

EXECUTIVE

Date: Tuesday 17 January 2017

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

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Membership -

Councillors Edwards (Chair), Bialyk, Bull, Denham, Hannaford, Leadbetter, Morse, Owen, Pearson and Sutton

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence from Committee members.

2 Declarations of Interest

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3 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of any of the items on the agenda, but if it should wish to do so, the following resolution should be passed:-

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the particular item(s) on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act.

4 The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Exeter City Council Area

To consider the report of the Corporate Manager and Democratic Support.

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Date of Next Meeting

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REPORT TO: EXECUTIVE AND COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: Special Executive – 17 January 2017

Report of: Corporate Manager, Democratic & Civic Support

Title: The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Exeter City Council Area

Is this a Key Decision?

No

Is this an Executive or Council Function?

Council

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1 This report sets out for consideration by the Executive, proposals for new Parliamentary polling district and polling places arrangements recommended as a result of the Local Government Boundary Commission's final recommendations regarding new electoral arrangements in the Devon County Council Divisions within the Exeter City Council area.

2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 To adopt the proposals as set out at paragraphs (8.4 – 8.13) for implementation from a revised register of electors to be published on 1 February 2017.
- 2.2 For the Council to formally publish its final report on the Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Places within the Exeter Constituency by 27 January 2017, as required by the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983).
- 2.3 For the Council to complete a further review by 31 January 2020, as required by the RPA1983; or as necessary, in relation to the 2018 Review of Parliamentary Constituencies.

3. Reasons for the recommendation:

- 3.1 Following the publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's Final Recommendations regarding electoral arrangements for Devon County Council, the number of Devon County Council Divisions within the Exeter City Council area has remained at nine. These new Divisions no longer retain coterminous boundaries with all Exeter City Council Ward boundaries and therefore a review of polling districts and polling places is necessary. (This review is technically a review of the Parliamentary polling district boundaries, which are then used for Local Government elections). The RPA 1983 sets out a framework for Councils to follow in conducting a review.
- 3.2 The new DCC Division arrangements will be introduced from the full Devon County Council elections due to be held on 4 May 2017. In order to facilitate these elections, a re-publication of the electoral register for Exeter, reflecting the new polling district arrangements, will be undertaken on 1 February 2017.
- 4. What are the resource implications including non-financial resources.**
- 4.1 There would be some officer time involved in redrawing the appropriate polling district boundaries to match the proposals contained within this report. This can be contained within existing resources.

4.2 There would be no significant change in the costs of running polling stations if the proposals were adopted.

5. Section 151 Officer Comments:

5.1 There are no financial implications contained within this report.

6. What are the legal aspects?

6.1 The Council is obliged to meet the requirements of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18A- 18D) and The Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2016.

7. Monitoring Officer's comments:

7.1 This report raises no issues for the Monitoring Officer.

8. Report details:

8.1 A public consultation exercise on the proposed polling places, was carried out between 19 September and 21 October 2016. Additionally, all Exeter City and Devon County Councillors (representing the Exeter electoral divisions), political parties and other stakeholders such as disability charities were contacted. (See list at Appendix A). Reference was also made on the Council's website and social media outlets, raising the public's awareness of the consultation process, and seeking any views thereon. Further opportunity to comment on the proposals put forward by the Acting Returning Officers for the Exeter Parliamentary Constituency and the part of the East Devon Parliamentary Constituency which falls within Exeter City Council, was available until 31 October 2016.

8.2 Although the City Council Wards were changed in May 2016, the Local Government Boundary Commission of England carried out a review of Devon County Divisions virtually simultaneously with the ECC review, for implementation one year later. The timing of the reviews and the reduction of City Council wards from 18 to 13 has meant that the previous practice of having County Divisions constructed from pairs of complete City Wards, has not been perpetuated. This will mean that specific registers will be necessary to administer County elections. However, it is intended that electors will not have to go to different polling stations for County elections because ballot papers for the relevant Divisions will be made available in their usual polling station.

8.3 Due to its urban nature, to afford the maximum flexibility in selecting polling stations (particularly if required at short notice), Exeter City Council has always defined its polling places as being coterminous with its polling district boundaries. The only exception to this rule being where the polling station may be located just outside of the ward boundary. It is recommended that this practice be continued. The new polling districts and places will be coterminous with arrangements for the existing Exeter Parliamentary Constituency and the part of the East Devon Parliamentary Constituency contained within the Exeter City Council Boundary.

The (Acting) Returning Officer has, for a number of years, employed the principle of avoiding the use of schools as polling stations, although this is not always possible where there is a lack of suitable alternative accommodation. It is recommended that this practice be continued, although it should be noted that at the moment, due to the lack of suitable alternative accommodation, the number of schools to be used as polling stations will actually increase to 13 from 10 (from a total of 56 polling station venues).

Whilst this is regrettable, every effort will be made to reduce this number if practically possible. It should be further noted that whilst the Returning Officer has a statutory right to use a school as a polling station, it is a decision for the school itself as to whether this use can be facilitated whilst the school is in operation. (Eighty percent of schools are able to remain open).

8.4 Alphington and Cowick Division(See Map 1)

To consist of 7 polling districts AA, AB, AC, AD, MB, MC and MD.

8.5 Duryard and Pennsylvania Division (See Map 2)

To consist of 5 polling districts GA, GB, BA, BB and BC. *(GA to include the area of Sylvania Community Hall. GB to include the area of St. James Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road).*

8.6 Exwick and St Thomas Division (Map 3)

To consist of 6 polling districts CA, CB, CC, CD, MA and ME.

8.7 Heavitree and Whipton Barton Division (Map 4)

To consist of 8 polling districts DA, DB, DD, DE, ED, HD, JDA (as part of JD polling district) and LD. *(DA to include the area of SW Baptist Assoc. HQ, Wonford Street. HD to include the area of St. Luke's Sports and Science College, Harts Lane).*

8.8 Pinhoe and Mincinglake Division (Map 5)

To consist of 6 polling districts EA, EB, EC, HA, HB and HC.

8.9 St. David's and Haven Banks Division (Map 6)

To consist of 8 polling districts FA, FB (including FBA), FC, KA, KBA (as part of KB) KC, KD and KE.

8.10 St. Sidwell's and St. James Division (Map 7)

To consist of 6 polling districts BD, DC, FD, FE, GC and GD. *(FE to include the area of Belmont Bowling Club, Blackboy Road)*

8.11 Wearside and Topsham Division (Map 8)

To consist of 8 polling districts FBA (as part of FB) JA (including JAA), JB, KB (including KBA), NA, NB, NC and ND

8.12 Wonford and St. Loye's(Map 9)

To consist of 5 polling districts JAA (as part of JA), JC, JD (including JDA), LA, LB and LC

8.13 General Notes

Due to the lack of coterminous boundaries in certain parts of the City, as referred to at 8.2 above, the following registers will continue to vote at their existing polling station but receive ballot papers for their appropriate County Division. This method will apply for Devon County Council elections only.

- a) Register JDA (which is within Heavitree & Whipton Barton Division) will vote at Wonford Methodist Church (which is within Wonford & St. Loye's Division).
- b) Register FBA (which is within Wearside & Topsham Division) will vote at St. Leonard's Church Centre (which is within St. David's & Haven Banks Division).
- c) Register KBA (which is within St. David's & Haven Banks Division) will vote at Abbeville Close (which is within Wearside & Topsham Division).
- d) Register JAA (which is within Wonford & St. Loye's Division) will vote at Bishop Grandisson Community Room (which is within Wearside & Topsham Division)

8.14 Whilst this practice is not common within the City, it is felt that the relatively small mainly administrative issues this raises, outweighs the potential inconvenience and confusion to the electors themselves. This practice is used elsewhere in the County and is supported by the Returning Officer of Devon County Council.

8.15 The issues raised in the submission received as part of the public consultation process (as attached as Appendix B), have been taken into account as far as practicably possible.

8.16 Bearing in mind the continuing availability of suitable accommodation, and taking on board comments received following recent elections as to the suitability of some of the polling stations, the opportunity has also been taken to review polling stations within the City. This has led to the following changes:

- a) St. Thomas Baptist Church, Dorset Avenue in place of Bowhill, Dunsford Road.
- b) Bowhill Primary School in place of Westside Youth Centre, Merrivale Road.
- c) Exeter Cricket Club, Prince of Wales Road, in place of Community Room, York House, Longbrook Street.
- d) A new polling station at St. Luke's Sports and Science College, Harts Lane.

Members should be aware that the decision as to where a polling station is located, is the responsibility of the Returning Officer, who would take all the necessary details into account.

9. How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Plan?

9.1 By making polling districts and places coterminous, allows the (Acting) Returning Officer discretion to locate a Polling Station within that area which best meets the needs of the area and the electors within.

10. What risks are there and how can they be reduced?

10.1 There are no risks associated with the proposals.

11. What is the impact of the decision on equality and diversity; health and wellbeing; safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults, community safety and the environment?

11.1 Ensuring that polling stations are as accessible as possible (within the constraints of the buildings available and the topography of the City), positively impacts on equality issues especially for the disabled elector. The use of schools as polling stations has been raised as a potential safeguarding issue. The Returning Officer works with the schools themselves to minimise any such risk, mainly through the use of facilities on site which, in the majority of cases, allows the school to remain open to pupils on polling day. As stated elsewhere in this report, the closure of a school on polling day, ultimately lies with the schools themselves.

12. Are there any other options?

12.1 There are no other options currently available and a further review is likely within two years, due to the review of Parliamentary Constituencies, which are to be published in 2018.

12.2 The number of polling stations in the City allows for efficient running of all types of elections, and also for ease of access to them for the City's electors.

John Street

Corporate Manager, Democratic & Civic Support and Returning Officer

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1972 (as amended)

Background papers used in compiling this report:-

Correspondence received from consultation exercise

Contact for enquires: Democratic Services (Committees), Room 2.3, 01392 265275



EXETER CITY COUNCIL

Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Exeter City Council in pursuance of the powers conferred upon it by sections 18A to 18E of the Representation of the People Act 1983 shall undertake a review of the parliamentary polling districts and parliamentary polling places within its area.

This review follows the publication of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's final recommendations regarding electoral arrangements for Exeter City Council.

