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Polling place / polling station – evaluation checklist

Part A – Current polling place details	
Polling place identifier	Edith Weston Village Hall
Polling place name	Edith Weston Village Hall
Polling place address	Edith Weston Village Hall, Rectory Lane, Edith Weston, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 8HE
Number of electors (If more than one polling station within the polling place, identify split of electors)	576
Building availability for future elections / referendums	Yes

Polling place review		
Check	√	Comment
• Are there suitable transport links?	√	Yes, by road
• Are there any access issues regarding main/busy roads, railways, rivers, etc.?	√	No
• Is the polling place capable of accommodating more than one polling station together with the necessary staff and equipment? If so, could it accommodate all allocated voters going in and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?	√	Yes, but only one station required here. See Picture 1.
• Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections?	√	Yes
• Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development?	√	No

Identify any complaints/comments received from stakeholders at previous electoral events

Recommended for continued use.

Part B – External areas access and facilities

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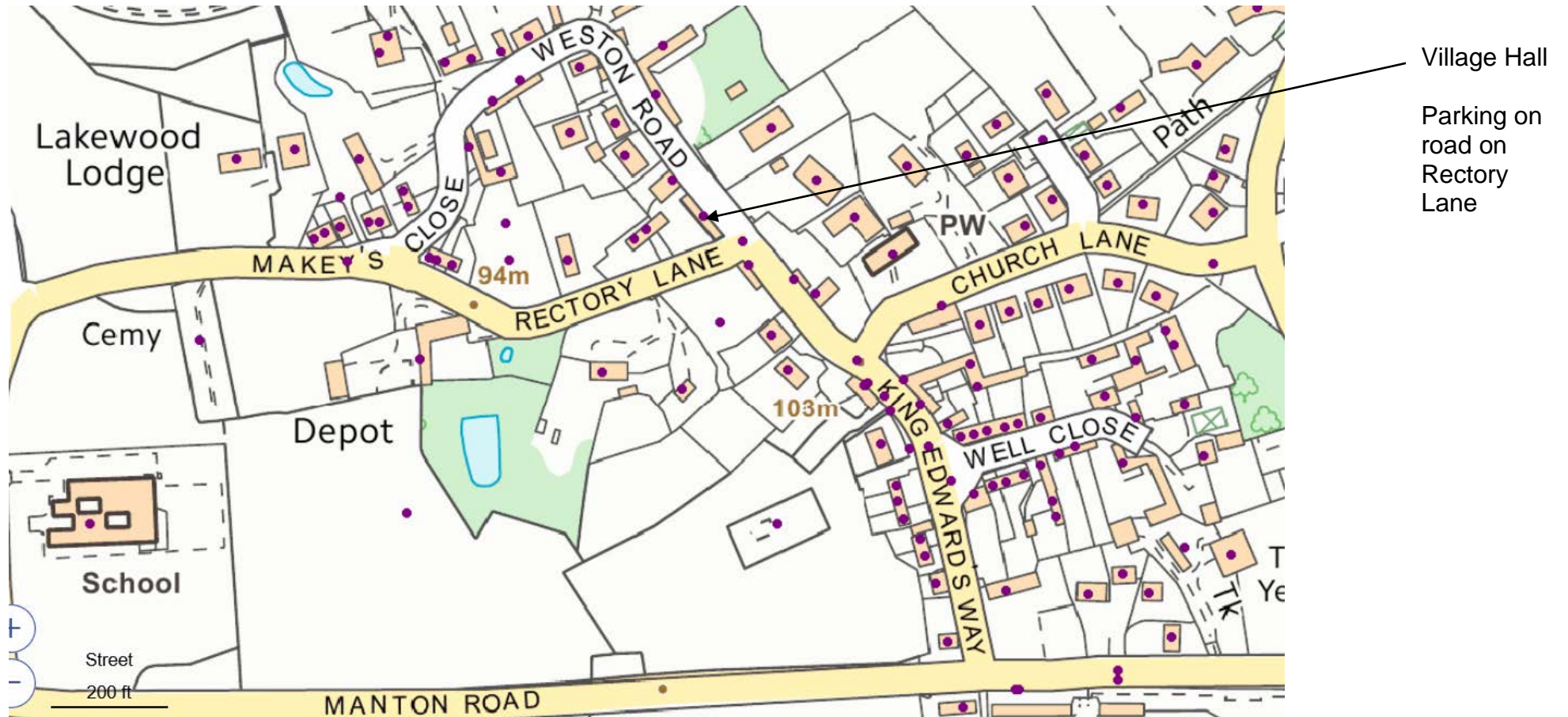
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Check	(√)	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there good public transport links to the polling place? 	√	Yes, by road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the approach to the building safe and free from obstructions and does it have a dropped kerb? 	√	Yes, see picture 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the building clearly identifiable? 	√	Yes, see picture 3
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is additional signage required between street and entrance? 	√	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there the facility to put up the required signage for polling day? 	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there parking facilities for disabled people? 	√	Yes, on road parking outside station on Rectory Lane
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there parking facilities for polling staff? 	√	As above
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the approach to the building have external lighting? 	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Does the building have level access? Yes/No. If no – Has a purpose built ramp been installed? If so, does it have a handrail? Does the ramp have a gentle slope? Does the building require a temporary ramp or is there an alternative disabled access? 	√	Yes, see picture 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the entrance door wide enough for a disabled person using a motorised wheelchair? 	√	Yes, see picture 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are the doors light enough for frail/elderly voters to open? 	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can the 'Guidance for voters' notice be clearly displayed outside the premises, as required by the election rules? 	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there any external security concerns? 	√	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can tellers be accommodated outside the building? 	√	Yes

