

Review of Polling District and Polling Places 2023-25

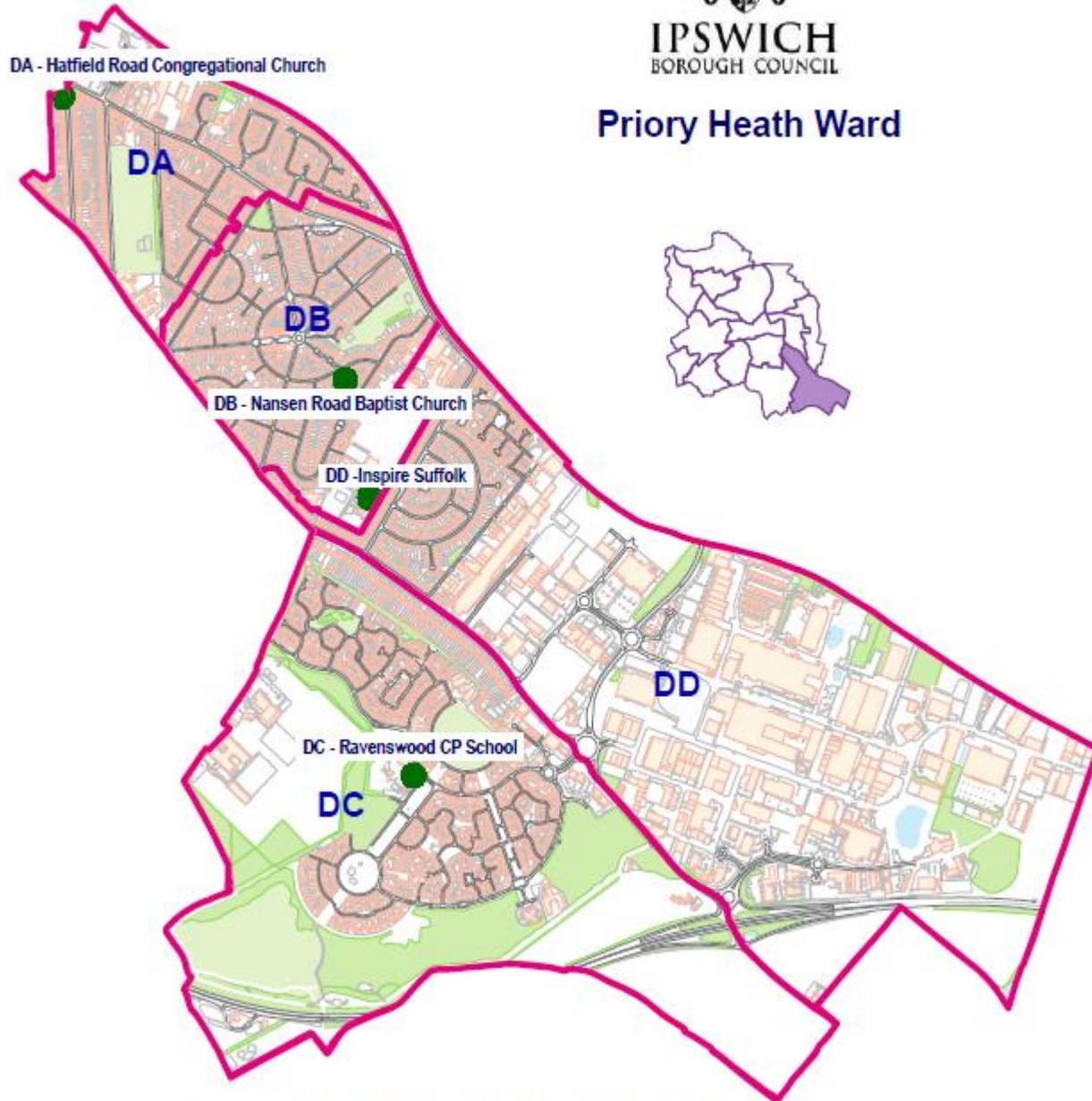
Proposed Changes

| No. | Ward | Polling District(s) | Issue | Proposed Change | Impact |
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| 1 | Priory Heath | DC | The Ravenswood estate is a distinct geographical entity. The total number of Ravenswood electors allocated to this polling station has almost exceeded the Electoral Commission's recommended maximum quantity of 2,500, due to residential building development within the polling district. | For the existing polling place (the Community Room in Ravenswood Primary School) to become a "double" polling place i.e. for 2 separate polling stations to operate from within the same room. To plan for opening this second polling station as and when required within the next five years, as the population of Ravenswood increases. | This will ease the pressure on the existing single polling station by reducing the number of allocated electors, in turn reducing the potential for long queues when turnout is high for certain types of elections e.g. UK Parliamentary general elections. This will retain the polling place on the Ravenswood estate without electors having to leave the estate to vote. |
| 2 | Stoke Park | IA | Due to no public or community buildings existing within this polling district, there is no permanent building to use as a polling place. This has resulted in a temporary mobile unit with limited facilities for electors being used. The