The consultation period for this review will commence on the **Monday, 19 September 2016** and end on **Friday, 21 October 2016**.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a representation in respect of the arrangement of polling districts and polling places within the boundary of Exeter City Council; must write to: Mr. Jeff Chalk, Polling District Review, Electoral Services Office, Exeter City Council, Paris Street, EXETER EX1 1JN or electoral.services@exeter.gov.uk by 21 October 2016.

The Council would welcome any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to comment on the Acting Returning Officer's representations or on any other matter. Any comments should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling stations

This review will require submissions to be made by the Acting Returning Officers for the Exeter Constituency and the part of the East Devon Constituency within the Exeter City Council authority area. These submissions will be published and available for inspection at Civic Centre, Paris Street, Exeter EX1 1JN and at www.exeter.gov.uk by 21 October 2016.

The closing date for comments on any proposals set out in the Acting Returning Officers' submissions is 31 October 2016. The Council will then consider the Acting Returning Officer's recommendations together with any other representations made.

All submissions, correspondence, minutes and decisions relating to the review will be made public on the Council's website as the review progresses. It is intended that the Council will publish its final proposals during December 2016.

Karime Hassan
Chief Executive & Growth Director
19 September 2016

EXETER CITY COUNCIL REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES/STATIONS 2016

INFORMATION SHEET

General Information

1.1 The last full review of Parliamentary polling districts and places, was undertaken in 2015, following a review of electoral arrangements in Exeter carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) and completed in January 2016. However, a review of Devon County Council Division Boundaries finalised in January 2016 has meant that a further review of polling districts is necessary.

- The final recommendations of the LGBCE have maintained the number of Devon County Council Divisions within Exeter City Council at nine, as single member divisions. These new Divisions will take effect from the elections to be held on 4 May 2017.
- The current Division arrangements consist of two City Council wards paired together to make a coterminous County Division. This convenient arrangement is not reflected under the new boundaries. It is therefore probable that different polling station arrangements will apply when running a County Council election.
- A review of Parliamentary constituencies will also be undertaken in time for the next Parliamentary General election in May 2020. The current constituencies will remain in place until then.
- The Parliamentary polling districts and places are replicated for local government elections.
- The final decision on the situation of polling stations rests with the Returning Officer.
- A **polling district** is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area, i.e. a UK Parliamentary constituency, a European Parliamentary electoral region, a ward or an electoral division.
- A **polling place** is a geographical area in which a polling station is located. In Exeter polling places are the same as the polling district to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be.
- A **polling station** is the actual room or building where the process of voting takes place, and must be located within the polling place designated for the particular polling district. The Returning Officer for the particular election must provide a sufficient number of polling stations, and allot the electors to those polling stations in such manner as he or she thinks the most convenient.

List of Current Polling Stations by County Division

Register	Current County Division	Address
AA	Alphington & Cowick	St Andrew`s Church Hall, Alphington Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 8HP
AB	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington Sports Club, Church Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 8SW
AC	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington Village Hall, Alphington Community Assoc, Ide Lane, Exeter, EX2 8UT
AD	Alphington & Cowick	West Exe School, Hatherleigh Road, Exeter, EX2 9JU
CAA	Alphington & Cowick	Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 2BY
KA	Alphington & Cowick	Sea Cadet HQ, Canal Banks, Haven Road, Exeter, EX2 8DU
MD	Alphington & Cowick	Westside Youth Centre, Merrivale Road, Exeter, EX4 1PT
ME	Alphington & Cowick	Bowhill, Dunsford Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 1LQ
GA	Durayrd & Pennsylvania	Sylvania Community Hall, Mincinglake Valley Park, Exeter, Devon
BA	Duryard & Pennsylvania	University of Exeter, The Central Block - Birks Grange, New North Road, Exeter, EX4 4PQ
BB	Duryard & Pennsylvania	University of Exeter, Library - Lopes Hall, St. German`s Road., Exeter, EX4 6TH
GB	Duryard & Pennsylvania	St James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, EX4 7AH
CA	Exwick & St. Thomas	Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 2BY
CB	Exwick & St. Thomas	The Thatched House Inn, Exwick Road, Exeter, EX4 2BQ
CC	Exwick & St. Thomas	Exwick Parish Hall, Station Road, Exwick, Exeter, EX4 2FD
CD	Exwick & St. Thomas	Exwick Community Centre, Kinnerton Way, Exeter, EX4 2PR
MA	Exwick & St. Thomas	Montgomery Primary School, Redvers Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 1BS
MB	Exwick & St. Thomas	St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road, St Thomas, Exeter, Devon, EX2 9BQ
MC	Exwick & St. Thomas	West Exe Children`s Centre, Cowick Street, Exeter, EX4 1HL
DA	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	South West Baptist Assoc., Wonford Baptist Chapel, 36-38 Wonford Street, Exeter, EX2 5DL
DB	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Scout Hut, South Lawn Terrace, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2SN
DD	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Hamlin House, Hamlin Gardens, Exeter, EX1 3AA
DE	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Centre, Bodley Close, Exeter, EX1 3LG
ED	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Rennes House, Vaughan Road, Exeter, EX1 3JW
HCA	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	The Hall Church, Main Road, Pinhoe, Exeter, Devon, EX4 8HS
JDA	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane, Exeter, EX2 6NF
LD	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Russet House, Russet Avenue, Exeter, EX1 3QB

DC	Newtown & Polsloe	The Community Room, Ladysmith Infant School, Off Pretoria Road, Heavitree, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2PS
FC	Newtown & Polsloe	St Luke`s Campus, College Road, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2LT
FD	Newtown & Polsloe	Belmont Chapel, Western Way, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2DB
FE	Newtown & Polsloe	Belmont Bowling Club, The Green, Blackboy Road, Exeter, EX4 6SS
GBA	Newtown & Polsloe	St James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road, Exeter, EX4 7AH
GC	Newtown & Polsloe	St Marks Church Hall, St Marks Avenue, Exeter, Devon, EX1 2PX
GD	Newtown & Polsloe	Baptist Church Hall, Pinhoe Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 7HZ
EA	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Beacon Heath Church, King Arthur`s Road, Exeter, EX4 9BE
EB	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	The Beacon, Pendragon House, Beacon Lane, Exeter, Devon, EX4 8LZ
EC	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Whipton Community Hall, Pinhoe Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 8AG
HA	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Temporary Polling Station, Orwell Garth, (Off Summerway), Exeter
HB	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe C of E Primary School, Harrington Lane, Exeter, Devon, EX4 8PE
HC	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	The Hall Church, Main Road, Pinhoe, Exeter, Devon, EX4 8HS
FA	Priory & St. Leonard`s	Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4NX
FB	Priory & St. Leonard`s	St Leonard`s Church Centre, Topsham Road, Exeter, Devon, EX2 4NG
JB	Priory & St. Leonard`s	St Luke`s Church Rooms, School Lane, Countess Wear, Exeter, Devon, EX2 6LB
JC	Priory & St. Leonard`s	Wynstream Primary School, Burnthouse Lane, Exeter, EX2 6AY
JD	Priory & St. Leonard`s	Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane, Exeter, EX2 6NF
KB	Priory & St. Leonard`s	Community Room, Abbeville Close, Topsham Road, Exeter, EX2 4SJ
KCA	Priory & St. Leonard`s	Community Room, 66 Weavers Court, Shilhay, Exeter, EX2 4EF
NC	Priory & St. Leonard`s	100 Club, Wear Barton Road, Countess Wear, Exeter, EX2 7EH
BC	St. David`s & St. James	Community Room, York House, Longbrook Street, Exeter, EX4 6AU
BD	St. David`s & St. James	St Sidwell`s C of E Primary School, York Road, Exeter, Devon, EX4 6PG
KC	St. David`s & St. James	Community Room, 66 Weavers Court, Shilhay, Exeter, EX2 4EF
KD	St. David`s & St. James	Wesley Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street, Exeter, Devon, EX4 3AT
KE	St. David`s & St. James	Exeter Community Centre Trust, 17 St David's Hill, Exeter, EX4 3RG
JA	St. Loye`s & Topsham	Community Room, Grandisson Court, Off Bishop Westall Road, Exeter, EX2 6NJ
LA	St. Loye`s & Topsham	Clyst Heath Nursery & Community Primary School, Royal Crescent, Exeter, Devon, EX2 7QT
LB	St. Loye`s & Topsham	Woodwater Academy, Woodwater Lane, Exeter, Devon, EX2 5AW
LC	St. Loye`s & Topsham	St Peter`s High School, Quarry Lane, Exeter, EX2 5AP
NA	St. Loye`s & Topsham	Matthews Hall, Fore Street, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, EX3 0HF
NB	St. Loye`s & Topsham	Topsham Town AFC, Exeter Road, Topsham, Exeter, EX3 0LT

Current Arrangement of Polling Districts

Maps are available upon request.

What the Rules say*.

- (a) the authority must seek to ensure that all electors in a constituency in its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- (b) the authority must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place for which it is responsible is accessible to electors who are disabled;
- (c) the authority must have regard to the accessibility to disabled persons of potential polling stations in any place which it is considering designating as a polling place;
- (d) the polling place for a polling district must be an area in the district, unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate any area wholly or partly outside the district;
- (e) the polling place must be small enough to indicate to electors in different parts of the district how they will be able to reach the polling station.

**(Representation of the People Act 1983 s.18)*

Please also note that the Council must publish any correspondence submitted in respect of this review.

Access

All polling stations should have access facilities for disabled electors. This includes wheelchair users. There are various building regulations which determine how adaptations can be made. It is not always possible for the owners of buildings to make permanent structural changes. Where permanent facilities are not possible, Electoral Services try to make temporary provision, usually by means of a portable ramp. However, it must be remembered that, on occasion these ramps can cause a hazard and thus it is not always a practical solution.

A polling station should be within reasonable walking distance for most electors.

Practical Considerations

Availability

There is no such thing as a purpose built polling station. We have to adapt and use the buildings which are available in the locality. Whilst regulations permit the Returning Officer to use schools, the owners of other buildings (Church halls, sports clubs etc.) have no such obligation.

Suitability

When selecting a polling station there are some basic criteria which need to be considered.

- Geographically central for the majority of the electorate.
- Appropriate for democratic use.
- Health and safety arrangements
- Enough useable space.
- Exclusive use.
- Access (including parking)
- Welfare facilities for staff
- Cost

Topography

Considerations such as steep hills and other natural boundaries, railway lines, busy main roads etc. need to be taken into account.

