

APPENDIX 3

Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness

Proposed Polling District LE101 – Blackness

Polling Place – Blackness Community Hall – 340 electors

A minor change to the existing Polling District LE110 is proposed, to take in 16 electors at Riverview House, Walton and Groughfoot from existing Polling District LE105. Groughfoot is part of the catchment of Blackness Primary School, and all three addresses are closer to the proposed Polling Place of Blackness Community Hall than they are to the proposed Polling Place for the rest of the existing Polling District LE105.

In line with a request from Education Services to use alternative premises to schools where possible, it is proposed to use the Blackness Community Hall as the Polling Place instead of Blackness Primary School.

Proposed Polling District LE106 – Carriden

Polling Place – Cowdenhill Community Hall – 2,228 electors

It is proposed to make a minor change to the existing Polling District LE100, transferring electors in part of Grahamsdyke Road, Kelty Avenue and part of Erngath Road to Polling District LE111; and part of Grange Terrace and part of Erngath Road to LE116 where they are located closer to the proposed Polling Places in these Polling Districts than they are to the Polling Place for this Polling District – Cowdenhill Community Hall – 135 electors in total.

It is considered that the current Polling Place – Cowdenhill Community Hall - is the most suitable location in this Polling District.

Proposed Polling District LE111 - Bo’ness South East

Polling Place – Bo’ness Recreation Centre – 2,883 electors

It is recommended that the Polling Place for Polling District LE111 be changed from St Mary’s Primary School (used currently for LE105) to Bo’ness Recreation Centre in Gauze Road. This is a large facility and would mean that a school would no longer be required, in line with Education Services request and comment from members of the public. There are implications of making this change in terms of access to the Polling Place.

This proposed Polling District is largely made up of the existing Polling District LE105. However, it excludes the 16 electors at Groughfoot and Walton transferred to the proposed Polling District LE101 and 134 electors in Lothian Road, Lothian Crescent, Cadzow Avenue and part of Clydesdale Street and Dean Road who are closer to Kinneil Primary School than to Bo’ness Recreation Centre and so would transfer to a revised Polling District LE131.

On the other hand, three small areas would transfer into this Polling District as they are closer to Bo’ness Recreation Centre than they are to the Polling Places in their current Polling Districts:

- part of Grahamsdyke Road, Kelty Avenue and Erngath Road, currently in Polling District LE100 – 91 electors
- part of Dean Road, and Erngath Road; and Dugald Stewart and James Watt Avenues, currently in Polling District LE115 – 95 electors
- Borrowstoun Road and Jessfield Place, currently in Polling District LE125 – 89 electors

Proposed Polling District LE116 – Bo’ness Centre
Polling Place – Bo’ness Town Hall – 1,175 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of existing Polling District LE120 and the majority of LE115 with the exception of two small areas close to Dean Road which are closer to the proposed Polling Places of Bo’ness Recreation Centre (LE111) (parts of Dean Road, and Erngath Road; and Dugald Stewart and James Watt Avenues); and Kinneil Primary School (LE131) (parts of Dean Road and Linlithgow Road and Bo’ness Hospital) than they are to Bo’ness Town Hall which is the proposed Polling Place for this Polling District – 95 and 54 electors respectively.

It is proposed to add 44 additional electors from Grange Terrace and Erngath Road from existing Polling District LE100 as they are closer to Bo’ness Town Hall, the proposed Polling Place, than to Cowdenhill Community Hall which is the proposed Polling Place in the Polling District they are currently in.

It is hard to justify continuing with existing Polling District LE120 on its own. It has only 467 electors of whom only 189 voted in person in May 2010. In addition, the existing Polling District LE115 is fairly small with only 813 electors. It is proposed to remove 149 electors in the Dean Road area (see above) which would reduce the total electorate further to 664.

This proposal would give a total electorate of 1,175 which is a reasonable size for an urban Polling District.

The recommended Polling Place for the new Polling District is Bo’ness Town Hall.

Proposed Polling District LE121 – Deanfield
Polling Place – Kinneil Bowling Club – 1,046 electors

This proposed Polling District is the existing Polling District LE130 to which it is proposed to add the electors in Deanburn Grove, Deangate Gardens, Duchess Anne Cottages, Grangemouth Road and Snab Lane (95 in total) who are currently in Polling District LE125 but who live closer to Kinneil Bowling Club, the proposed Polling Place for the new Polling District LE121, than to the Kinneil Primary School which is the proposed Polling Place for LE131.

It is proposed to continue to use Kinneil Bowling Club as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District - LE126 – Deanburn
Polling Place – Deanburn Primary School – 1,991 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District LE135 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Deanburn Primary School. There are no alternative Polling Places within the Polling District.

