APPENDIX 1

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places, and Polling Stations

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maldon District Council is carrying out a review of polling districts, polling places, and polling stations within the Maldon District. The Council has a duty to provide a polling place in each polling district and has a duty to keep these under review.

The Council is required to consult the (Acting) Returning Officer on the existing polling arrangements and any proposals for amending these arrangements. At the time of publication of this notice, the Council has no specific changes to be made to the boundaries of the Polling Districts, however changes are being considered to the Polling Places for Maldon East, Little Braxted, and Mayland. These proposals for change have been published on the Council website with a hard copy available at the Council Offices and are to be consulted on as part of the review.

Any comments or proposals subsequently made by the (Acting) Returning Officer will be published and consulted on as part of this review.

The Council now invites comments on the existing polling arrangements and any proposed changes. Any elector or interested group may submit comments or proposals; where relevant, and if possible, any alternative places that may be used as polling places should be suggested. The Council is required to seek comments from people or interested groups who have experience in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have a range of different forms of disability.

The Closing date for the receipt of comments or proposals, which should be made in writing to the address given below or emailed to elections@maldon.gov.uk is **1 November 2019**. Any queries on this Notice or the review itself should be similarly addressed.

All comments and proposals submitted will be considered by the Council and will be decided by the Council at its meeting on **21 November 2019**. All comments and proposals received will be available for inspection at the conclusion of the review.

Notes:

- 1. A 'Polling District' is an area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.
- 2. A 'Polling Place' is a building or area in which stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.
- 3. A 'Polling Station' is the room or building where the poll takes place.
- 4. Details of the existing polling arrangements, including the location and information on individual polling stations can be viewed at the Council Offices or via the Council website: www.maldon.gov.uk
- 5. The Council is mindful of the need to ensure that Polling Stations are conveniently located and accessible. Where any premises currently used as a Polling Station is known to have accessibility issues, ramps will be provided on each occasion a poll is held so as to assist voters in accessing these polling stations.

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