Other Factors

Use of Schools

The current policy is that schools should not be used, where there is a reasonable and viable alternative.

Overall Number of Polling Stations

There are no legislative limits on the number of polling stations an authority can provide. However, when considering numbers, there needs to be sufficient to run efficient and effective elections, which are as accessible to the electorate as possible.

Timetable

Publication of Notice of the Review – 19 September 2016

Consultation period - 19 September – 21 October 2016

Publication of the Returning Officers representations – within 30 days of receipt

Report to Executive Committee – 6 December 2016

Submit to Council – 13 December 2016

Publication of Review Report – 15 December 2016

Implementation of report recommendations – from Register of Electors published on 1 February 2017, to take effect for the Devon County Council elections due 4 May 2017.

Implications of the LGBCE Review of Electoral Arrangements

For previous reviews it was practice for the LGBCE to review all the electoral arrangements at District Councils within a County, before undertaking a review of the County arrangements. However, for the current reviews, although the City Council arrangements were reviewed and implemented in 2016, the review process for the County Council was begun before the City Council. In practice this has meant that the City and County reviews were completed almost simultaneously, with no opportunity for comparison.

Below is information relating to some known concerns relating to polling stations and a schedule of the polling district arrangements.

1. Part of the current polling district BC (between Blackall Road and Longbrook Street) has been split between the new divisions of Duryard & Pennsylvania and St. Sidwell's & St James. This means that these electors may need to go to St. Sidwell's School to vote in a County elections (Including those electors who live in York House which is currently also a polling station. This arrangement would likely revert back to York House for other elections).
2. The polling district at CA (Redhills School polling station) has expanded in size to require a double station to be accommodated. This causes disruption at the school. To avoid this, it may be that the current polling district could be split with additional polling stations at Trefoil Lodge and/or Theatre Alibi in Emmanuel Road. (This arrangement is not caused solely by the new Divisions).
3. Part of the current polling district FB (around Gras Lawn/Buckerell Avenue) will now be split between the new divisions Wearside & Topsham and St David's & Haven Bank. This means that electors may need to go to Abbeville Close polling station for County elections and revert to St Leonard's Church centre for other elections.
4. Similarly, electors in the Grendon Road area of FD may need to go to Belmont Chapel in Western Way rather than St. Luke's Campus.
5. The polling district which includes the GBA register may need to revert to St. Marks Church Hall in St Mark's Avenue, as a polling station rather than St James Church Hall in Mount Pleasant Road.
6. The HCA polling district remains in the new Heavitree and Whipton Barton division. It is likely to be necessary to seek a new polling station at St. Lukes School to facilitate these electors.
7. The temporary polling station at Orwell Garth continues to cause high profile complaints regarding access for elderly and disabled electors, as well as adequately maintaining the secrecy of the ballot. The use of Willowbrook School may need to be considered as an alternative venue.

8. Electors within the JDA register may need to revert back to the SW Baptist Church HQ for County elections.
9. One property in JA will need to be set aside to facilitate voting in the East Devon Constituency.
10. Part of the KB polling district may need to be sub-divided to facilitate electors in this area voting at Abbeville Close polling station.
11. Some areas of MB and MC polling district may need to be absorbed into MA. Electors would then need to go to Montgomery School in place of St. Thomas Church or West Exe Childrens Centre. Similarly it may be necessary to reallocate some areas of the MD polling district into ME, dependent on the continued availability of Westside Youth Centre and Bowhill as polling stations.

Polling District & Ward	Current County Division	New County Division	Change/No Change to polling district	Notes	Polling Station	Constituency
AA - Alphington	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick	No Change		St Andrew`s Church Hall, Alphington Road	Exeter
AB - Alphington	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick	No Change		Alphington Sports Club, Church Road	Exeter
AC - Alphington	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick	No Change		Alphington Village Hall, Alphington Community Assoc, Ide Lane	Exeter
AD - Alphington	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick	No Change		West Exe School, Hatherleigh Road	Exeter
BA - Duryard and St James	Duryard & Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	No Change		University of Exeter, The Central Block - Birks Grange, New North Road	Exeter
BB - Duryard and St James	Duryard & Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	No Change		University of Exeter, Library - Lopes Hall, St. German`s Road.	Exeter
BC - Duryard and St James	St David's & St James	Duryard & Pennsylvania (less part BC)	Change	Consider splitting part of BC to add to BD	Community Room, York House, Longbrook Street	Exeter

BD - Duryard and St James	St David's & St James	St Sidwell's & St James (& part BC)	Change	See above	St Sidwell's C of E Primary School, York Road	Exeter
CA - Exwick	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	No Change	Consider reducing in size by adding a polling station (CE) (Theatre Alibi)	Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road	Exeter
CAA - Exwick	Alphington & Cowick	Exwick & St Thomas	Change	Merge with CA? Or use Trefoil Lodge	Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road	Exeter
CB - Exwick	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	No Change		The Thatched House Inn, Exwick Road	Exeter
CC - Exwick	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	No Change		Exwick Parish Hall, Station Road, Exwick	Exeter
CD - Exwick	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	No Change		Exwick Community Centre, Kinnerton Way	Exeter
DA - Heavitree	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		South West Baptist Assoc., Wonford Baptist Chapel, 36-38 Wonford Street	Exeter
DB - Heavitree	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		Scout Hut, South Lawn Terrace	Exeter
DC - Heavitree	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	No Change		The Community Room, Ladysmith Infant School, Off Pretoria Road	Exeter

DD - Heavitree	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		Community Room, Hamlin House, Hamlin Gardens	Exeter
DE - Heavitree	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		Community Centre, Bodley Close, Exeter	Exeter
EA - Mincinglake and Whipton	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		Beacon Heath Church, King Arthur`s Road, Exeter	Exeter
EB - Mincinglake and Whipton	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		The Beacon, Pendragon House, Beacon Lane	Exeter
EC - Mincinglake and Whipton	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		Whipton Community Hall, Pinhoe Road	Exeter
ED - Mincinglake and Whipton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		Community Room, Rennes House, Vaughan Road	Exeter
FA - Newtown and St Leonard`s	Priory & St Leonard's	St David's & Haven Banks	No Change		Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road	Exeter
FB - Newtown and St Leonard`s	Priory & St Leonard's	Wearside & Topsham (part)/St Davids Haven Banks	Change	Create FAA may need to go to Abbeville Close (County elections only)	St Leonard`s Church Centre, Topsham Road	Exeter
FC - Newtown and St Leonard`s	Newtown & Polsloe	St David's & Haven Banks	Change	Move Grendon Road area to FD for all elections	St Luke`s Campus, College Road	Exeter

FD - Newtown and St. Leonard`s	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	Change	Add Grendon Road area	Belmont Chapel, Western Way	Exeter
FE - Newtown and St. Leonard`s	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	No Change		Belmont Bowling Club, The Green, Blackboy Road	Exeter
GA - Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	No Change		Sylvania Community Hall, Mincinglake Valley Park	Exeter
GB - Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	Duryard & Pennsylvania	No Change		St James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road	Exeter
GBA - Pennsylvania	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	Change	Move back to St Marks Church polling station for all elections?	St James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road	Exeter
GC - Pennsylvania	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	No Change		St Marks Church Hall, St Marks Avenue	Exeter
GD - Pennsylvania	Newtown & Polsloe	St Sidwell's & St James	No Change		Baptist Church Hall, Pinhoe Road	Exeter
HA - Pinhoe	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		Temporary Polling Station, Orwell Garth, (Off Summerway)	Exeter
HB - Pinhoe	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		Pinhoe C of E Primary School, Harrington Lane	Exeter

HC - Pinhoe	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	No Change		The Hall Church, Main Road	Exeter
HCA - Pinhoe	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Change	Consider St Luke's School as a polling station	The Hall Church, Main Road	Exeter
JA - Priory	St Loyes & Topsham	Wearside & Topsham	No Change		Community Room, Grandisson Court, Off Bishop Westall Road	East Devon
JB - Priory	Priory & St Leonard's	Priory & St Leonard's	No Change		St Luke`s Church Rooms, School Lane, Countess Wear	Exeter
JC - Priory	Priory & St Leonard's	Wonford & St Loyes	No Change		Wynstream Primary School, Burnthouse Lane	Exeter
JD - Priory	Priory & St Leonard's	Wonford & St Loyes	No Change		Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	Exeter
JDA - Priory	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Change	Revert to SW Baptist HQ for County only	Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	Exeter
KA - St. David`s	Alphington & Cowick	St David's & Haven Banks	No Change		Sea Cadet HQ, Canal Banks, Haven Road	Exeter
KB - St. David`s	Priory & St Leonard's	Wearside & Topsham (part)	Change	Create KBA	Community Room, Abbeville Close, Topsham Road	Exeter

KC - St. David`s	St David's & St James	St David's & Haven Banks	No Change		Community Room, 66 Weavers Court, Shilhay	Exeter
KCA - St. David`s	Priory & St Leonard's	St David's & Haven Banks	Change	Add to KC	Community Room, 66 Weavers Court, Shilhay	Exeter
KD - St. David`s	St David's & St James	St David's & Haven Banks	No Change		Wesley Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street	Exeter
KE - St. David`s	St David's & St James	St David's & Haven Banks	No Change		Exeter Community Centre Trust, 17 St David's Hill	Exeter
LA - St. Loye`s	St Loyes & Topsham	Wonford & St Loyes	No Change		Clyst Heath Nursery & Community Primary School, Royal Crescent	East Devon
LB - St. Loye`s	St Loyes & Topsham	Wonford & St Loyes	No Change		Woodwater Academy, Woodwater Lane	East Devon
LC - St. Loye`s	St Loyes & Topsham	Wonford & St Loyes	No Change		St Peter`s High School, Quarry Lane	East Devon
LD - St. Loye`s	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	No Change		Community Room, Russet House, Russet Avenue	Exeter
MA - St. Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	No Change		Montgomery Primary School, Redvers Road	Exeter
MB - St. Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	Change	Move Carousel Court to MA	St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road	Exeter