Proposed Polling District LE131 – Maidenpark
Polling Place – Kinneil Primary School – 2,246 electors

The core of this proposed Polling District is the existing Polling District LE125. However, it would exclude the electors in Deanburn Grove, Deangate Gardens, Duchess Anne Cottages, Grangemouth Road and Snab Lane (95 in total) who live closer to Kinneil Bowling Club in

proposed Polling District LE121 than they are to Kinneil Primary School which is the proposed Polling Place for this Polling District, to which it is recommended that they are transferred. 89 electors on Jessfield Place and Borrowstoun Road would be moved into LE111 from LE125 as they are closer to Bo'ness Recreation Centre which is the proposed polling place for LE111. In addition, 134 electors in Lothian Road, Lothian Crescent, Cadzow Avenue and part of Clydesdale Street and Dean Road, currently in LE105 would be included in LE131 since they are closer to Kinneil Primary School than to Bo'ness Recreation Centre. And 54 electors in Dean Road, Linlithgow Road and Richmond Terrace would be added from existing Polling District LE115 as they are closer to Kinneil Primary School than to Bo'ness Town Hall.

It is recommended that Kinneil Primary School continue to be used as the Polling Place.

Ward 2 – Grangemouth

Proposed Polling District FE201 – Skinflats

Polling Place – Bothkennar Community Hall – 258 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FE230 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Bothkennar Community Hall.

Proposed Polling District LE206 – Dalgrain

Polling Place – Dalgrain Community Hall – 692 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District LE200 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Dalgrain Community Hall.

Proposed Polling District LE211 – Newlands

Polling Place – Newlands Community Centre – 3,555 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District LE205 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Newlands Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District LE216 – Bowhouse

Polling Place – Bowhouse Community Centre – 3,775 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District LE215 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Bowhouse Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District LE221 – Inchyra

Polling Place – Dundas Resource Centre – 1,854 electors

It is proposed to combine the existing Polling District LE220 with part of the existing Polling District LE225 and use the existing Polling Place for LE220 – Dundas Resource Centre as the Polling Place for the proposed new Polling District. Both existing Polling Districts LE220 and LE225 are relatively small for urban Polling Districts and LE225 is particularly small with only 821 electors of whom only 508 turned out in person to vote in the elections in May 2010 (although in percentage terms at 62.5% this is about an average turnout). Additionally, the Polling Place used for LE225 – Oxbang School is not particularly suitable and there are no reasonable alternatives within the area.

It is proposed to split existing Polling District LE225 between this proposed Polling District and the proposed Polling District LE226 where the proposed Polling Place is Grangemouth Town Hall. The Polling District has been split so that those electors who live nearer Grangemouth Town Hall will vote there while those who are nearer Dundas Resource Centre will vote there. This split gives an additional 458 electors in this Polling District

Proposed Polling District LE226 – Grangemouth Centre
Polling Place – Grangemouth Town Hall – 3,562 electors

It is proposed to combine the existing Polling District LE210 with the part of existing Polling District LE225 which has not been assigned to the proposed Polling District LE221 and to use the existing Polling Place for LE210 – Grangemouth Town Hall. The part of LE225 which has been assigned to this proposed Polling District covers addresses which are closer to Grangemouth Town than to the Dundas Resource Centre which is the proposed Polling Place for proposed Polling District LE221. This is an additional 363 electors.

Ward 3 – Denny and Banknock

Proposed Polling District FW301 – Dunipace
Polling Place – Dunipace Church Hall – 2,122 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW300 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Dunipace Church Hall.

Proposed Polling District FW306 – Denny Centre
Polling Place – Denny Westpark Church Hall – 2,255 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW305. It is proposed to use the same Polling Place as FW305 – Denny Westpark Church Hall.

Proposed Polling District FW311 – Denny South
Polling Place – Nethermain Primary School – 3,991 electors

This proposed Polling District is largely identical to the current Polling District FW315 with the exclusion of Heatherdale Gardens, and three houses off Myothill Road – Hillcrest, South Herbertshire Cottage and Muirhead Cottage which more naturally belong to proposed Polling District FW316 (23 electors).

It is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Nethermain Primary School.

Proposed Polling District FW316 – Head of Muir and Dennyloanhead
Polling Place – Archibald Russell Centre – 2,678 electors

This proposed Polling District is largely identical to the current Polling District FW320 with the addition of Heatherdale Gardens, and three houses off Myothill Road – Hillcrest, South Herbertshire Cottage and Muirhead Cottage (23 electors) which more naturally belong to this proposed Polling District than to FW311.

It is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Archibald Russell Centre.

Proposed Polling District FW321 – Banknock
Polling Place – Banknock Community Centre – 2,427 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW325 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Banknock Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District FW326 – Allandale
Polling Place – Allandale Bowling Club – 277 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW330 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Allandale Bowling Club.

Proposed new Polling District FW331 – Fankerton
Polling Place – Fankerton Village Hall - 395 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW310. It is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Fankerton Village Hall.

