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Dear Mr Tautz

Re: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

Thank you for your letter dated 15 February 2019 regarding the above review.

In terms of these areas within Epping Forest District that fall within the Harlow Constituency, I can confirm that I am, as Acting Returning Officer broadly happy with the existing provision of polling places within the constituency boundary.

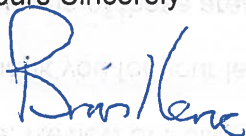
I make two observations:

- (1) With the redevelopment of the Railway Arms in Lower Sheering, residents do have a distance to travel to vote at Sheering Village Hall. I do understand that options locally for premises are difficult however, and to date there has been no alternative solution presented: and
- (2) A similar situation occurs in the Riverside Ward and whilst St Giles Church is a suitable venue, the alternative location used in 2018 would now be suitable.

The Council should also consider the likely impact of developments proposed under your local plan to the south, east and west of Harlow. Clearly during the next review window some developments will have commenced and in the longer term Polling Station provision in these areas may not be sufficient or accessible.

I can confirm that your statutory notice has been placed on display at our offices as requested.

Yours Sincerely



Brian Keane
Managing Director

