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Polling place / polling station – evaluation checklist

Part A – Current polling place details	
Polling place identifier	Whissendine Memorial Hall
Polling place name	Whissendine Memorial Hall
Polling place address	40 Main Street Whissendine Oakham Rutland LE15 7ER
Number of electors (If more than one polling station within the polling place, identify split of electors)	1074
Building availability for future elections/referendums	

Polling place review		
Check	√	Comment
• Are there suitable transport links?	√	Good road access and bus stop outside of White Lion Public House next door.
• Are there any access issues regarding main/busy roads, railways, rivers, etc.?	√	None
• 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?	√	Could accommodate 2 polling stations in the main hall or one in the main hall and one in the side room but access would be through the main hall.
• 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

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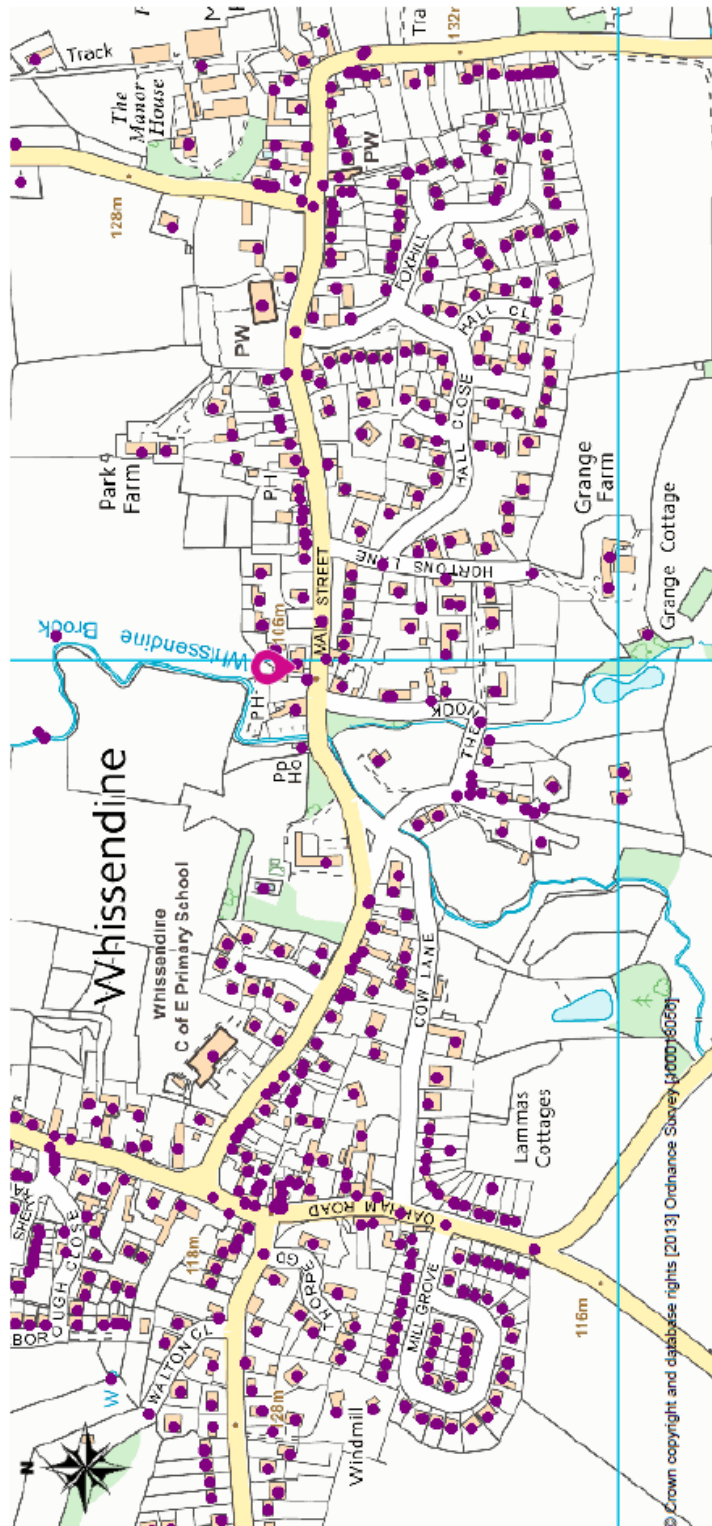
Part B – External areas access and facilities		