Ward 4 – Carse, Kinnaird and Tryst

Proposed Polling District FE401 – Airth
Polling Place – Airth Community Hall – 1,817 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW400 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Airth Community Hall.

Proposed Polling District FE406 – Carronshore
Polling Place – Carronshore Sports and Social Hall – 2,420 electors

Carronshore Sports and Social Hall lies outside the current Polling District for which it is the Polling Place. There are a limited number of possible polling places in the Carronshore area and it is recommended that this one continues to be used.

It is therefore proposed to extent the boundary of the existing Polling District FE405 to take in three areas of housing which are closer to the Carronshore Sports and Social Hall than they are to Stenhousemuir Sports Centre, the proposed Polling Place for Polling District FE411, where they currently vote – 378 electors in total. These are the fairly new Springfield Mills estate, Burnside Place and the area immediately around the Sports and Social Hall including Main Street, part of Carronshore Road and Duncan Avenue.

Proposed Polling District FE411 – Carron
Polling Place – Stenhousemuir Sports Centre – 3,027 electors

This proposed Polling District largely consists of the existing Polling District FE410 less two areas which are transferred to other proposed Polling Districts because they are closer to the proposed Polling Places for these proposed Polling Districts, but with the addition of Franchi Drive/Octave Mews, currently in Polling District FE420.

The first area is the area around the Carronshore Sports and Social Hall (378 electors) whom it is proposed to transfer to the proposed Polling District FE406.

The second area is to the west of that part of Alloa Road which is to the north of New Carron Road. While on foot, the area immediately beside New Carron Road would be closer to the proposed Polling Place – Stenhousemuir Sports Centre, the road pattern makes it more

convenient for the proposed Polling Place in proposed Polling District FE416 – Stenhouse and Carron Parish Church. This area contains 571 electors.

Polling District FE420 was created solely because of the need to ensure that Polling Districts could be aggregated to both parliamentary constituencies and the then existing wards. Since the new ward scheme has come into effect, this Polling District is no longer required and it is proposed that Franchi Drive and the new houses in Octave Mews be added to this proposed Polling District – 128 electors.

It is proposed to use Stenhousemuir Sports Centre instead of Carron Primary School as the Polling Place. For those electors living in Carron itself, this may be slightly less convenient, however, for those living in the north of the Polling District, it will be more convenient, especially if travelling by car – there is also a bus stop just beside the Sports Centre. It also meets the request from Education Services not to use schools as Polling Places if alternatives are available.

Proposed Polling District FE416 – Carron Dams

Polling Place – Stenhouse and Carron Parish Church – 2,393 electors

This Polling District consists largely of the existing Polling District FE415 less a small area west of Kirk Avenue which is closer to the proposed Polling Place for the proposed Polling District FE421 – Tryst Community Centre – 85 electors, but with the addition of all of Polling District FE420 (except Franchi Drive and Octave Mews) - 128 electors, and the 571 electors currently in Polling District FE410 who live to the west of that part of Alloa Road which is to the north of New Carron Road who are closer to the proposed Polling Place of Stenhouse and Carron Parish Church.

It is proposed to use Stenhouse and Carron Parish Church Hall as the Polling Place for this Polling District. Polling District FE415 currently uses Tryst Community Centre as its Polling Place but this is outwith the Polling District boundary and as the additional areas are further to the east, it would make sense to use a more central building as the Polling Place

Proposed Polling District FE421 – The Valley

Polling Place – Tryst Community Centre – 1,972 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the existing Polling District FE430 (less the area west of the How Burn) plus a small part of FE415. It is proposed to use the Tryst Community Centre as the Polling Place. Currently voters in Polling District FE430 vote at the Dobbie Hall. This venue is used for several Polling Districts and part of the simplification of the Polling scheme in this area is to transfer the Polling Place to the Tryst Community Hall which is within the boundary of this proposed Polling District. Electors currently in Polling District FE415 currently vote at the Tryst Community Centre and the 85 electors from that Polling District which have been added to those from FE430 are those who live closer to the Tryst Centre than to Stenhouse and Carron Parish Church which is a new proposed Polling Place for the new Polling District FE416.

Proposed Polling District FW426 – Tryst

Polling Place – Stenhousemuir Primary School – 2,304 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the bulk of existing Polling District FW425 (everything south of Bellsdyke Road – 2,010 electors) plus existing Polling District FW435.

FW435 has only 294 electors of whom only 184 voted in person at the General Election (although that is 62.6% which is a fairly average turnout). It is thus difficult to justify a separate Polling Station for this area. This Polling District currently votes at the Dobbie Hall. Stenhousemuir Primary School is slightly further away meaning a greater travelling distance for voters, however, it is closer for the voters in FW435 than for many of the voters in the existing Polling District FW425 who currently vote there.

