

APPENDIX TO ITEM 5

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Dear Peter,

Review of polling districts and polling places

As required by legislation, I am writing to give you my comments on the matters being considered as part of the partial review of polling arrangements currently underway.

My view is that there is no identifiable or acceptable alternative polling location available either at Duton Hill or at Margaret Roding. I understand fully the concerns that have been raised about the use of the premises at the Three Horseshoes, Duton Hill, and at The Reid Rooms, Margaret Roding and agree that every effort must be made in the future to secure full accessibility at both of these buildings, as elsewhere in the constituency. I believe however that better access arrangements can be brought about by co-operation and agreement with the owners of these buildings and that there is no need to change the designation of either polling place at the present time.

I understand that a full review will be required of all polling districts and places in Uttlesford before the end of next year and that a better assessment of the merits of the polling arrangements at both locations can be made then.

Thank you for inviting me to comment.

Yours sincerely

John Mitchell
Chief Executive and Acting Returning Officer