MC - St. Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	Exwick & St Thomas	Change	Move Francis Close/Prospect Place etc. to MA	West Exe Children`s Centre, Cowick Street	Exeter
MD - St. Thomas	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick/Exwick St Thomas	Change	Move Barley Farm Road/Berkshire Drive to ME?	Westside Youth Centre, Merrivale Road	Exeter
ME - St. Thomas	Alphington & Cowick	Alphington & Cowick	No Change	Use Baptist Church Dorset Ave as a polling station in place of Bowhill?	Bowhill, Dunsford Road	Exeter
NA - Topsham	St Loyes & Topsham	Wearside & Topsham	No Change		Matthews Hall, Fore Street, Topsham	East Devon
NB - Topsham	St Loyes & Topsham	Wearside & Topsham	No Change		Topsham Town AFC, Exeter Road	East Devon
NC - Topsham	Priory & St Leonard's	Wearside & Topsham	No Change		100 Club, Wear Barton Road, Countess Wear	Exeter
ND - Topsham	St Loyes & Topsham	Wearside & Topsham	No Change		Newcourt Community Centre, Blakeslee Drive	East Devon

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Proposed Polling Stations DCC Elections May 2017

Polling District/Register	New County Division	Polling Stations for Devon County Council Elections	Est.Electors
AA	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>St Andrew`s Church Hall, Alphington Road</i>	689
AB	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>Alphington Sports Club, Church Road</i>	1,214
AC	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>Alphington Village Hall, Alphington Community Assoc, Ide Lane</i>	2,034
AD	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>West Exe School, Hatherleigh Road</i>	2,492
MB	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road</i>	2,099
MC	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>West Exe Children`s Centre, Cowick Street</i>	722
MD	<i>Alphington & Cowick</i>	<i>St Thomas Baptist Church, Dorset Avenue</i>	1,775
BA	<i>Duryard & Pennsylvania</i>	<i>University of Exeter, The Central Block - Birks Grange, New North Road</i>	1,470
BB	<i>Duryard & Pennsylvania</i>	<i>University of Exeter, Library - Lopes Hall, St. German`s Road.</i>	519
BC	<i>Duryard & Pennsylvania</i>	<i>Exeter Cricket Club, Prince of Wales Road</i>	1,490
GA	<i>Duryard & Pennsylvania</i>	<i>Sylvania Community Hall, Mincinglake Valley Park</i>	1,778
GB	<i>Duryard & Pennsylvania</i>	<i>St James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road</i>	2,106
CA	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road</i>	2,428
CB	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>The Thatched House Inn, Exwick Road</i>	1,974
CC	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>Exwick Parish Hall, Station Road, Exwick</i>	1,059
CD	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>Exwick Community Centre, Kinnerton Way</i>	1,840
MA	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>Montgomery Primary School, Redvers Road</i>	1,850
ME	<i>Exwick & St Thomas</i>	<i>Bowhill Primary School</i>	900
DA	<i>Heavitree & Whipton Barton</i>	<i>South West Baptist Assoc., Wonford Baptist Chapel, Wonford Street</i>	1,471

DB	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Scout Hut, South Lawn Terrace	2,543	^
DD	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Hamlin House, Hamlin Gardens	597	
DE	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Centre, Bodley Close, Exeter	1,018	
ED	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Rennes House, Vaughan Road	2,120	
HD	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	St Luke's Science and Sports College	335	
JDA	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	237	*
LD	Heavitree & Whipton Barton	Community Room, Russet House, Russet Avenue	1,796	
EA	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Beacon Heath Church, King Arthur's Road, Exeter	1,542	
EB	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	The Beacon, Pendragon House, Beacon Lane	2,196	
EC	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Whipton Community Hall, Pinhoe Road	848	
HA	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Temp. Station Orwell Garth	1,443	
HB	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	Pinhoe C of E Primary School, Harrington Lane	1,869	
HC	Pinhoe & Mincinglake	The Hall Church, Main Road	1,521	
FA	St David's & Haven Banks	Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road	1,187	
FB	St David's & Haven Banks	St Leonard's Church Centre, Topsham Road	1,251	1687 inc FBA
FC	St David's & Haven Banks	St Luke's Campus, College Road	959	
KA	St David's & Haven Banks	Sea Cadet HQ, Canal Banks, Haven Road	1,400	
KBA	St David's & Haven Banks	Community Room, Abbeville Close, Topsham Road	347	*
KC	St David's & Haven Banks	Community Room, 66 Weavers Court, Shilhay	677	
KD	St David's & Haven Banks	Wesley Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street	1,534	
KE	St David's & Haven Banks	Exeter Community Centre Trust, 17 St David's Hill	2,305	
BD	St. Sidwell's & St James	St Sidwell's C of E Primary School, York Road	2,710	^
DC	St. Sidwell's & St James	The Community Room,	1,173	

		Ladysmith Infant School, Off Pretoria Road		
FD	St. Sidwell's & St James	Belmont Chapel, Western Way	1,967	
FE	St. Sidwell's & St James	Belmont Bowling Club, The Green, Blackboy Road	947	
GC	St. Sidwell's & St James	St Marks Church Hall, St Marks Avenue	2,377	
GD	St. Sidwell's & St James	Baptist Church Hall, Pinhoe Road	1,246	
FBA	Wearside & Topsham	St Leonard's Church Centre, Topsham Road	436	*
JA	Wearside & Topsham	Community Room, Grandisson Court, Off Bishop Westall Road	756	759 incl JAA
JB	Wearside & Topsham	St Luke`s Church Rooms, School Lane, Countess Wear	915	
KB	Wearside & Topsham	Community Room, Abbeville Close, Topsham Road	549	896 incl KBA
NA	Wearside & Topsham	Matthews Hall, Fore Street, Topsham	2,871	^
NB	Wearside & Topsham	Topsham Town AFC, Exeter Road	933	
NC	Wearside & Topsham	100 Club, Wear Barton Road, Countess Wear	1,569	
ND	Wearside & Topsham	Newcourt Community Centre, Blakeslee Drive	1,202	
JAA	Wonford & St Loyes	Community Room, Grandisson Court, Off Bishop Westall Road	3	*
JC	Wonford & St Loyes	Wynstream Primary School, Burnthouse Lane	2,456	
JD	Wonford & St Loyes	Wonford Methodist Church, Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	1,990	2127 inc JDA
LA	Wonford & St Loyes	Clyst Heath Nursery & Community Primary School, Royal Crescent	2,102	
LB	Wonford & St Loyes	Woodwater Academy, Woodwater Lane	1,547	
LC	Wonford & St Loyes	St Peter`s High School, Quarry Lane	1,274	
	*Different ballot papers for DCC elections	^ Double station	86,658	

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts & Polling Places October 2016

Report of the Acting Returning Officer concerning existing polling arrangements in the Exeter Constituency.

Polling District	Polling place	Station	Comments	Proposals
AA	Alphington	St Andrews Church Hall, Alphington Road	Satisfactory	None
AB	Alphington	Alphington Sports Club, Church Road	Satisfactory	None
AC	Alphington	Alphington Village Hall, Ide Lane	Satisfactory	None
AD	Alphington	Westexe Technology College, Hatherleigh Road	Satisfactory	None
BA	Duryard & St. James	University of Exeter, Central Block, Birks Grange, New North Road	Not an ideal polling station, but no readily available alternatives	None
BB	Duryard & St. James	University of Exeter, Common Room, Lopes Hall, St Germans Road	Not an ideal polling station, but no readily available alternatives	None
BC/BCA	Duryard & St. James	Community Room, York House, Longbrook Street	Satisfactory	None
BD	Duryard & St. James	St. Sidwell's Combined School, York Road *	Satisfactory	None
CA	Exwick	Redhills Combined School, Landhayes Road	Satisfactory	None
CB	Exwick	The Thatched House Inn, Exwick Road	Satisfactory	None
CC	Exwick	Exwick Parish Hall	Satisfactory	None
CD	Exwick	Exwick Community Centre, Kinnerton Way	Satisfactory	None
CE	Exwick	Trefoil Lodge, Buddle Lane ±	Satisfactory	Required to relieve numbers currently voting at Redhills school
CF	Exwick	Theatre Alibi, Emmanuel Road ±	Satisfactory	Required to relieve numbers currently voting at Redhills school

Polling District	Polling place	Station	Comments	Proposals
DA	Heavitree	South West Baptist Assoc, Wonford Street	Satisfactory polling station but is not centrally located. Currently no viable alternatives	None
DB	Heavitree	Scout Hut, South Lawn Terrace *	Satisfactory	None
DC	Heavitree	Community Room, Ladysmith Infant School, Pretoria Road	Satisfactory	None
DD	Heavitree	Hamlin House, Hamlin Gardens	Satisfactory	None
DE	Heavitree	Community Centre, Bodley Close	Satisfactory	None
EA	Mincinglake & Whipton	Beacon Heath Church, King Arthur's Road	Satisfactory	None
EB	Mincinglake & Whipton	The Beacon, Pendragon House, Beacon Lane (Knight Club)	Satisfactory	None
EC	Mincinglake & Whipton	Whipton Community Hall, Pinhoe Road	Satisfactory	None
ED	Mincinglake & Whipton	Community Room, Rennes House	Satisfactory, although the polling station itself is small	None
FA	Newtown & St. Leonard's	Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road	Satisfactory	None
FB/FBA	Newtown & St. Leonard's	St Leonards Church Centre, Topsham Road	Satisfactory	None
FC	Newtown & St. Leonard's	School of Education, College Road (St Luke's)	Satisfactory polling station, but situated a long way from main college entrance. No viable alternative	None
FD	Newtown & St. Leonard's	Belmont Chapel, Western Way	Satisfactory	None
FE	Newtown & St. Leonard's	Belmont Bowling Club, The Green, Blackboy Road	Satisfactory	None
GA	Pennsylvania	Sylvania Community Hall, Mincinglake Valley Park	Satisfactory	None
GB	Pennsylvania	St. James' Church Hall, Mount Pleasant Road	Satisfactory	None