There are no suitable alternatives to Stenhousemuir Primary School as a Polling Place

Proposed Polling District FW431 – Bellsdyke
Polling Place – Kinnaird Primary School – 506 electors

It is proposed to create a new Polling District from the area north of Bellsdyke Road in existing Polling District FW425. While there are currently only 506 electors in this area, over 1,500 new houses are due to be built here in the next few years with over 250 to be completed in the next five years – estimate of 420 electors although the rate of building is difficult to estimate in the current economic climate. This will in the long term justify a new Polling District.

It is proposed to use the new Kinnaird Primary School as the Polling Place as there are currently no alternatives. This Polling Place will be shared with Polling District FW501.

Proposed Polling District FW436 – Carronvale Road
Polling Place – Dobbie Hall – 8 electors

It is necessary to create a new Polling District in Ward 4 for the area to the west of the How Burn because this area is in the Falkirk West Scottish Parliament constituency and since the original review was carried out in 2008, three new houses have been built in this piece of land (one of which is split by the ward boundary) – 33a, c and d Carronvale Road. Because the access to these properties is from Carronvale Road, it seems more sensible for voting purposes for them to vote with proposed Polling District FW506 in Dobbie Hall. This would be in the correct constituency for both the Scottish Parliament and Westminster Parliament elections. It is proposed to use the Dobbie Hall as the Polling Place.

There are no potential polling places in this Polling District.

Ward 5 – Bonnybridge and Larbert

Proposed Polling District FW501 – Inches
Polling Place – Kinnaird Primary School – 1,089 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW500 but it is proposed to change the Polling Place to the new Kinnaird Primary School from Stenhousemuir Primary School.

There are no potential Polling Places in this Polling District but the new primary school is quite convenient with access through Tryst Park. The new school is also the catchment school for the Inches and is also being proposed as the Polling Place for Polling District FW431.

Proposed Polling District FW506 – South Broomage
Polling Place – Dobbie Hall – 1,968 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the current Polling District FW505 plus the South Broomage part of existing Polling District FW510 – 1,199 electors. The proposed Polling Place is the Dobbie Hall which is just outside the proposed Polling District.

The electors in existing Polling District FW505 already vote in the Dobbie Hall. Those in FW510 currently vote in Larbert Village Primary School. However, there are two access roads to South Broomage, one of which, Carronvale Road, is much closer to the Dobbie Hall than to Larbert Village Primary School, while the other – South Broomage Avenue, although closer to Larbert Village Primary School, provides road access for only a small number of houses. Note that 8 electors in new houses at 33a, c, and d Carronvale Road are actually in Ward 4 (Polling District FW436).

Proposed Polling District FW511 – Larbert

Polling Place – Larbert Village Primary School – 3,022 electors

With the closure of Torwood School, there are no potential Polling Places in the current Polling District FW515 which covers the village of Torwood and for the General Election in 2010 temporary accommodation had to be hired. It is therefore proposed that this Polling District be amalgamated with existing Polling District FW510 (less the South Broomage area which is being transferred to proposed Polling District FW506). There are only 279 electors in this Polling District, of whom only 173 voted in person at the General Election (62.1%).

It is proposed to continue to use Larbert Village Primary School as the Polling Place – it is currently the Polling Place for the existing Polling District FW510.

Proposed Polling District FW516 – North Bonnybridge

Polling Place – Bonnybridge Primary School – 3,060 electors

It is not proposed to make any changes to the existing Polling District FW520. The apparent small change to the boundary in the south west only moves the boundary line to the canal from the Bonny Water and is simply to make drawing the boundary simpler.

It is proposed to continue to use Bonnybridge Primary School as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FW521 – South Bonnybridge

Polling Place – Bonnybridge Community Centre – 3,204 electors

It is proposed to amalgamate existing Polling Districts FW525 and FW530 and to use Bonnybridge Community Centre as the Polling Place, which is currently the Polling Place for FW525.

Polling District FW530 which covers High Bonnybridge only has 680 electors of whom only 399 voted in person at the General Election – 58.7%. The Polling Place for this Polling District is Antonine Primary School which not particularly well located for the majority of the population. Amalgamating the Polling District with FW525 would mean a journey of an additional 400m to the new Polling Place, but Antonine Primary School is already over 400m from the settlement of High Bonnybridge and considerably further for many voters. At the same time, most voters in Greenhill are already well over 800m from the Bonnybridge Community Centre which is currently their Polling Place, so the voters in High Bonnybridge would be at a similar distance away.

Ward 6 – Falkirk North

Proposed Polling District FW601 – The Bog

Polling Place – Westfield Community Centre – 1,831 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW625 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Westfield Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District FW606 – Callendar Park

Polling Place – Leishman Tower Club Room – 1,412 electors

It is proposed to combine current Polling District FW630 with the part of current Polling District FW635 which lies east of Cow Wynd – 111 electors. FW635 is a small Polling District, the rest of which will become part of proposed Polling District FW616 voting in Falkirk Town Hall. The area to the east of Cow Wynd is closer to Leishman Tower than to Falkirk Town Hall hence it would be more convenient for electors to vote in this Polling District.