Check	(√)	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there good public transport links to the polling place? 	√	Good road access and bus stop outside of White Lion Public House next door. Bus services No's 29, 47, 184, 185, RF1
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the approach to the building safe and free from obstructions and does it have a dropped kerb? 	√	Yes, dropped kerb from above entrance path.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the building clearly identifiable? 	√	Yes
<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, but also parking available for short periods in pub next door – would need to notify them in advance of event.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Are there parking facilities for polling staff? 	√	Yes, in pub car park, by arrangement in advance.
<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? 	√	Flat level path with gentle slope up to building with handrail. See Pictures 1 & 2
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the entrance door wide enough for a disabled person using a motorised wheelchair? 	√	Yes
<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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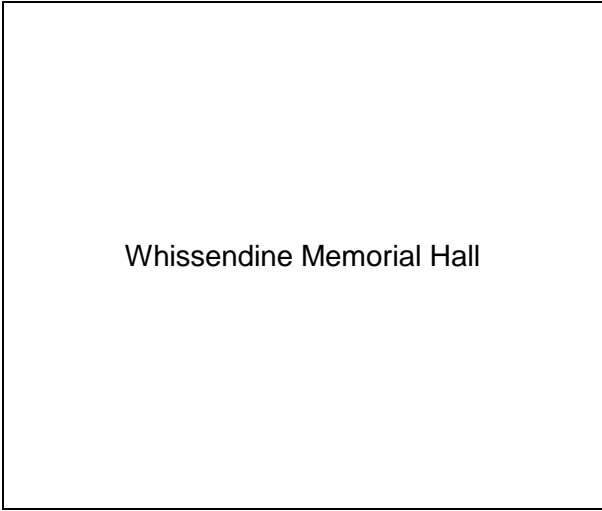
External plan – B1

