made dependent on the following criteria:

1. A polling district must fall entirely within the Electoral area it serves
 2. A polling station should not have more than 2,500 electors allocated to it.
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Recommendations:

That the creation of a new polling district and polling place boundary in Southey Ward as set out in this report be approved.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
YES Cleared by: Anna Sanderson
Legal Implications
YES Cleared by: Gillian Duckworth
Equality of Opportunity Implications
YES Cleared by Michael Bowles:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO Cleared by:
Human Rights Implications
NO Cleared by:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO Cleared by:
Economic Impact
NO Cleared by:
Community Safety Implications
NO Cleared by:
Human Resources Implications
NO Cleared by:
Property Implications
NO Cleared by:
Area(s) Affected
Southey Ward
Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Lead
Relevant Scrutiny Committee
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
YES
Press Release
NO

REPORT TO COUNCIL

INTERIM POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW –SOUTHEY WARD

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Following the 2016 ward boundary changes the Authority reviewed its Polling Districts and Polling Places scheme. The definitions of the two areas are:-
- Polling District – is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area. It is the authority's responsibility to divide its area into polling districts.
 - Polling Place – is a geographical area in which a polling station is located. It is the authority's responsibility to designate a polling place for each polling district.
- 1.2 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. The Council will be undertaking a full review in the summer of 2019 with a view to publishing the electoral register on 1 December 2019 to include any polling district changes.
- 1.3 The Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18C(3)) allows a local authority to conduct an interim review of polling places within its area, outside the timescales of a compulsory review, if it is deemed appropriate
- 1.4 A number of representations were received after the 2016 scheme was approved requesting an additional polling district and polling place in Southey Ward and it is proposed that this be implemented before the local elections on 2 May 2019.

2..0 CONSULTATION

- 2.1 Consultation was undertaken in the area in January 2019 in accordance with the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 which received support from the 3 ward Councillors, the Scraithwood Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) and a number of local residents. There were no negative representations received.

3.0 PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The proposal is for the creation of a new polling district made up of addresses from the existing WA and WG polling districts (Map shown at Appendix A)
- 3.2 The proposed new polling place would be situated at the Scraithwood TARA Community Room situated on Scraithwood Drive.

- 3.3 The addresses to be included in the new polling district would be as follows:-

From WA - Scraithwood Drive At present electors have to cross the busy Herries Road thoroughfare to vote at the Binsted Tenants and Residents Association polling station on Binsted Road. There are no direct public transport links and many of the residents of Scraithwood Drive are elderly.

From WG – Herries Road (503-611), Longley Ave West (111-155 and 180-314), 8 Parkwood Road North, Penrith Close, Penrith Road, Penrith Crescent, Teynham Drive and Teynham Road. These addresses were transferred into Southey ward from Burngreave ward in the 2016 boundary review and added to polling district WG but the polling station is some considerable distance away at Southey Green Library and involves crossing the busy Herries Road thoroughfare. By contrast, the route to the Scraithwood TARA building is within walking distance for most people.

- 3.4 A map showing the proposed new polling district boundaries is shown at Appendix B.
- 3.5 The following is a summary of the Southey ward.

Ward and summary of change	New PD	New PD Name	Proposed Premises	Electorate at polling station	Change
Southey The new polling district WH is made up of addresses brought in from WG (which came in from Burngreave in 2016) and WA (Scraithwood Drive)	WA	Binsted	Binsted Road Senior Citizens Room, 88 Binsted Road, S5 8LL	1197	Scraithwood Drive transferred into WH
	WB	Birley Carr	Christ Church Wadsley Bridge, 21 Halifax Road, Sheffield, S6 1LA	1529	No Change
	WC	Chaucer	Mount Tabor Methodist Church, Wordsworth Avenue, Sheffield, S5 8NJ	1639	No Change
	WD	Fox Hill	In-volve Community Hub, (Foxhill Forum), 31-33 Wolfe Road, Sheffield, S6 1BT	1644	No Change
	WE	Mansel	The Cross at Yew Lane, Creswick Greave Methodist Church, Yew Lane, Sheffield, S5 9AS	1093	No Change
	WF	Parson Cross	St Thomas More Community Centre, 56 Margetson Crescent, S5 9NB	2166	No Change
	WG	Southey Green	Southey Development Forum, Southey Library, Moonshine Lane, Sheffield, S5 8RB	1373	Addresses set out in 3.3 of report transferred into WH