The proposed Polling Place is Leishman Tower Club Room.

Proposed Polling District FW611 – Victoria

Polling Place – Thornhill Community Centre - 3,708 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW620 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Thornhill Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District FW616 – Falkirk Central

Polling Place – Falkirk Town Hall – 2,498 electors

This new Polling District is substantially different from the previous three polling districts which it is proposed will make it up. It is proposed to combine Polling Districts FW600 – 769 electors currently voting in Bantaskin Primary School; FW605 – 1,468 electors, currently voting in St Francis Xavier Church and part of FW635 – 261 electors, currently voting in Woodlands Games Hall.

It is also proposed to use Falkirk Town Hall as the Polling Place as this is a reasonably sized venue for the larger number of electors – 2,498; it is under the control of the Council and it is more conveniently located in particular in relation to the existing Polling District FW600; parking can also be made available.

Polling District FW635 is a small one which was created for the 2007 elections, of necessity, because the new ward boundary went through a then existing Polling District. For these, and subsequent, elections, the electors continued to vote in Woodlands Games Hall. Under the proposed polling scheme for Ward 7 – Falkirk South, Woodlands Games Hall would not be used as a polling place in future. It cannot therefore be justified to use that location for the remaining electors in FW635, of whom only 171 voted in person in the 2010 General Election – 45.9%. There is a relatively high percentage of postal votes in the area. For some of the electors in this area, Falkirk Town Hall would be a closer and more convenient venue than Woodlands Games Hall. However, for those electors living east of Cow Wynd (111 electors), Leishman Tower would be more convenient and so it is proposed that these electors should be part of Polling District FW606.

Electors in current Polling District FW600 vote at present in Bantaskin Primary School which is not in Ward 6 – Falkirk North. There is a presumption that, where possible, polling places should be within the Polling District which they serve. There are no potential polling places within the current Polling District FW600.

Bantaskin Primary School is accessed from Shannon Drive, although there is a footpath from Westburn Avenue. This access is not very convenient for the houses in Polling District FW600. Access to Falkirk Town Hall, while perhaps slightly further as the crow flies, is considered to be at least as easy from FW600 as Bantaskin Primary School. Some electors will be closer to Falkirk Town Hall than to Bantaskin Primary School. There therefore seems to be no reason not to transfer these electors to voting in Falkirk Town Hall.

Electors in FW605 currently vote in St Francis Xavier Church. It is proposed that they also vote in Falkirk Town Hall which is reasonably close to the church. For those electors living south of Camelon Road/West Bridge Street, the Town Hall would be more convenient. This is some 476 electors – 32% of the total.

Proposed Polling District FW621 – New Carron
Polling Place – Bainsford Community Centre – 4,070 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW610 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Bainsford Community Centre.

Proposed Polling District FW626 – Dawson
Polling Place – Dawson Centre – 1,618 electors

This proposed Polling District is identical to the current Polling District FW615 and it is proposed to use the same Polling Place – Dawson Centre.

Proposed Polling District LW631 – West Mains
Polling Place – Westfield Community Centre – 1 elector

In order to match the geographies of the wards and the parliamentary constituencies it is necessary to create a Polling District which covers largely the Westfield Industrial Estate, with only one elector, which lies in Ward 6 – Falkirk North and also in the Scottish Parliamentary Constituency of Falkirk West but in the Westminster Constituency of Linlithgow and Falkirk East.

For the General Election in May 2010, the Polling Place was Dalgrain Community Centre in Grangemouth since that was the in the same Westminster Constituency. However, it is recommended that in future electors should vote in Westfield Community Centre in proposed Polling District FW601. That would mean that they would vote with other electors in their ward and would also vote in Scottish Parliament elections with others in the same constituency. It would only be for future Westminster elections that they would vote in a different constituency from the one in which they lived.

Ward 7 – Falkirk South

Proposed Polling District FW701- Hallglen/Lionthorn
Polling Place – Hallglen Sports Centre – 3,502 electors

Currently there are two Polling Districts covering Hallglen and Glen Village:

FW745 – Hallglen Sports Centre – 2,122 electors

FW740 – Glen Village Bowling Club – 285 electors

In the General Election in May 2010, only 141 people voted at Glen Village Bowling Club (excluding postal votes) – 49.5%, making it hard to justify retaining this Polling Place.

It is therefore proposed to amalgamate these two polling districts and use the Hallglen Sports Centre as the Polling Place.

In addition, it is proposed that those living in the Lionthorn estate to the south of Falkirk should also vote in the Hallglen Sports Centre. There were some 1,095 electors in this area in May 2010. These electors currently vote in the Salvation Army Hall, High Station Road, Falkirk – Polling District FW735. The maximum distance from houses in the Lionthorn development to the Salvation Army Hall is over 2km while the maximum distance to the Hallglen Sports Centre is 1.9km. Children from the Lionthorn estate live within the Hallglen Primary School catchment and thus attend school in Hallglen.