GC	Pennsylvania	St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Avenue	Satisfactory	None
GD	Pennsylvania	Baptist Church, Pinhoe Road	Satisfactory	None
HA	Pinhoe	Mobile Station, Orwell Garth	Unsatisfactory. Mobile station used, numerous complaints received from candidates, agents, electors and staff. No disabled access. Currently no viable alternative situated within Ward	Although the current site is conveniently located, strong consideration should be given to moving to Willowbrook School, even though it is marginally outside of the ward. Additionally, the recent closure of Arena Park, would add to the reasons for this suggestion. This would be considerably more cost effective and provide better facilities and disabled access. It is unlikely to affect the school as it is likely it could remain in operation for the day.
HB	Pinhoe	Pinhoe Church School, Harrington Lane	Satisfactory	None
HC	Pinhoe	The Hall Church, Main Road, Pinhoe	Satisfactory	None
HD	Pinhoe	St Luke's Science & Sports College, Harts Lane ±	Satisfactory, although the room provided is quite small, its use will avoid closing the school.	None
JA/JAA	Priory	Community Room, Grandisson Court	Satisfactory	None
JB	Priory	St Luke's Church Rooms, School Lane	Satisfactory but disabled access could be improved	Consider improvement of disabled access as circumstances allow.
JC	Priory	Wynstream Primary School, Burnthouse Lane	Satisfactory.	None
JD/JDA	Priory	Wonford Methodist Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	Satisfactory	None
KA	St. David's	Sea Cadets HQ, Canal Banks, Haven Road	Satisfactory	None
KB/KBA	St. David's	Abbeville Community Room, Abbeville Close	Satisfactory	None
KC	St. David's	Community Room, 66 Weaver's Court, Shilhay	Satisfactory	None
KD	St. David's	Lecture Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street	Satisfactory	None

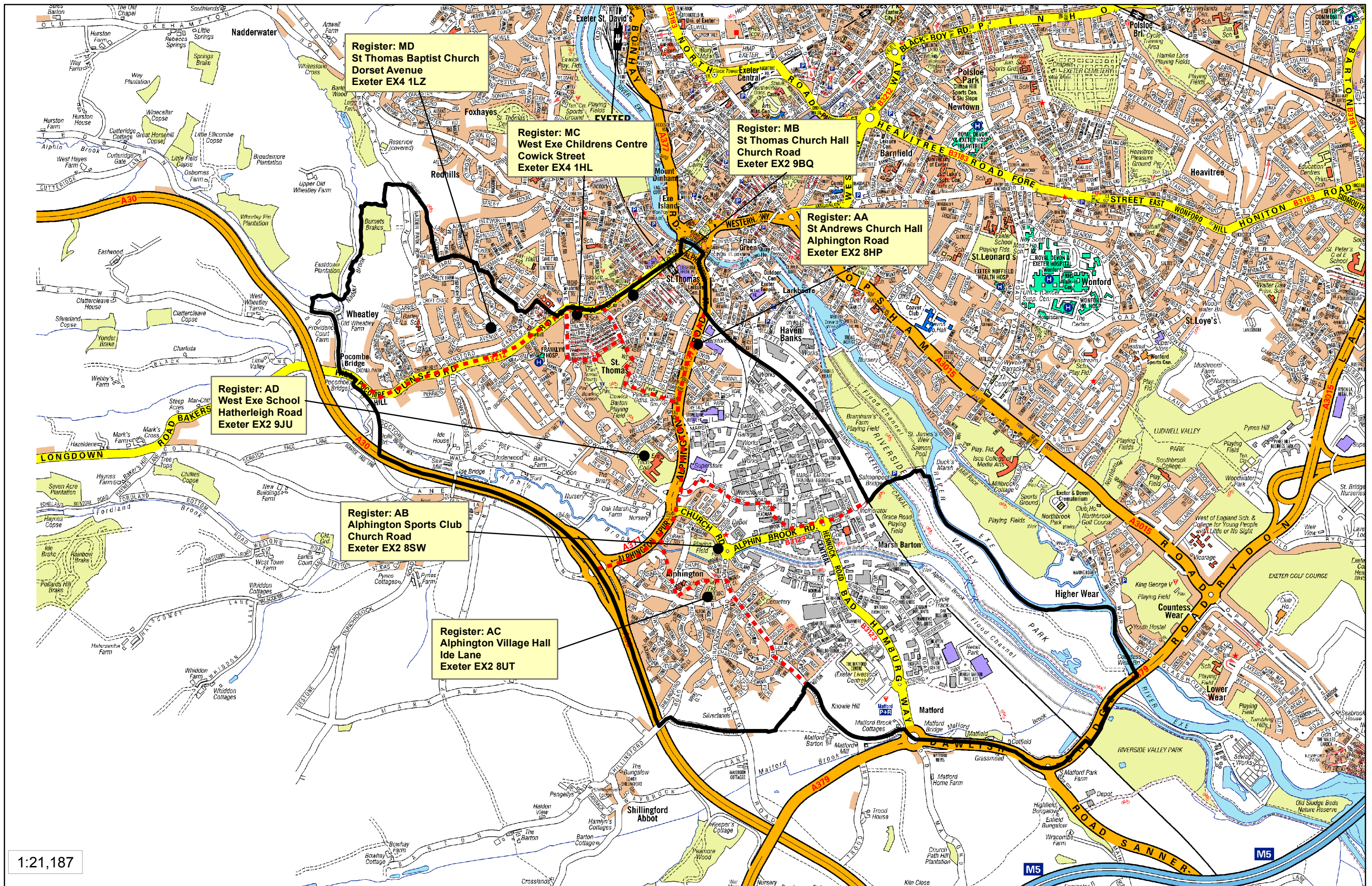
KE	St. David's	Exeter Community Centre Trust, St David's Hill	Satisfactory	None
LA	St. Loye's	Clyst Heath Nursery School, Royal Crescent	Satisfactory	None
LB	St. Loye's	Woodwater Academy, Woodwater Lane	Satisfactory	None
LC	St. Loye's	St. Peter's High School, Quarry Lane	Satisfactory	None
LD	St. Loye's	Community Room, Russet House, Russet Avenue	Satisfactory	None
MA	St. Thomas	Montgomery Primary School, Redvers Road	Satisfactory	Will now need to be a double station at all elections due to the inability to access Westside Youth Centre
MB	St. Thomas	St Thomas Church Hall, Church Road	Satisfactory	None
MC	St. Thomas	West Exe Children's Centre, Cowick Street	Satisfactory	None
MD	St. Thomas	St Thomas Baptist Church, Dorset Avenue ±	Satisfactory	None
NA	Topsham	Matthews Hall, Fore Street *	Satisfactory	None
NB	Topsham	Topsham Town FC, Coronation Field, Topsham Road	Satisfactory	None
NC	Topsham	100 Club, Wear Barton Road	Satisfactory	None
ND	Topsham	Newcourt Community Centre, Blakeslee Drive	Satisfactory	None

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Note: Comments relating to LA –LC (St. Loye's), NA, NB and ND (Topsham) and JA (Priory) polling stations are given in the context of the wider polling district review consultation and as Returning Officer for other elections held within the Exeter City Council area. The Acting Returning Officer for East Devon has not made any additional comments.

*Double station ±Possible new station

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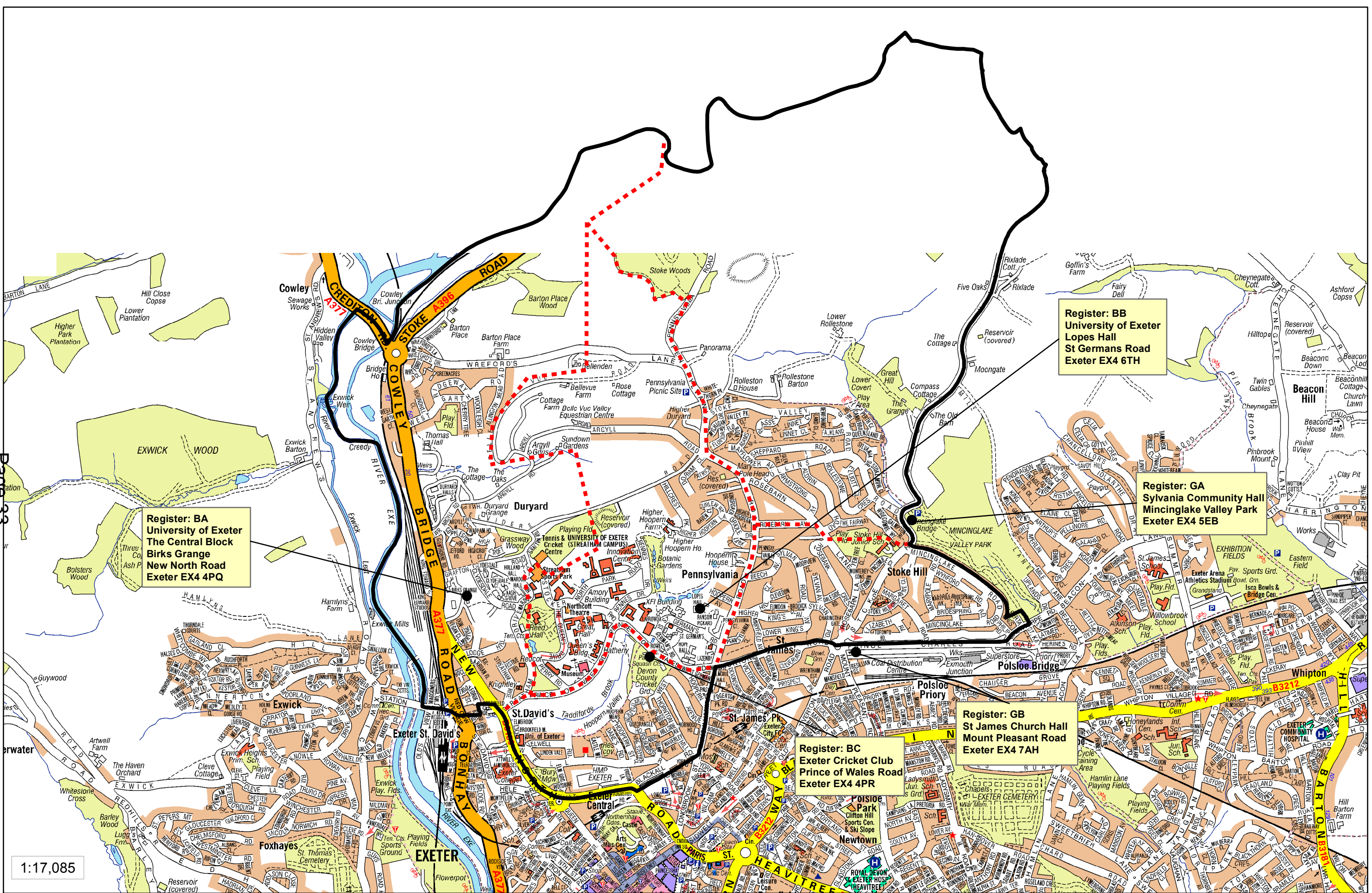