Show external layout, street name(s), car parking (including disabled car parking), ramps, steps, lighting, appropriate places for signage, etc.



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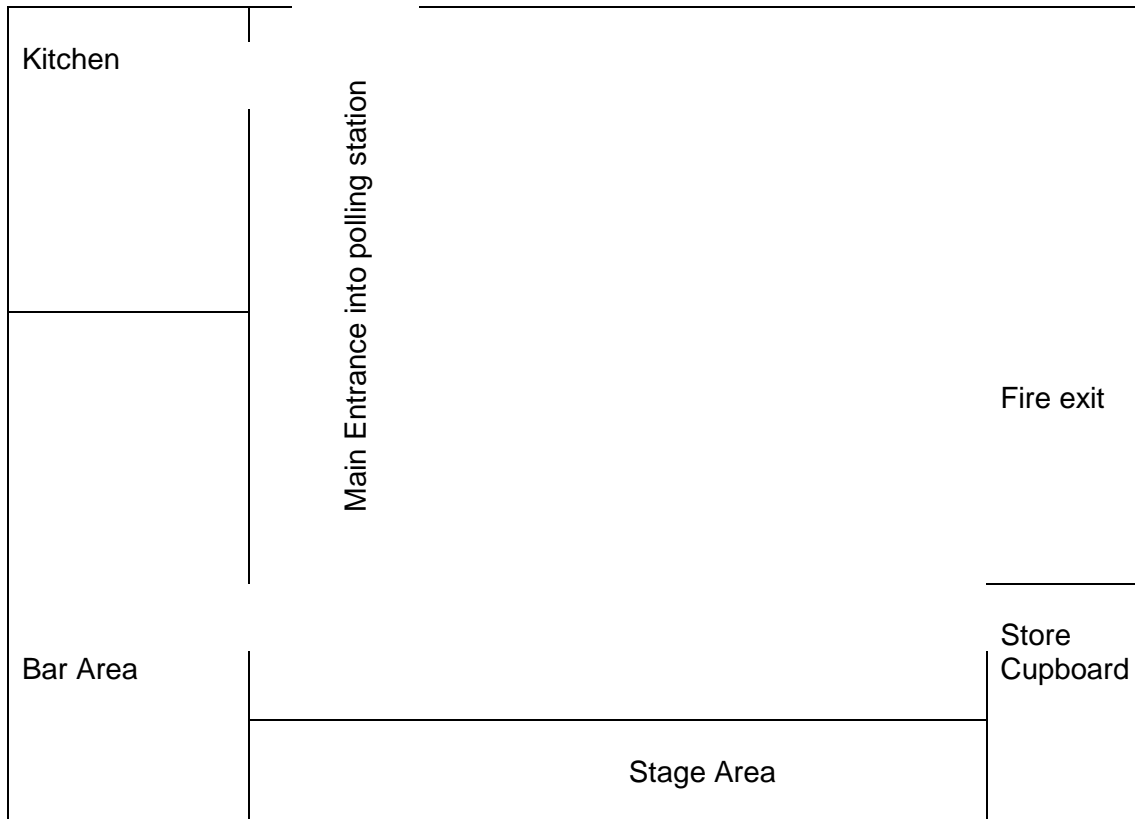
Part C – Internal areas access and facilities		
Check	(√)	Comments
• Are all doors easy to open (including by wheelchair users) or do they need to be permanently locked back?	√	Yes
• Are there any internal steps or obstructions/hazards?	√	None
• Are any doormats level with the floor?	√	Yes
• Is the floor covering non-slip (including in wet weather)?	√	Yes through corridor, main hall area has wooden floor.
• Are there any corridors that may cause access problems?	√	No
• Is there adequate lighting in the corridors?	√	Yes
• Are there toilet facilities?	√	Gents, Ladies and disabled
• Is there a kitchen that staff can use?	√	Yes - see Pictures 3 & 4
• 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?	√	2
• Does the building have a telephone available (land line) in the event of mobile network problems?	√	Mobile reception quite good and landline can be made available if arranged in advance with pre-school group – will supply number for incoming call only/emergency out only.

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Internal access leading to polling station(s) – C1

Show internal areas of the building, excluding the actual polling station where voting will take place, including corridors that link to the polling station, kitchen and toilets, and highlight any possible signage requirements and potential hazards. Also indicate door swing direction and ease of opening, any areas of poor lighting, and any areas of uneven floor, etc.