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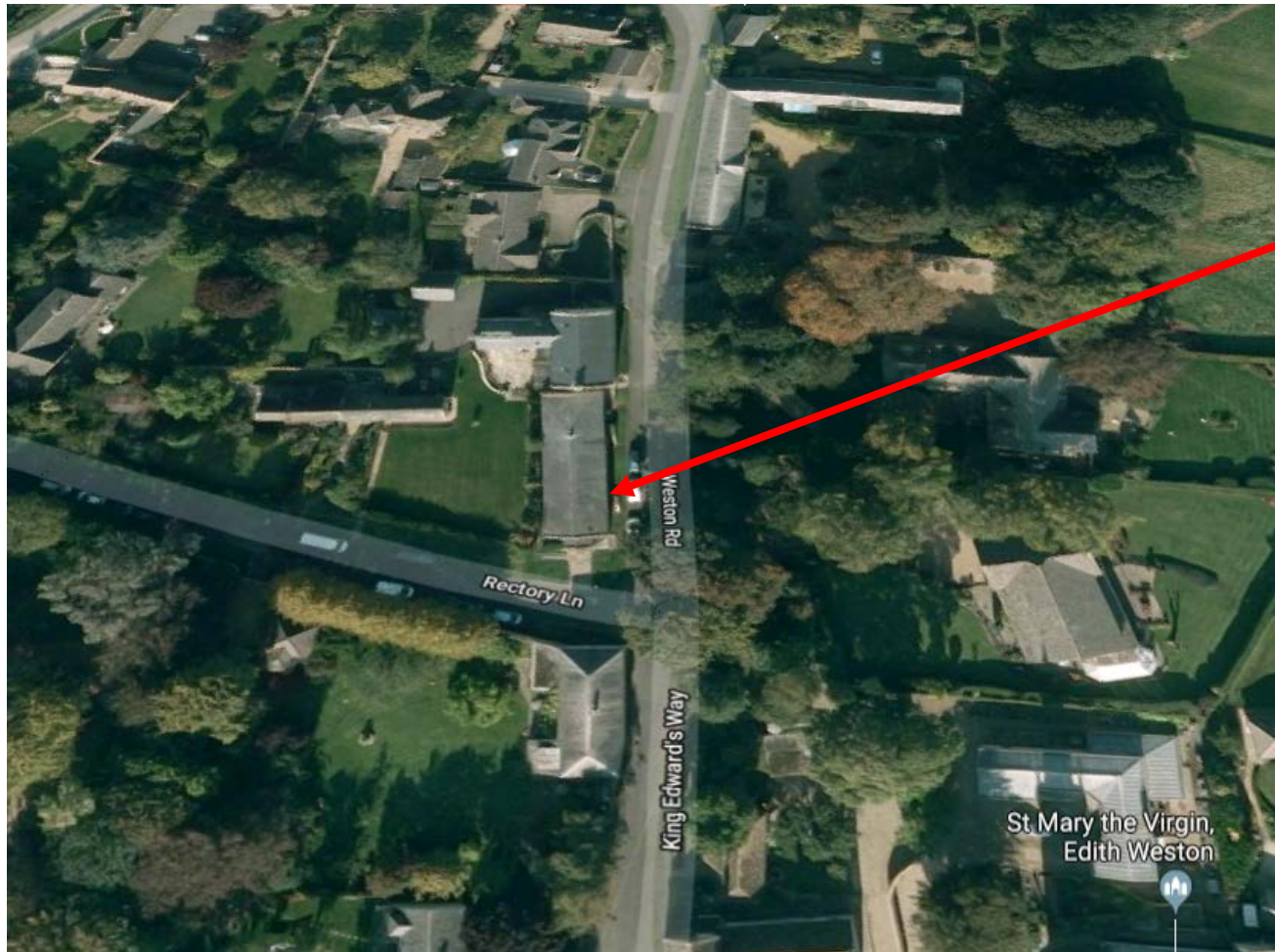
External plan – B1 – Edith Weston Village Hall