Returning Officer is committed to moving away from using inadequate and costly mobile units. | Option 1 – remain with current mobile unit, but consider placing it in a more accessible location within the polling district. Option 2 – to use the existing polling place in polling district IB (Willows Childrens Centre) which would become a "triple" polling place. It already has two polling stations, for polling districts IB and ID respectively. | Option 1 – little improvement to the current facilities or costs. Option 2 - improved and permanent facilities for the elector in an established polling place. A slightly further distance for electors to walk / travel to this proposed venue – up to 0.8 miles. |
| 3 | Whitton | KA & KC | To accommodate the growth of the Henley Gate phase of the new northern suburb development, new electors which are currently being allocated to the existing polling places in KA or KC will eventually need a new polling place closer to their property. The quantity of electors will significantly increase too. | To use the community centre currently being built on the development, once it becomes available within the next five years, as the allocated polling place for Henley Gate electors. | This will ease the pressure on the existing polling places and will be more accessible for electors living within the development. |



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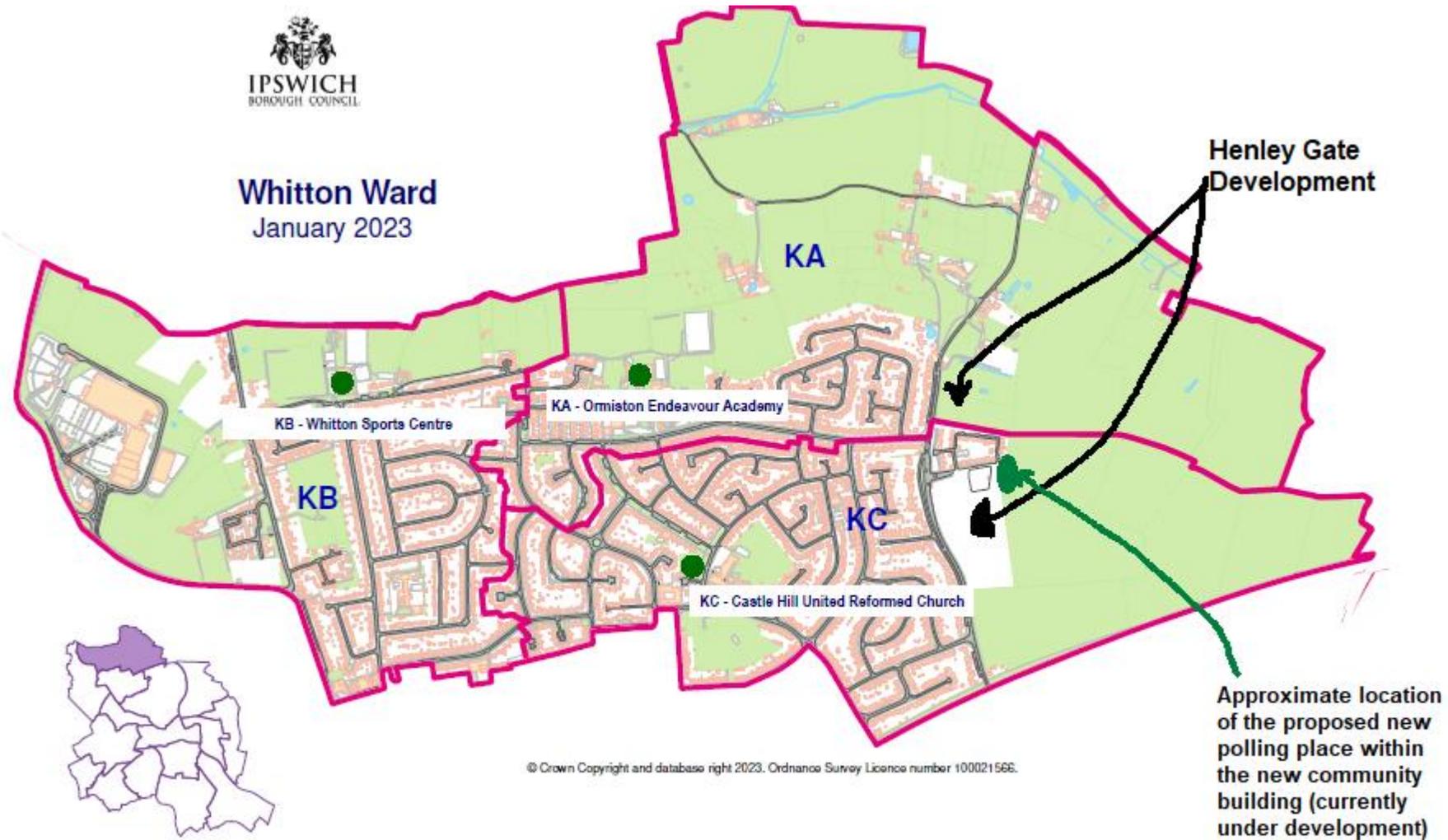


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