

Polling place / polling station – evaluation checklist

Part A – Current polling place details		
Polling place identifier	Seaton Village Hall	
Polling place name	Seaton Village Hall	
Polling place address	Seaton Village Hall 16 Main Street Seaton Oakham Rutland LE15 9HU	
Number of electors (If more than one polling station within the polling place, identify split of electors)	180	
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, two could be accommodated but only one required for electorate.
• 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
<p><i>Identify any complaints/comments received from stakeholders at previous electoral events</i> Recommended for continued use.</p>		

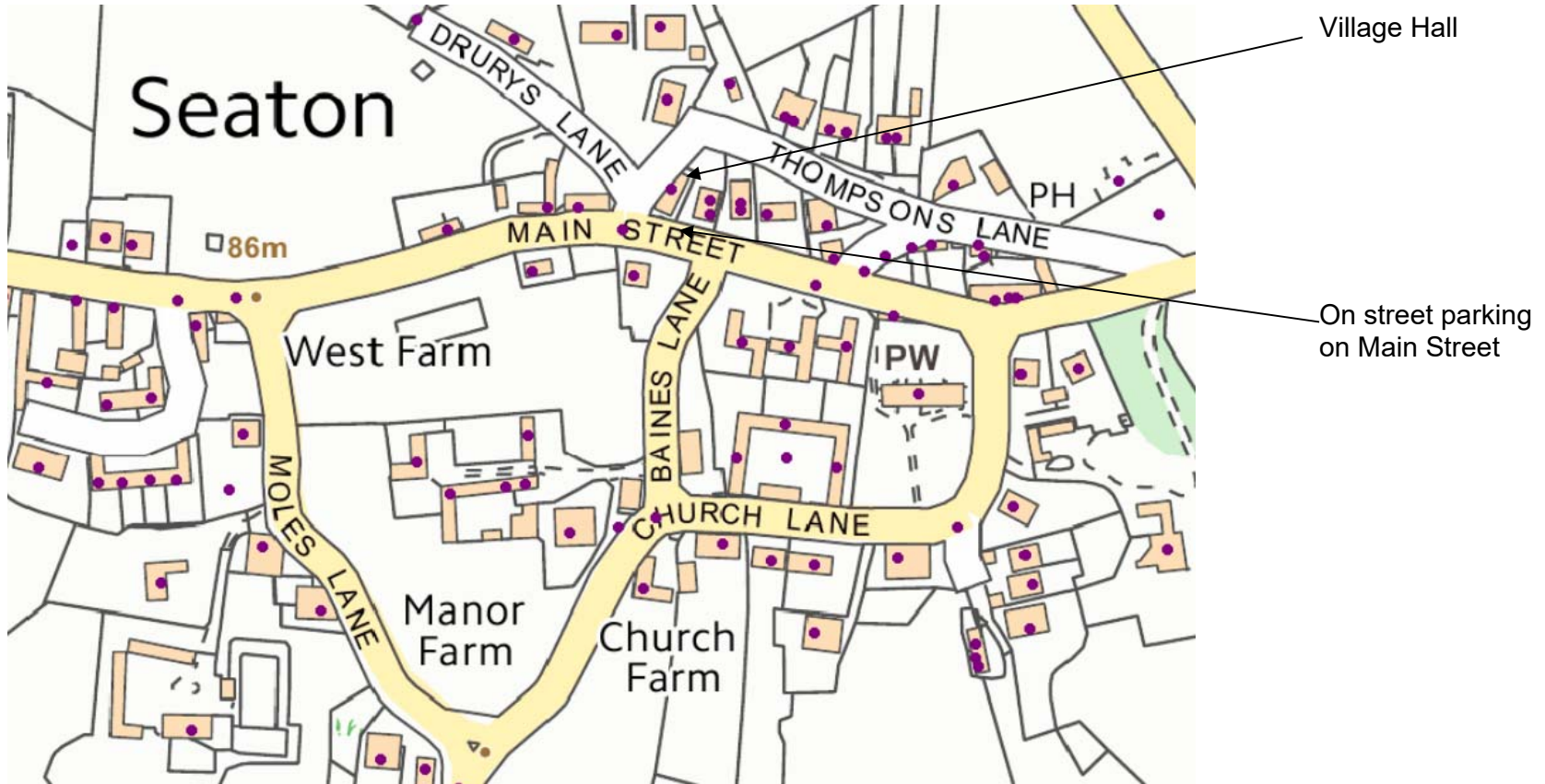
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Part B – External areas access and facilities		
Check	(√)	Comments
• Are there good public transport links to the polling place?	√	Yes, by road
• Is the approach to the building safe and free from obstructions and does it have a dropped kerb?	√	Yes, see picture 1
• Is the building clearly identifiable?	√	Yes, see picture 2
• Is additional signage required between street and entrance?	√	No
• Is there the facility to put up the required signage for polling day?	√	Yes
• Are there parking facilities for disabled people?	√	On roadside outside building, see picture 3
• Are there parking facilities for polling staff?	√	As above
• Does the approach to the building have external lighting?	√	Yes
• Does the building have level access? Yes/No. If no –	√	Yes, see pictures 1, 4, 5 and 6
• 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?		
• Is the entrance door wide enough for a disabled person using a motorised wheelchair?	√	Yes
• Are the doors light enough for frail/elderly voters to open?	√	Yes
• Can the 'Guidance for voters' notice be clearly displayed outside the premises, as required by the election rules?	√	Yes
• Are there any external security concerns?	√	No
• Can tellers be accommodated outside the building?	√	Yes
• Key safe	√	Situated under lamp on rear of left hand side of building behind front fascia – see diagram at C1