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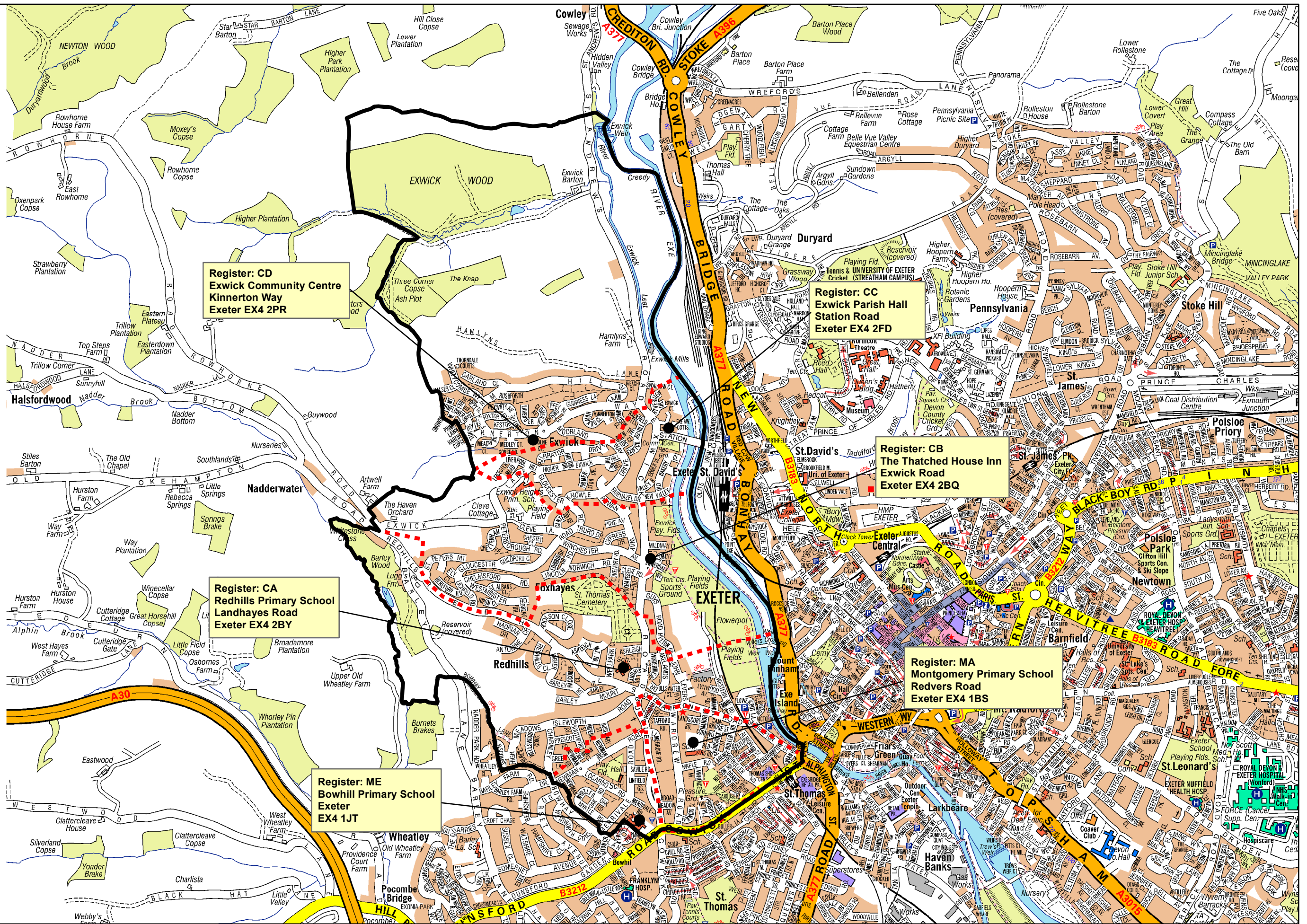
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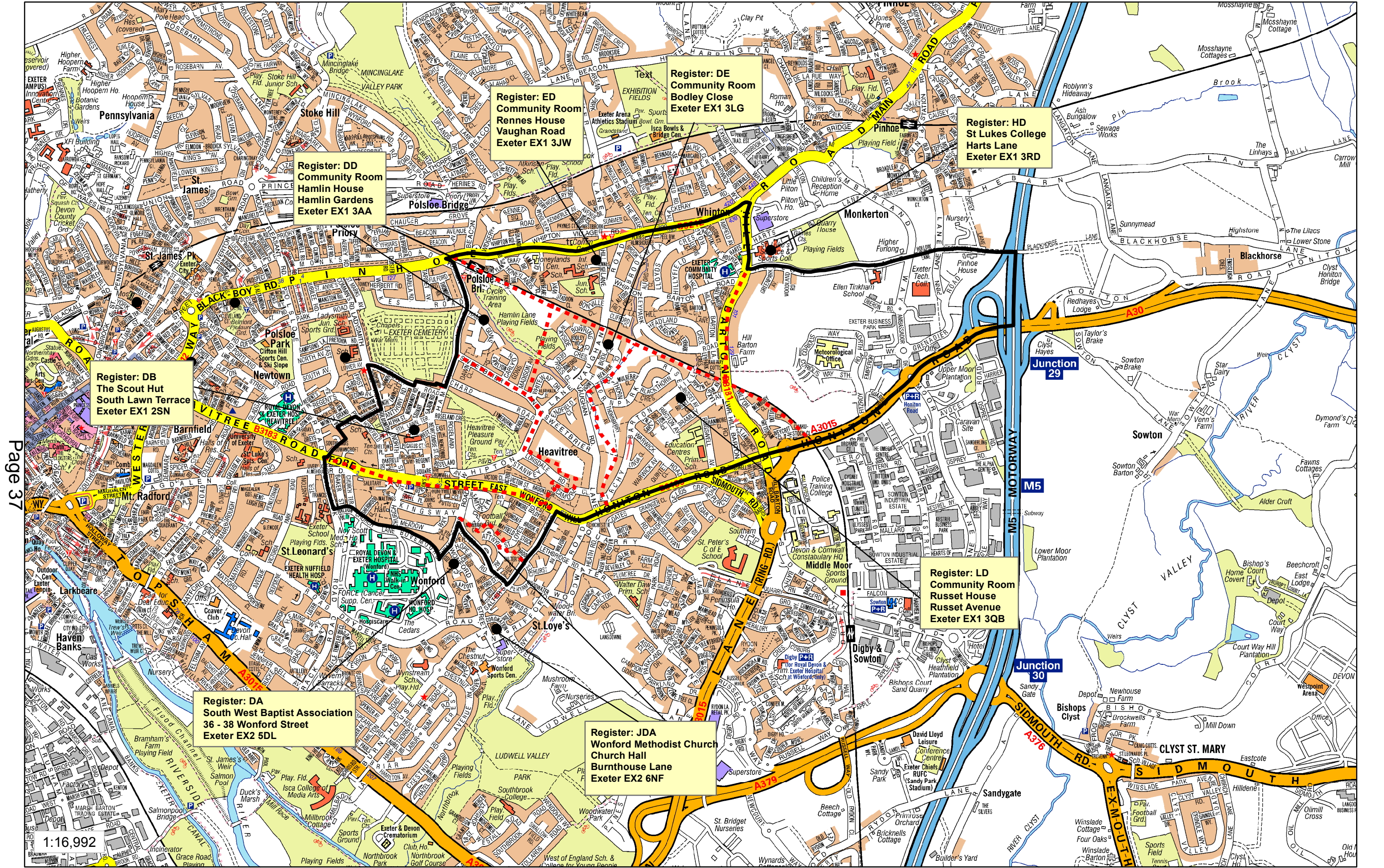
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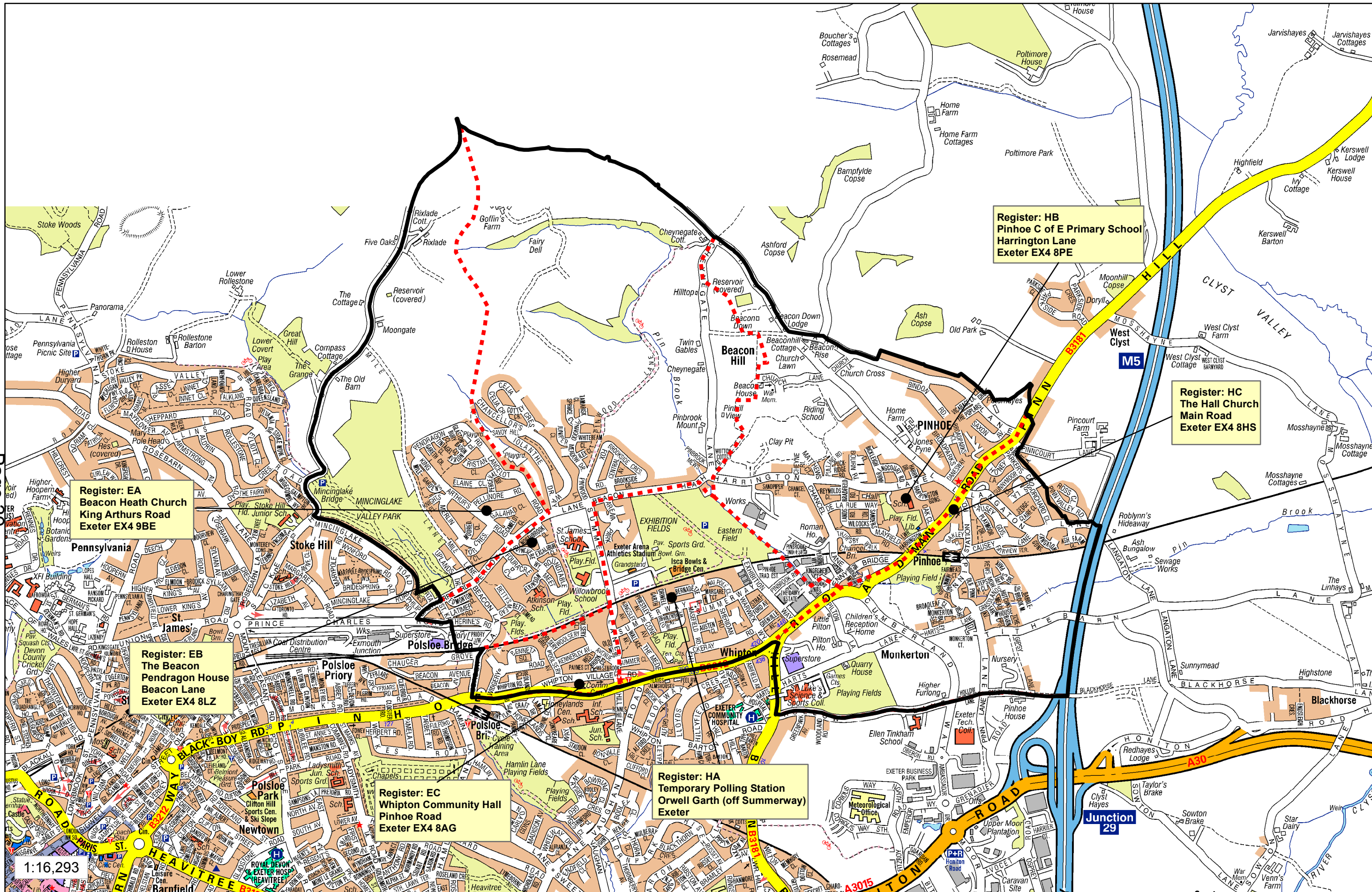
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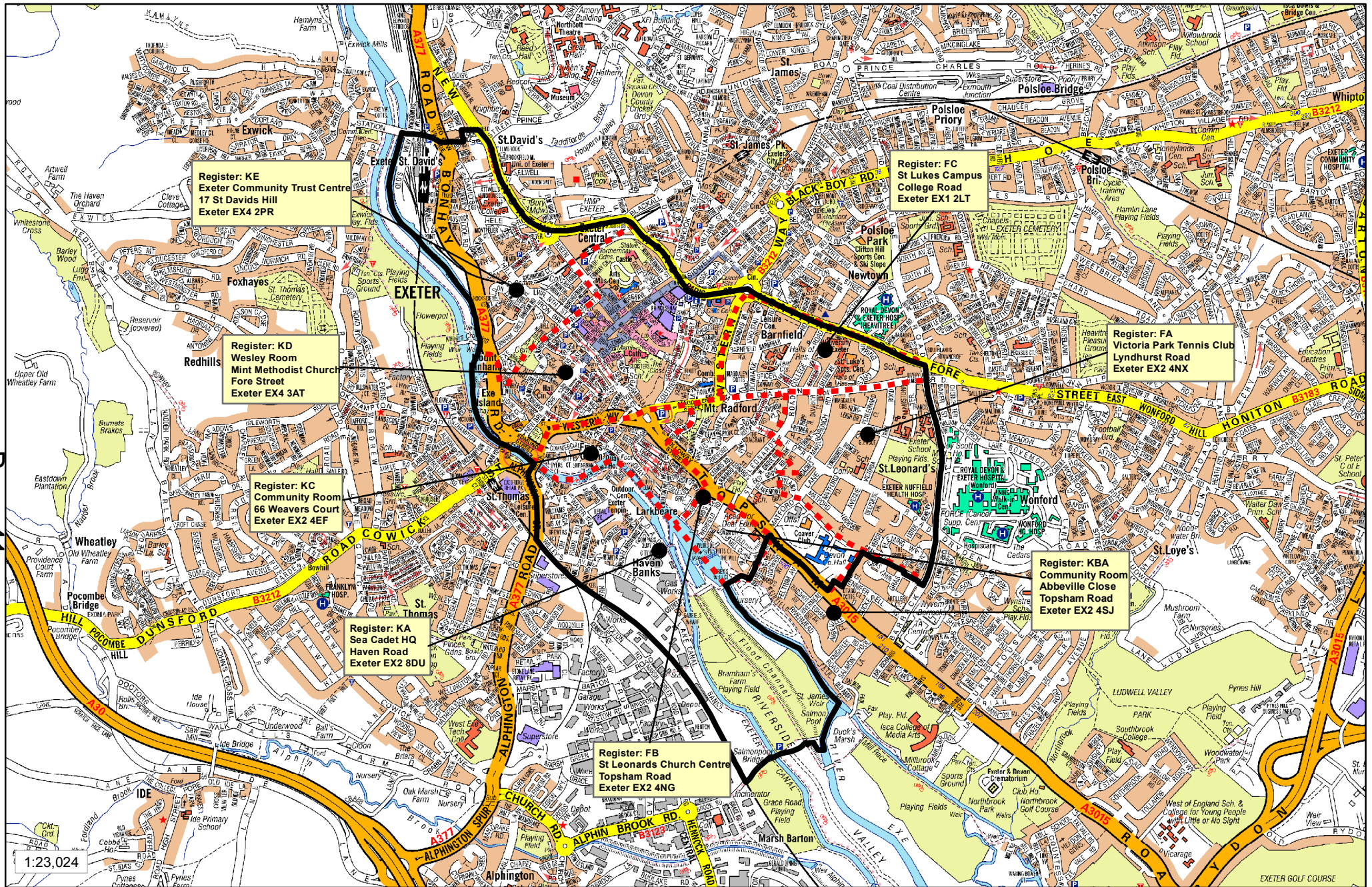