Proposed Polling District FW706 – Camelon West
Polling Place – Easter Carmuir Primary School – 1,943 electors

A small change is proposed to the boundary of the current Polling District FW700. This would mean that the electors living in “Ivanhoe”, 60 Stirling Road would transfer to the proposed new Polling District FW731 – currently 4 electors. They are much closer to the Polling Place for that Polling District than to Easter Carmuir Primary School which is the proposed Polling Place for this Polling District.

Proposed Polling District FW711 – Camelon East
Polling Place – Carmuir Primary School – 1,275 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current FW705 Polling District.
It is proposed to continue to use Carmuir Primary School as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FW716 – Camelon North East
Polling Place – Camelon Education Centre – 1,168 electors

As described under FW706, it is proposed to transfer the 4 electors at “Ivanhoe” 60 Stirling Road, to this Polling District which otherwise consists of the existing Polling District FW725.
It is proposed to continue to use Camelon Education Centre as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FW721 – Tamfourhill/Summerford
Polling Place – Tamfourhill Community Centre – 1,410 electors

It is proposed that this Polling District should consist of the whole of existing Polling District FW710 and part of existing Polling District FW715.

Polling District FW715 only has 539 electors of whom only 282 voted in person in the General Election in May 2010 (52.3%). There is a high proportion of postal votes in this Polling District (19.7%) particularly in Glen Fuir Court. It is not considered justified to continue with this Polling District and it is proposed to split it along Windsor Road with 340 electors being transferred to the proposed Polling District FW721, which together with FW710, would give a total electorate for the new Polling District of 1,410.

It is recommended that Tamfourhill Community Centre which is currently the Polling Place for FW710 be used as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FW726 – Bantaskin

Polling Place – Bantaskin Primary School – 1,629 electors

It is proposed that this Polling District should consist of the whole of the existing Polling District FW720 (1,415 electors) plus that part of FW715 which lies north and east of Windsor Road (the remainder of which would be in the new Polling District FW721 as described above) – 199 electors. In addition those addresses in Maggie Woods Loan (nos 29-51) which are currently in Polling District FW730 – currently 15 electors - would be added. These houses are at a maximum 0.5km from the proposed Polling Place but are over 1km from their existing Polling Place.

This would give a total of 1,629 electors.

It is proposed to retain Bantaskin Primary School as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FW731 – Woodlands Polling Place – Salvation Army Hall – 3,496 electors

This Polling District is created by combining FW730 (less the electors in Maggie Wood's Loan – see above under FW726) – 1,136 electors, with the electors remaining in FW735 (less the Lionthorn estate which is transferred to FW701) – 2,360 electors giving a total of 3,496.

It is recommended that the Polling Place used be the Salvation Army Hall which currently caters for the 3,327 electors presently in Polling District FW735.

Proposed Polling District FE736 – Falkirk Rural Polling Place – Hallglen Sports Centre – 71 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current FE750 Polling District.

For the next elections in May 2011, it is proposed that the Polling Place should remain in Shieldhill at the new proposed Polling Place for Polling District FE951 since this will be a Polling Place for the Falkirk East Constituency in the Scottish Parliament elections while the other Polling Places in Ward 7 will be in the Falkirk West Constituency.

However it is proposed to change the location of the Polling Place for this Polling District to Hallglen Sports Centre for subsequent elections. Looking at the road pattern in this scattered community suggests that Hallglen Sports Centre is at least as accessible as any location in Shieldhill. Voting in Hallglen Sports Centre would mean that the electors were voting in the same elections as the other voters in that Polling Place in the Council elections and Westminster Parliamentary elections which are the next two scheduled sets of elections.

There are no potential Polling Places in this proposed Polling District.

Ward 8 – Lower Braes

Proposed Polling District FE801 – Laurieston Polling Place – Laurieston Primary School – 2,127 electors

This proposed Polling District is based on amalgamating the two existing Polling Districts FE800 and FE805 but excluding the addresses currently in FE805 which are in Westquarter i.e. Alder Grove, Langton Road and Park Crescent (251 electors). Looking at the geography of the area, it makes sense for the electors in the Westquarter addresses to vote in Westquarter Primary School with the rest of Westquarter (FE816) now that we are no longer constrained by the previous ward boundary which included these addresses in the Laurieston Ward. However,

excluding these 251 electors from Polling District FE805 leaves only 972 electors which is a rather small Polling District for an urban area. It would therefore make sense to amalgamate the two Polling Districts covering Laurieston as neither is large and the distances to the proposed Polling Place are not great.