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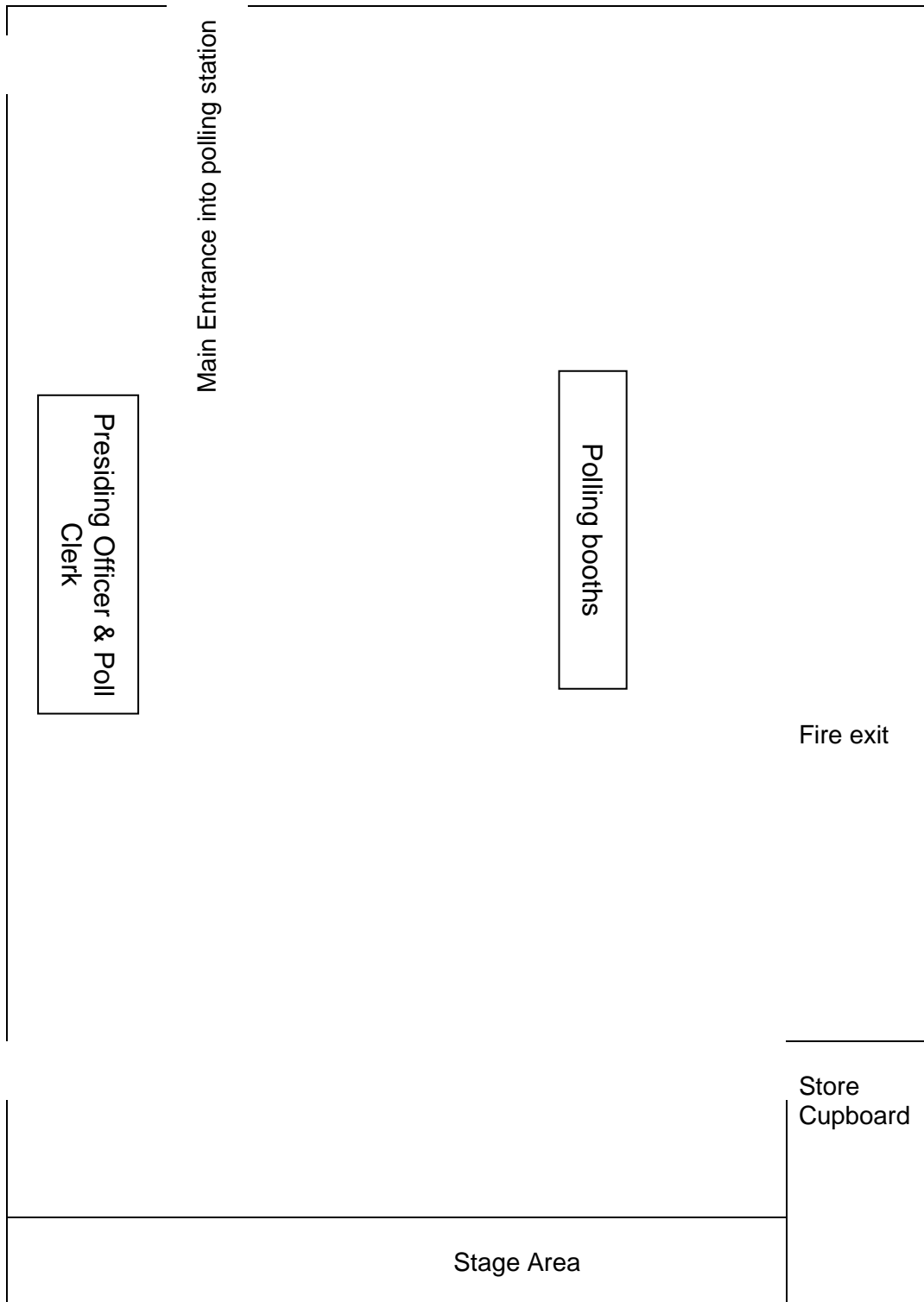
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Part D – The polling station(s)		
Check	(√)	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is there sufficient space to accommodate and manage the flow of a high volume of electors in the case of a high turnout of electors?	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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?	√	Could use main hall for two or one in main hall and one in bar area but would need to be accessed from main hall. See pictures 5, 6 & 7
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is there sufficient space inside the polling station to comfortably accommodate staff, voters, polling agents and observers?	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Is there adequate lighting for day and night time?	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">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
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Could motorised wheelchairs be accommodated?	√	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Can the official notices be clearly displayed, including the large-print version of the ballot paper(s)?	√	Yes

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Internal – The polling station(s) – D1



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Pictures:



Picture 1 – Path to entrance showing ramp and handrail



Picture 2 – Entrance



Picture 3 – Kitchen



Picture 4 – Kitchen



Picture 5 – Main Hall



Picture 6 – Main Hall

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Picture 7 – Side Room (showing fire exit)

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Part E – Comments from stakeholders during consultation

Comment	Name/organisation	Response by (A)RO

Additional comments from (A)RO