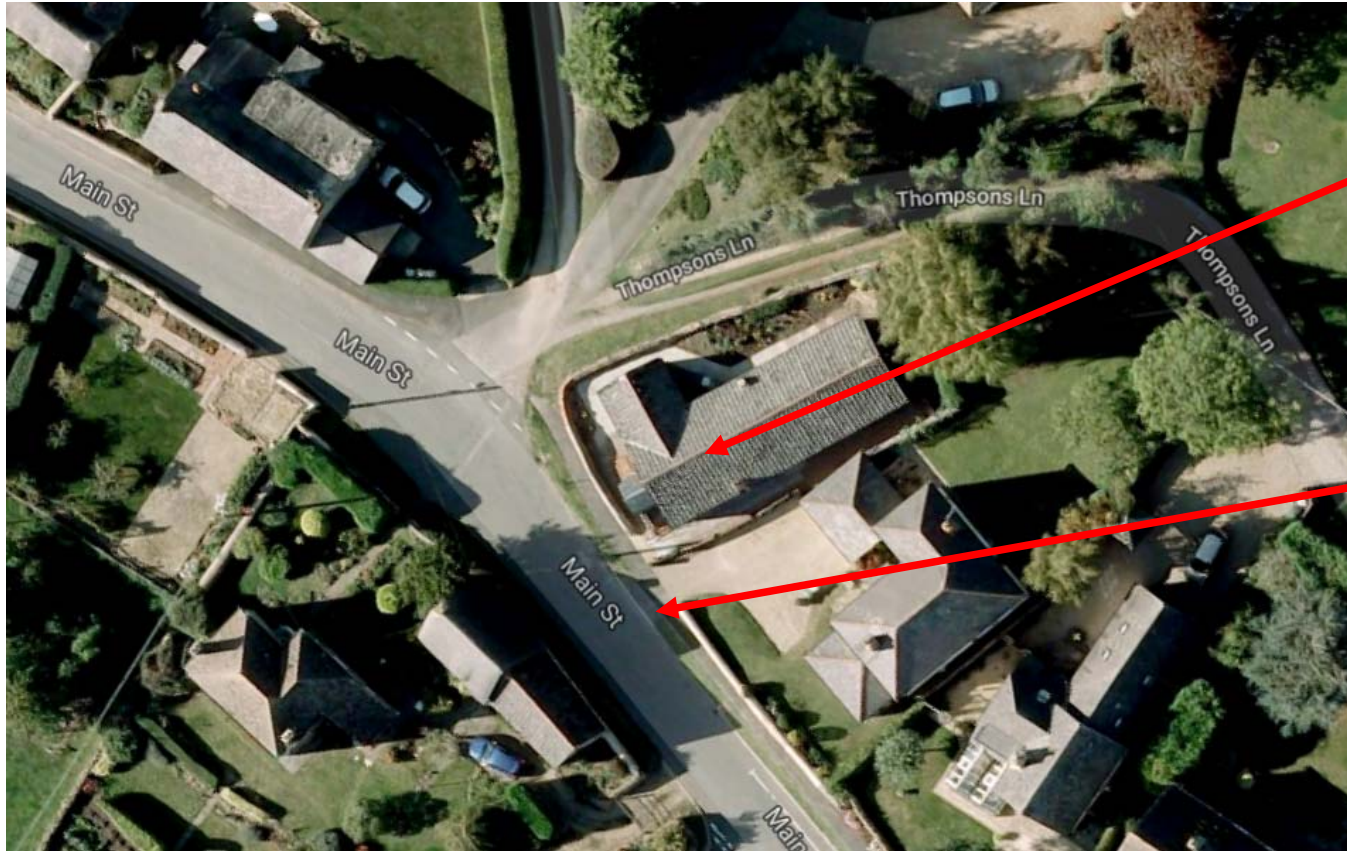
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External plan – B1