In addition, it is proposed that the 4 electors in Weedingshall Lodge and Grandsable Cottage transfer from FE800 to proposed Polling District FE811 where they are more convenient for the proposed Polling Place of Polmont Sports Centre and again we are no longer constrained by the old ward boundaries.

It is recommended that the Polling Place should be Laurieston Primary School

Proposed new Polling District FE806 – Polmont
Polling Place – Greenpark Community Centre – 2,784 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current FE820 Polling District and to continue to use Greenpark Community Centre as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FE811 – Polmont South
Polling Place – Polmont Sports Centre – 2,622 electors

The core of this proposed Polling District is the existing Polling District FE815. It has in addition the 4 electors in Weedingshall Lodge and Grandsable Cottage transferred from existing Polling District FE800. It is also proposed to add a further 151 electors from existing Polling District FE825 in the Station Road, Victoria Place area. However, it is further proposed to transfer 29 electors in Gairloch Crescent, Redding to the proposed Polling District FE816. All these changes make sense in terms of better access for electors to the proposed polling places.

It is also proposed to move the Polling Place from St Margaret's Primary School to Polmont Sports Centre as part of the aim of reducing the number of schools which are used as Polling Places and in line with comments from members of the public. The Sports Centre is very close to the school and should provide adequate accommodation.

Proposed Polling District FE816 – Westquarter
Polling Place – Westquarter Primary School – 1,371 electors

The core of this proposed Polling District is the current Polling District FE810. To this has been added the 251 electors in Alder Grove, Langton Road and Park Crescent who are currently in Polling District FE805 and the 29 electors from Gairloch Crescent currently in Polling District FE815. However, it is proposed to transfer the 138 electors in Grange Place, Waverley Park and Willow Grange, south of the railway line to the proposed Polling District FE821.

It is proposed to retain Westquarter Primary School as the Polling Place for this Polling District

Proposed Polling District FE821 – Brightons
Polling Place – Grange Community Centre – 496 electors

This proposed Polling District would consist of the remaining electors currently in Polling District FE825 who have not been transferred to the proposed Polling District FE811 (358 electors) and the 138 electors in Grange Place, Waverly Park and Willow Grange who are in current Polling District FE810. This is a relatively small Polling District but it is proposed that it should share the Grange Community Centre as its Polling Place with the proposed Polling

District LE826. These need to be separate Polling Districts because they are in different Westminster constituencies.

Grange Community Centre, Redding Road is the recommended as the Polling Place for this Polling District

Proposed Polling District LE826 – Overton/Brightons
Polling Place – Grange Community Centre – 516 electors

It is proposed to split existing Polling District LE835 so that those who live in Reddingmuirhead (including the new housing development on the former Nobel site) will continue to vote in the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre (LE831) while those who live off Newlands Road in Brightons, the Redding Road, Redding area and the new Overton development would vote in the Grange Community Centre (LE826).

This would create two small Polling Districts of 516 (LE826) and 554 electors (LE831) respectively, but the smaller of the two would expect to grow with the addition of some 200+ new houses over the next few years (estimating 375 extra electors) and the other by some 600 houses (estimating over 1,000 additional electors).

It is proposed to use the Grange Community Centre as the Polling Place which this Polling District would share with the small Polling District FE821 – although it is in a different Westminster constituency. This Polling Place lies just outside the Polling District but would be more convenient for those living in the new Overton housing development (c700 houses)

Proposed Polling District LE831 – Reddingmuirhead
Polling Place – Reddingmuirhead Community Centre – 554 electors

This Polling District would consist of the remainder of the existing Polling District LE835, that is the properties in Reddingmuirhead who currently vote at the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre. Although this is a small Polling District at present, it will grow in the next few years as the houses on the former Nobel site are completed (a further 130 houses).

It is proposed to continue to use the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District LE836 – Beancross and Newlands
Polling Place – Laurieston Primary School – 4 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the two small areas which are currently the Polling District LE830. It is necessary to keep these two areas separate as the Westminster constituency boundaries mean that these electors are in the Linlithgow and Falkirk East Constituency and not the Falkirk Constituency with the immediately surrounding area in Ward 8 – Lower Braes.

Since it is proposed no longer to use Laurieston Community Hall which was used in the last elections, it is proposed to use Laurieston Primary School as the Polling Place for this proposed Polling District. This would be the correct Polling Place for two of the three elections - Council and Scottish Parliament.

There are no potential Polling Places in this Polling District.

Proposed Polling District LE841 - Battock
Polling Place – Maddiston Community Centre – 2 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the small area which is currently the Polling District LE840. It is necessary to keep this area separate as the current Westminster constituency boundaries mean that these electors are in the Linlithgow and Falkirk East Constituency and not the Falkirk Constituency with the immediately surrounding area in Ward 8 – Lower Braes. These electors voted at Maddiston Community Centre in the General Election in 2010 and it is proposed that they continue to do so since that would be the correct Polling Place for two out of three elections – Westminster and Scottish Parliament.

