

Much as I appreciate the complexities in operating polling stations whilst maintaining social distancing during this pandemic, I must strongly object to your decision to reduce the number of polling stations in my division from 6 to 2. I fail to see how such a reduction would make the stations safer as there would be a much higher footfall and queuing at the remaining 2. Certainly squeezing 6400 electors into the Angmering Community Centre, even with a 30-40% turnout will be a challenge.

In particular, the 1650ish electors of Findon would have an 8 – 10 mile round trip to Clapham & Patching Village Hall. Findon is not a small village or hamlet, it is an area with a significant proportion of elderly residents, many no longer drive and there is NO public transport from Findon to Clapham. They don't like the idea of postal votes and much prefer to execute their democratic rights in person at the polling booth as is their right. This decision disenfranchises the residents of Findon living in a rural area from exercising their democratic rights.

Please re-consider your decision.