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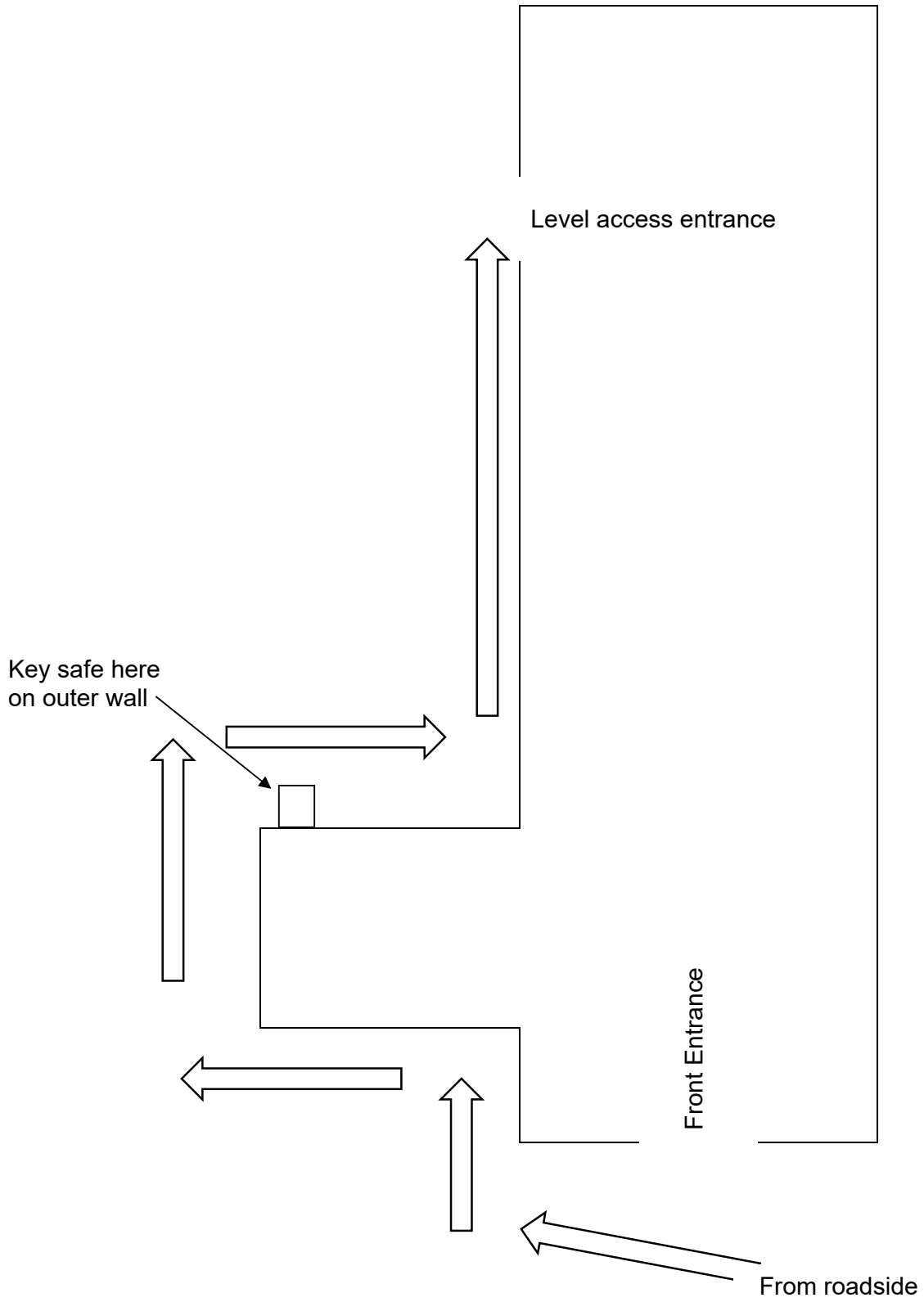
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On street parking
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Seaton Polling Station - Entrances