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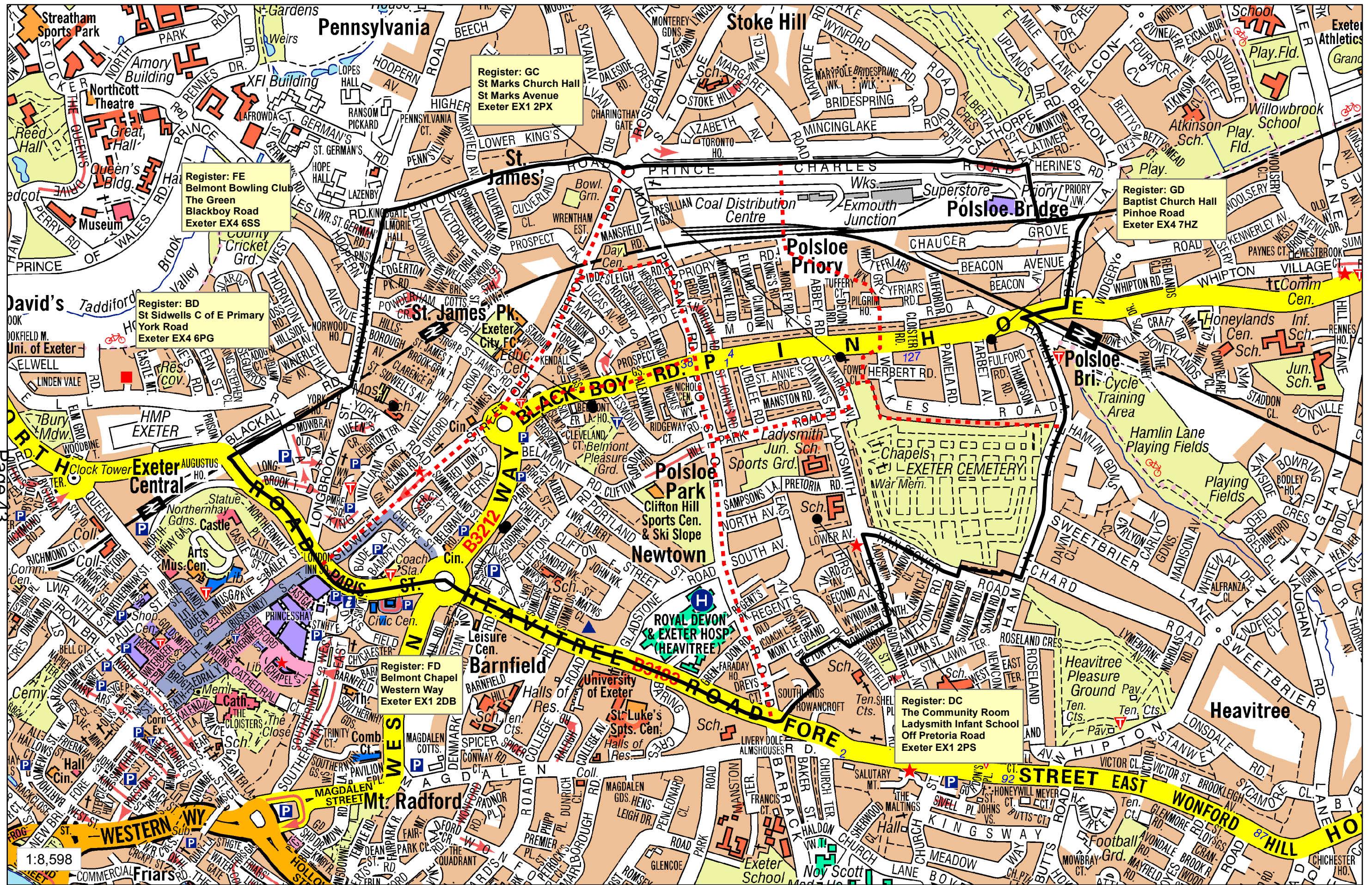