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	WH	Scraithwood	Scraithwood TARA Community Room, 46 Scraithwood Drive	750	New Polling District made up of addresses coming in from WA and WG

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The cost of hiring and staffing the additional polling station is estimated to be £600. The additional cost will be met within existing resources.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The legal implications are set out in the main body of this report

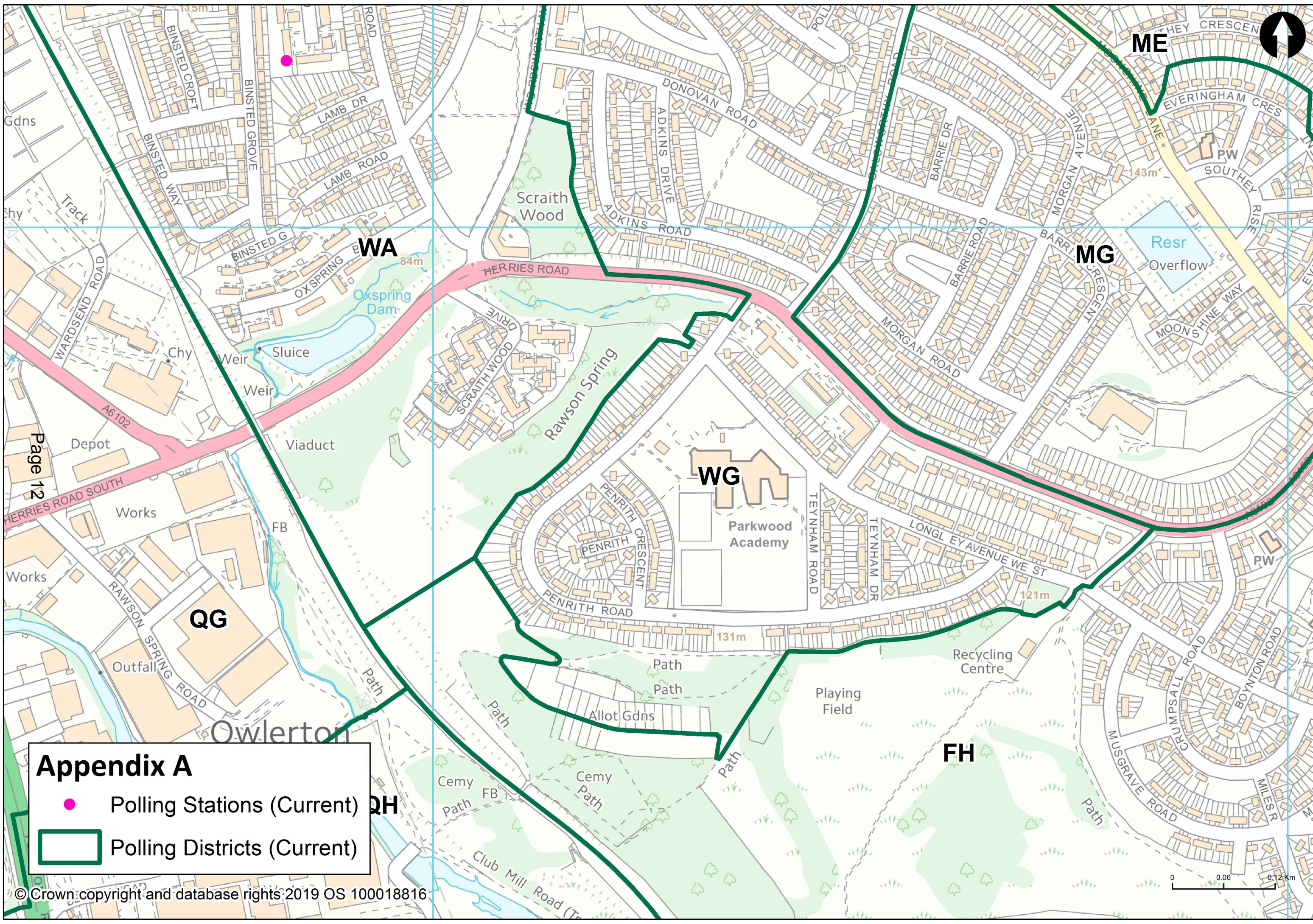
6.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The proposed changes will offer the best service to electors within the restraints of legislation and available premises.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

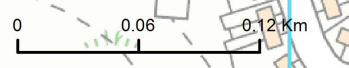
- 7.1 That the creation of a new polling district and polling place boundary in Southey Ward as set out in this report be approved.