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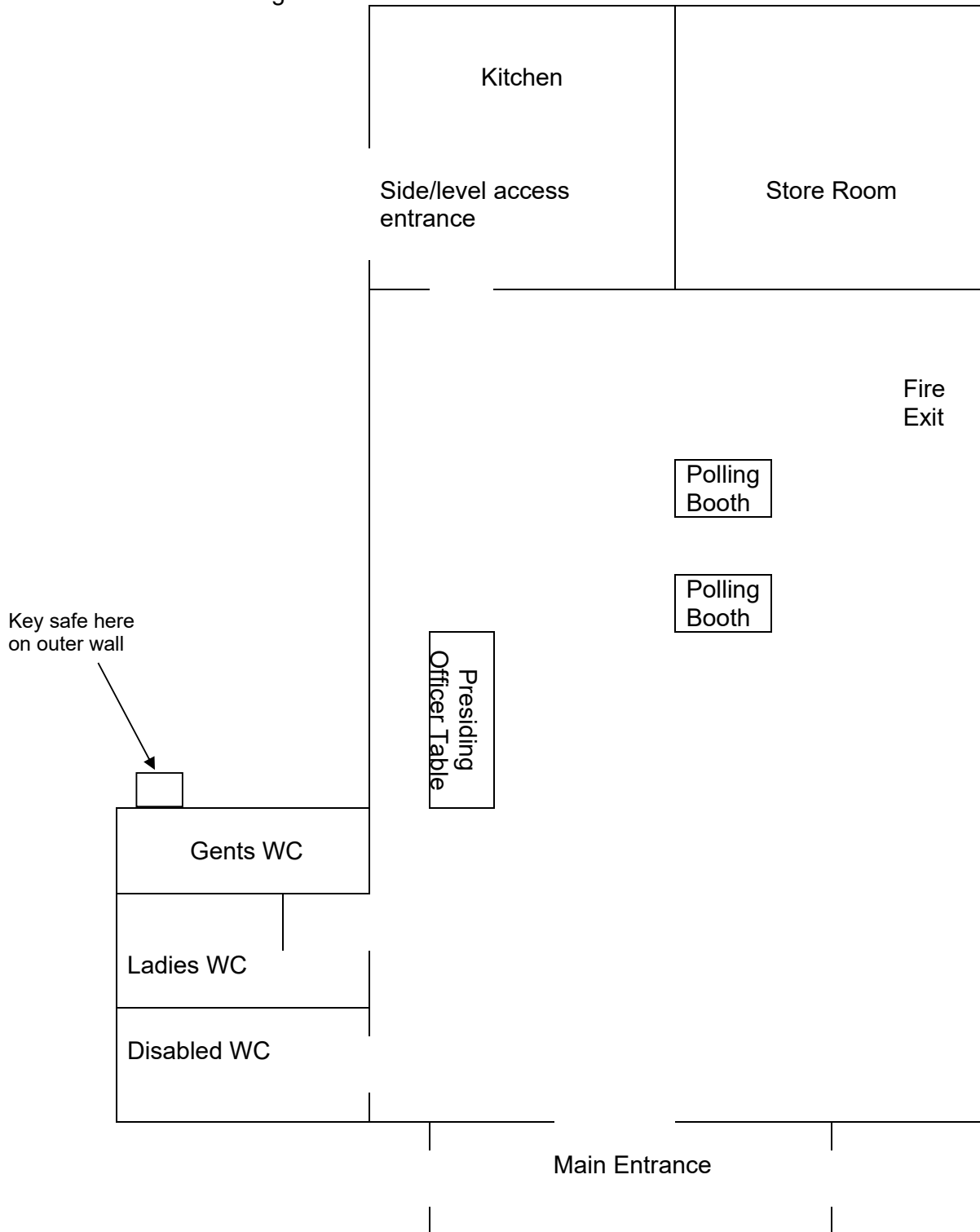
Part C – Internal areas access and facilities		
Check	(√)	Comments
• Are all doors easy to open (including by wheelchair users) or do they need to be permanently locked back?	√	Yes
• Are there any internal steps or obstructions/hazards?	√	No
• Are any doormats level with the floor?	√	Yes
• Is the floor 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 picture 7
• Is there a kitchen that staff can use?	√	Yes, see pictures 8 and 9
• 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 for current electorate, see pictures 10 and 11
• Does the building have a telephone available (land line) in the event of mobile network problems?	√	No, presiding officer will require mobile phone

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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
• 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?	√	Just one hall but large enough to be divided if required.
• 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 – Level access to left of steps from dropped kerb



Picture 2 – External view



Picture 3 – Roadside parking



Picture 4 – Level access round side of building

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Picture 5 – Level access round side of building



Picture 6 – Level access round side of building



Picture 7 – Toilets facilities



Picture 8 – Kitchen facilities



Picture 9 – Kitchen facilities



Picture 10 – Main Hall area

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Picture 11 – 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