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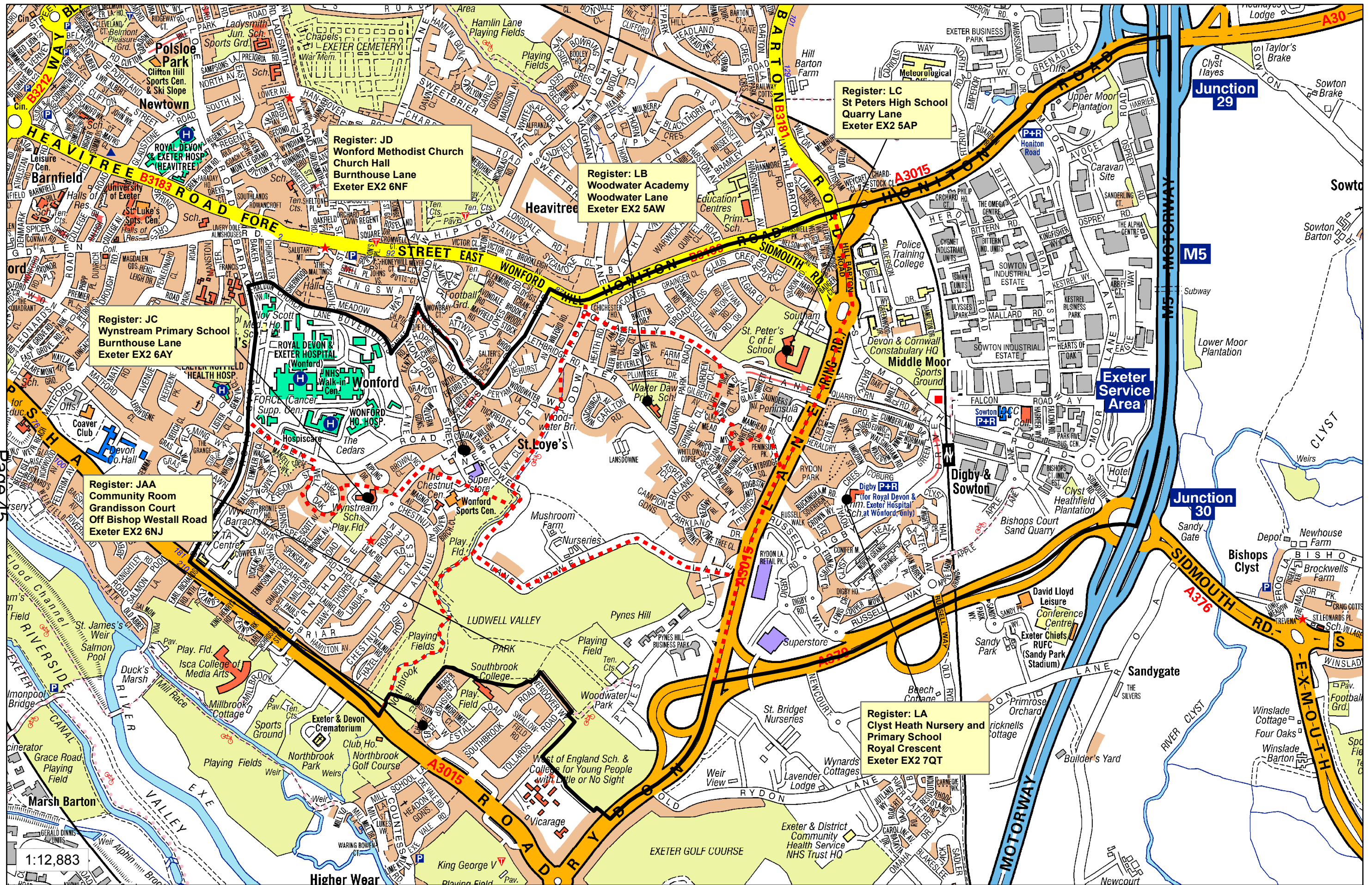
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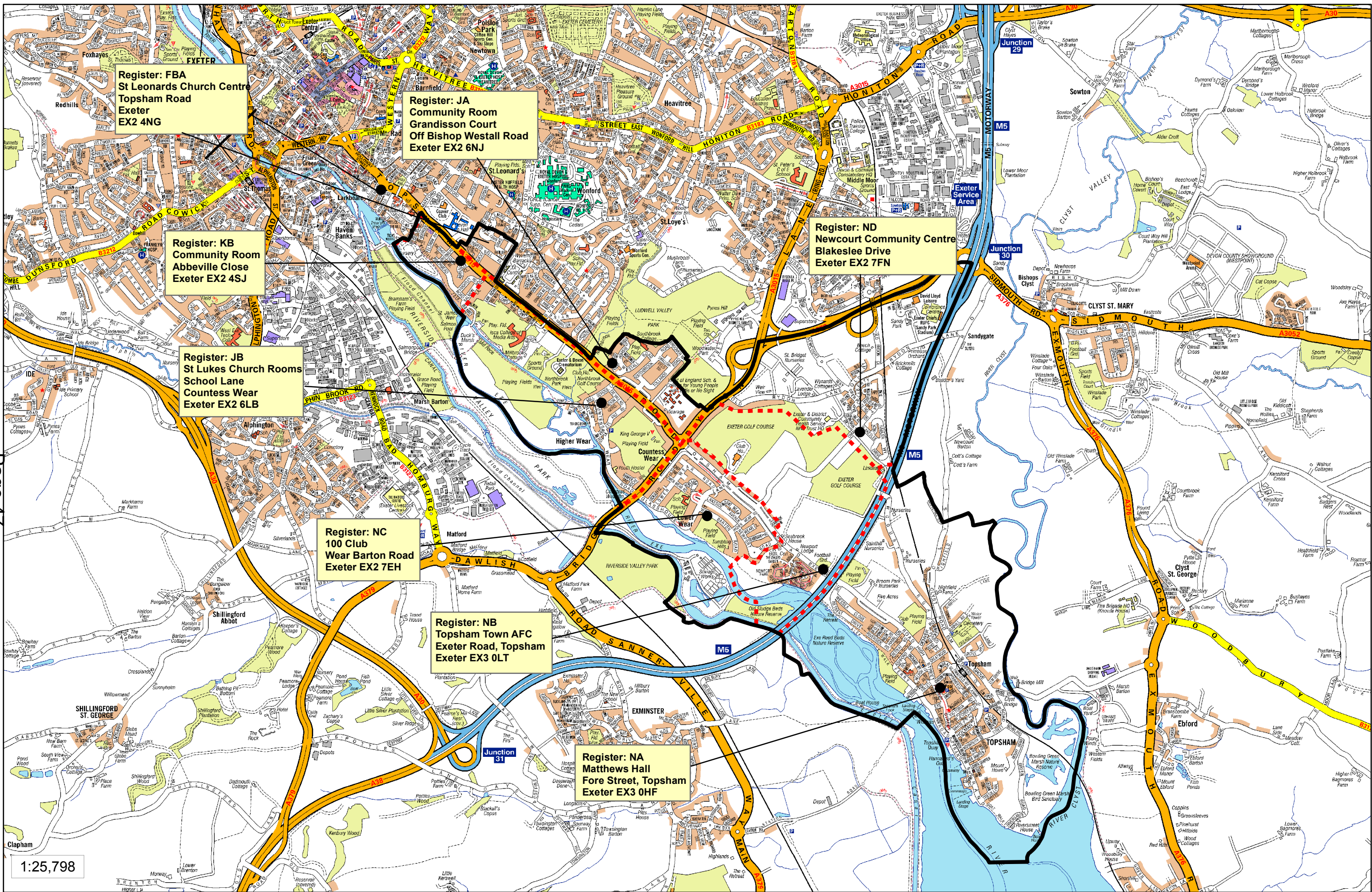
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Chalk, Jeff

To: Electoral Services
Subject: RE: review of polling districts/places/stations ref JC

From: Marshall, Natalie **On Behalf Of** Electoral Services
Sent: 22 September 2016 12:04
To: Wood, Andrew [REDACTED]
Cc: Chalk, Jeff [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: review of polling districts/places/stations ref JC

From: Councillor Andy Hannan [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 September 2016 11:28
To: Electoral Services [REDACTED] >
Subject: review of polling districts/places/stations ref JC

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your letter of 20th September and enclosed Information Sheet.

As you know my current electoral division of Priory & St Leonard's is about to be shared between three new county polling districts, Wearside & Topsham, Wonford & St Loye's and St David's & Haven Banks. I am therefore very much aware of how disruptive the new arrangements are and sympathise with your difficulties! It was clearly mad for LGBC to do the county before the city, and for the boundaries to be drawn so differently. There will inevitably be much confusion amongst the electorate with a loss of local identity and a negative impact on turn out. For political parties the problems of communication with residents are horrendous.

Anyway, I think you've done well to cope when it comes to revised arrangements for polling stations. I find nothing in your proposals with which to disagree.

However, forgive me for pointing out what appears to be an error on page 3 of the document where the Community Room at 66 Weavers Court in Shilhay is said to be in Priory & St Leonard's. It's not, it's in St David's & St James. This crops up again on page 13.

Finally, I notice on page 4 that you are willing to provide maps on request referring to 'current' polling districts. Can you supply me with a map of Exeter showing the county electoral divisions in place for the May 2017 elections? I know that a version is available online, but I very much need a hard copy and I know this would be greatly welcomed by many others.

With best wishes,

Andy

Cllr Andy Hannan Priory & St Leonard's, Exeter

Devon County Council

Chalk, Jeff

To: Gareth Oughton
Subject: RE: Polling Districts & Polling Places

From: Gareth Oughton [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 October 2016 12:56
To: Chalk, Jeff [REDACTED]
Subject: Polling Districts & Polling Places

Hi Jeff

Thanks for sending the consultation document across to me. I'm really pleased that the existing polling stations are planned to stay as they are on campus, with the same number retained as before. Whilst ideally one of the locations would be more central (in order to help us drive footfall on the day), we appreciate this isn't possible due to the selection being based on geographical location and need to serve the wider community. Furthermore, we appreciate that any additional requests couldn't be considered due to the cost involved for the Council.

To that end, we're happy with the proposals you make and will continue to do all we can with voter registration drives at the appropriate times in the year.

Best wishes,

Gareth
Gareth Oughton
Deputy Chief Executive
University of Exeter Students' Guild
[REDACTED]

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Chalk, Jeff

To: Street, John
Subject: RE: Exeter Labour Party - Review of Polling Districts & Stations

From: Street, John
Sent: 19 October 2016 16:43
To: Chalk, Jeff [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Exeter Labour Party - Review of Polling Districts & Stations

Please see comments from Labour - can we discuss.

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From: Meg Williams [REDACTED]
Date: 19 October 2016 at 15:40:43 BST
To: "Street, John" [REDACTED] >
Subject: Exeter Labour Party - Review of Polling Districts & Stations

Hi John

Exeter Labour Party only has two concerns regarding the proposed polling stations.

We are concerned about accessibility to Trefoil Lodge, if it is used, and that moving Carousel Court to MA could cause an issue for older residents who would need to travel further.

Best,

Meg Williams
Campaigns Organiser
Exeter Labour Party
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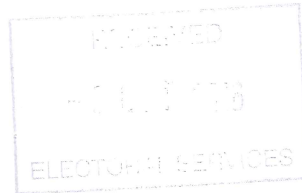
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Email: [REDACTED]

5 October 2016

Dear Jeff

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES/STATIONS

I thank you for your letter of the 20 September 2016.

I am happy with the comprehensive nature of your review and have no further comments to make.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Jan Shadbolt
County Solicitor

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