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Edith Weston Village Hall – Satellite view



Village Hall

Parking on
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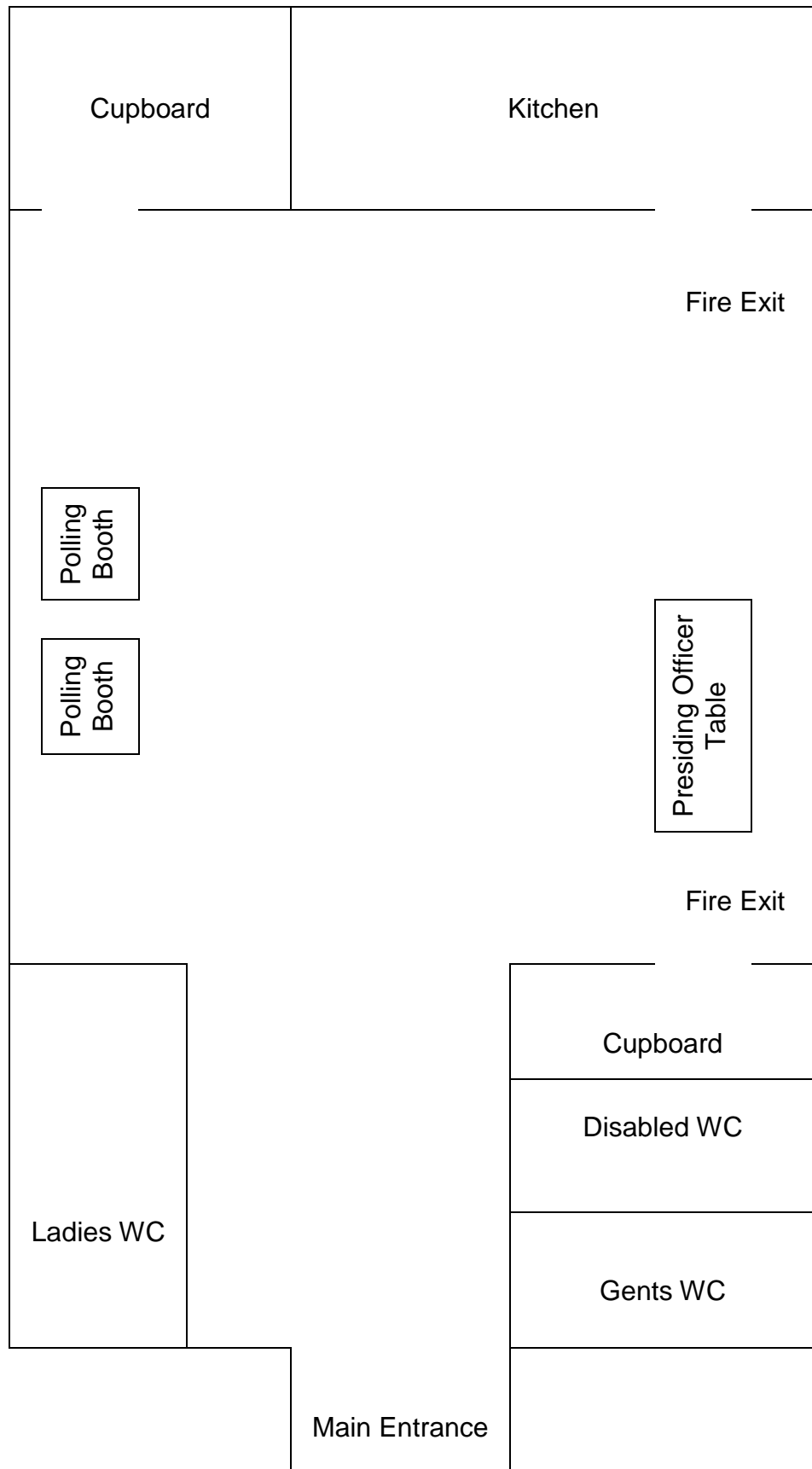
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Part C – Internal areas access and facilities		
Check	(√)	Comments
• Are all doors easy to open (including by wheelchair users) or do they need to be permanently locked back?	√	Yes
• Are there any internal steps or obstructions/hazards?	√	No
• Are any doormats level with the floor?	√	Yes
• Is the floor covering non-slip (including in wet weather)?	√	Wooden floor
• Are there any corridors that may cause access problems?	√	No
• Is there adequate lighting in the corridors?	√	Yes
• Are there toilet facilities?	√	Yes, see pictures 5 and 6
• Is there a kitchen that staff can use?	√	Yes see pictures 7 and 8
• Is the area adequately lit for day and night time?	√	Yes
• Is there adequate space for signage?	√	Yes
• How many polling stations can the building accommodate?	√	Two but only one required.
• Does the building have a telephone available (land line) in the event of mobile network problems?	√	No, presiding officer will require a mobile telephone.

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Internal access leading to polling station(s) – C1



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Part D – The polling station(s)		
Check	(√)	Comments
• Is there sufficient space to accommodate and manage the flow of a high volume of electors in the case of a high turnout of electors?	√	Yes, see pictures 1 and 9
• If multiple polling stations need to be provided, are there other rooms available, or can the space be clearly divided to provide adequate room for more than one polling station?	√	No just main hall but it would be large enough to accommodate two stations.
• Is there sufficient space inside the polling station to comfortably accommodate staff, voters, polling agents and observers?	√	Yes
• Could ballot booths be positioned in a way that would preserve the secrecy of the ballot, even where there may be a high volume of electors?	√	Yes
• Is there adequate lighting for day and night time?	√	Yes
• Is there suitable furniture (tables and chairs) available for all types of election for polling staff and for those voters who may need to rest?	√	Yes
• Could motorised wheelchairs be accommodated?	√	Yes
• Can the official notices be clearly displayed, including the large-print version of the ballot paper(s)?	√	Yes

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Pictures:



Picture 1 – Main Hall/Polling Station Area



Picture 2 – Level access from road



Picture 3 – External View



Picture 4 – Level access through main door

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Picture 5 – Toilet facilities



Picture 6 – Toilet facilities



Picture 7 – Kitchen facilities



Picture 8 – Kitchen facilities



Picture 9 – Main Hall area

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Part E – Comments from stakeholders during consultation

Comment	Name/organisation	Response by (A)RO

Additional comments from (A)RO