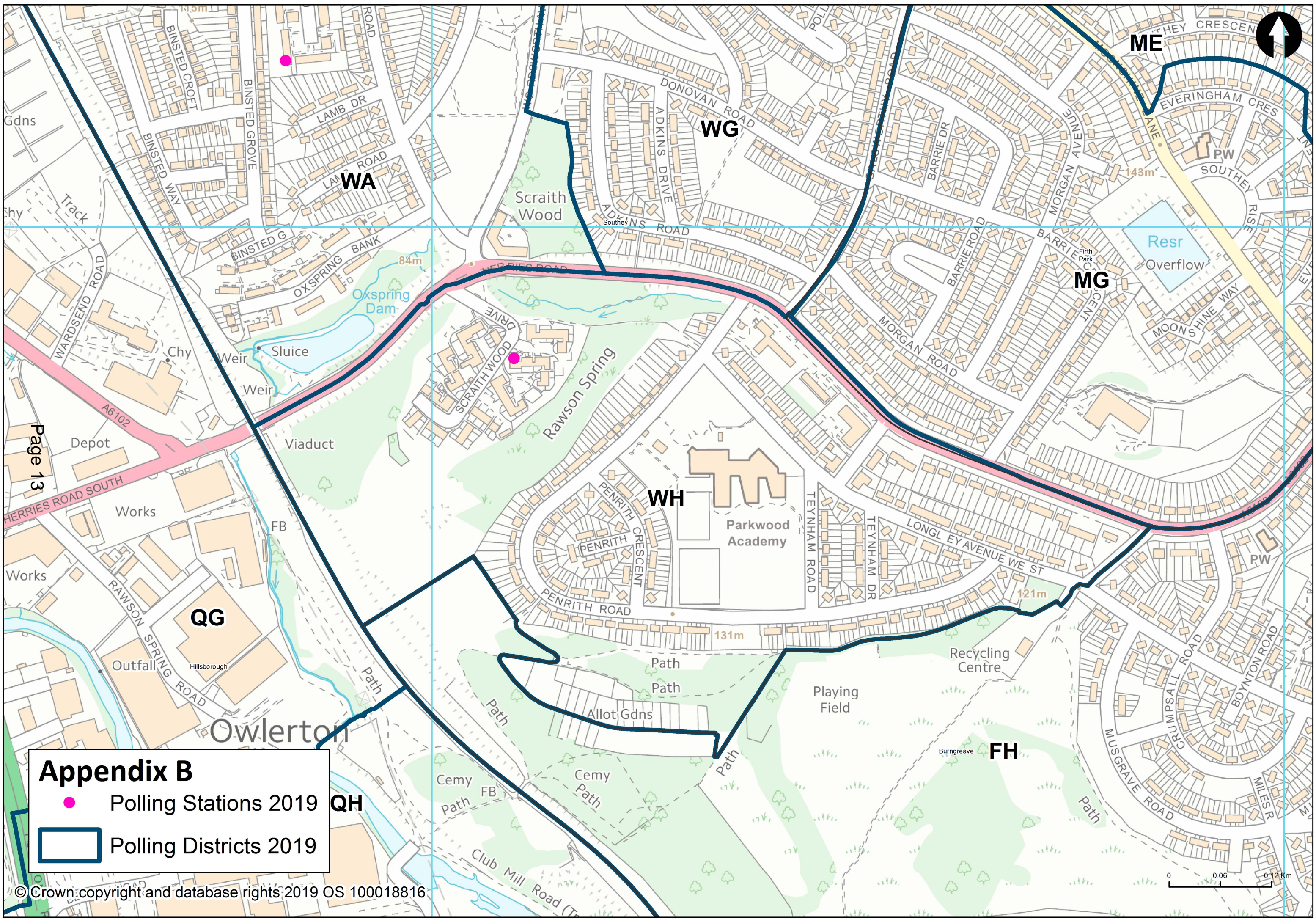
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22 February 2019



Appendix A

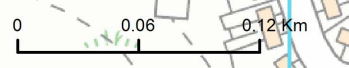
- Polling Stations (Current)
- Polling Districts (Current)





Appendix B

- Polling Stations 2019
- Polling Districts 2019



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