There are no potential Polling Places in this Polling District.

Ward 9 – Upper Braes

Proposed Polling District LE901 – Limerigg
Polling Place – Limerigg Community Hall – 205 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current LE940 Polling District and to continue to use Limerigg Community Hall as the Polling Place.

Although the number of electors is very low, it is not proposed to amalgamate the Polling District with any other, because this is a long established Polling District and Limerigg is a well recognised separate community at a considerable distance from the nearest alternative.

Proposed Polling District LE906 – Slamannan
Polling Place – Slamannan Community Centre – 1,148 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current LE945 Polling District and to continue to use Slamannan Community Centre as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District LE911 – Avonbridge
Polling Place – Avonbridge Community Hall – 598 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current LE935 Polling District. A new Polling Place needs to be found as the current one – Avonbridge Congregational Church Hall, is unsatisfactory. It is recommended that Avonbridge Community Hall be the new Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District LE916 – Standburn
Polling Place – Drumbowie Primary School – 204 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current LE930 Polling District and to continue to use Drumbowie Primary School as the Polling Place as there are no alternatives within the Polling District.

Proposed Polling District LE921 – California
Polling Place – California Community Centre – 664 electors

It is not proposed to make any significant change to the current LE925 Polling District and to continue to use California Community Centre as the Polling Place. The change to the boundary in the east of the Polling District involves no electors or properties and has been made simply to make the proposed Polling District more compact

Proposed Polling District LE926 – Whitecross
Polling Place – Whitecross Power Station – 646 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current LE900 Polling District. An alternative Polling Place to Whitecross Primary School has been identified as the Power Station and it is proposed to use this as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District LE931 – Maddiston

Polling Place – Maddiston Community Centre – 2,664 electors

Existing Polling District LE905 is small for an urban Polling District (although it takes in a considerable rural area). There are only 876 electors of whom only 462 voted in person in May 2010 – 53.3% - a below average turnout. Given that there are no longer any ward boundary constraints in this area, it is therefore proposed to amalgamate this Polling District with the southern part of existing Polling District LE920 and use Maddiston Community Centre (currently the Polling Place for LE920) as the Polling Place. This gives a slightly longer journey to the Polling Place for almost all the electors in LE905.

It is proposed to split existing Polling District LE920 along Bellevue/Nicolton Road with the area to the south (some 1,788 electors) added to existing Polling District LE905 to create the proposed Polling District LE931.

The new boundary also takes in a small part of what is currently the LE925 Polling District which contains no electors and which simply makes the boundary of the proposed Polling District LE921 more compact.

Proposed Polling District LE936 – Rumford

Polling Place – Brightons Community Centre – 1,528 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the northern part of existing Polling District LE920 and LE915 except for the Wallace Brae housing development.

The northern part of LE920 is largely closer to the proposed Polling Place of Brightons Community Centre, than to Maddiston Community Centre which is the Polling Place for existing Polling District LE920. Much of the street pattern also suggests that this would be a more appropriate Polling Place for this area.

The exclusion of the Wallace Brae estate from the Polling District is because the street pattern suggests that the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre would be a more appropriate Polling Place.

It should be noted that the proposed Polling Place lies just outside the Polling District boundary.

Proposed Polling District LE941 – Wallacestone

Polling Place – Reddingmuirhead Community Centre – 1,164 electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the existing Polling District LE910 plus the Wallace Brae estate which is in the existing Polling District LE915. The access to the Wallace Brae estate is from Newlands Road and so it makes more sense for that estate to vote at the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre than in the Brightons Community Centre which is considerably further away.

There are no potential Polling Places in the Polling District and it is proposed to use the Reddingmuirhead Community Centre which is currently the Polling Place for LE915 and is the proposed as the Polling Place for LE831.

Proposed Polling District FE946 – Brightons South
Polling Place – Brightons Community Centre – 969 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current FE955 Polling District and to continue to use Brightons Community Centre as the Polling Place.

Proposed Polling District FE951 – Shieldhill
Polling Place – Welfare Hall – 1,920 electors

It is not proposed to make any change to the current FE960 Polling District. However, it is proposed that the Welfare Hall should be used as an alternative Polling Place to Shieldhill Primary School in order to avoid using the school in accordance with the request from Education Services.

Proposed Polling District FE956 – Lathallan
Polling Place – Brightons Community Centre – no electors

This proposed Polling District consists of the small area which is currently the Polling District FE950. It is necessary to keep this area separate as the current Westminster constituency boundaries mean that these electors are in the Falkirk Constituency and not the Linlithgow and Falkirk East Constituency with the immediately surrounding area in Ward 9 – Upper Braes. Although there are currently no electors in this area, it is proposed that in future any electors should vote at Brightons Community Centre, along with Polling District FE946 since that would be the correct Polling Place for all elections.