

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES & POLLING STATIONS 2011

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

Name	Ward	Comment
Councillor Judy Dalton	Anston & Woodsetts	<p>Received via email</p> <p>I would like to propose that for Anston and Woodsetts, we should look at using the pavilion on the Greenlands park instead of using Anston Greenlands school, and that we should look at using S.Anston Methodist church instead of Hillcrest school. This would potentially save the schools from closure on polling day.</p> <p>I also believe we should try to eliminate the need for an additional polling station at Harthill for the Turner wood box, which I believe had one vote in it, and all the rest were postal votes.</p>
Councillor John Turner	Hellaby	<p>Verbal response</p> <p>Could we look to see if there is a building that would be suitable as a polling station in the top half of Addison Road polling district.</p> <p><i>We were unable to find a suitable building in this area. No issues were raised by electors on polling day.</i></p>
Hellaby Parish Council (Joanne Fieldhouse)	Hellaby	<p>Received via email</p> <p>Hellaby Parish Council are extremely keen for the Hall to be used as a polling station during future elections.</p>
Councillor John Swift	Rother Vale	<p>Received via email</p> <p>All the polling stations in my ward were very good, staff were great, nothing was too much trouble for them.</p>
Councillor Dominic Beck	Wales	<p>Received via email</p> <p>Regarding the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review in the case of the Wales ward I would like to say this. In light of the fact that the Wales ward is the largest Ward</p>

		<p>geographically and has many outlying villages and hamlets, the current location of the polling stations means that already it is very stretched. For instance in the south-east of the ward there are 3 villages that have one polling station to serve them in Harthill, serving Harthill itself, Thorpe Salvin and Woodall. Although I agree that it is very difficult indeed to make an argument to have a dedicated Polling Station in each of these villages it emphasises my point. Harthill itself is the largest by far of these villages and would actually benefit from a higher turnout, which we all have a duty to do by encouraging more of the electorate to engage in the political process by voting. Having a second polling station at the Peregrine Way Community Centre in Harthill which has been talked about for a few years now, as it surrounds a high population of elderly and young families would serve the community well.</p> <p>Where I fear there maybe more scrutiny is Kiveton Park & Wales. One of the most densely populated and equally diverse villages in the Borough it has 3 polling stations serving an electorate of approximately 5386. It is my belief that there is still one to few polling stations particularly in Kiveton Park itself. Imagine Kiveton as the M1 corridor, it is very thin in its geography but stretches for a significant distance. The problem would be solved by opening a 4th polling station at the Community Centre on Viking Way, Kiveton Park. Over the past 10 years there has been significant housing development at that end of the village which is furthest away from a polling station, plus the area has a high elderly population who aren't predominantly on a postal vote as is the case elsewhere.</p> <p>The Wales ward is a very large ward indeed but still has the same or even less polling stations than some more urban wards that are much smaller in size. The ward would benefit from having at least one additional polling station, preferably in Kiveton Park</p>
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		and it wouldn't necessarily have to cost more in terms of staffing and resource. I would like to discuss my thoughts further with you in a meeting at a convenient time.
Councillor Alan Atkin	Wath	<p>Received via email</p> <p>In general no great problems with Wath Ward stations, except at St Pius school. The room is probably smaller than ideal. I appreciate that an extra member of staff was assigned this year after feedback from the General Election but I witnessed on one visit there some queuing, lead to congestion in corridor and in the room. I appreciate we have difficulties with alternative sites?!</p> <p>On another note, with the new developments at Manvers are you looking for another polling station, if so the Rugby Club could be a possibility, or thinking outside the box there is a community room at the Dearne Fire Station? Both are DDA compliant with good car parking.</p>
Councillor Sue Ellis	Wickersley	<p>Received via email</p> <p>I have not had any complaints about the polling stations, places or districts for many years. The only issue is the boundaries for the ward, which is not under your jurisdiction. I therefore do not anticipate that I will be making any representations.</p>
Mrs P Boyer	Maltby	<p>Verbal – suggestion from users of the Charles Foster Centre – Can we use the centre for polling? Elderly residents nearby have quite a trek to Edward Dunn or St Marys and would be happy to rearrange their bingo from Thursdays when there is an election. The building is very good and there is a small car park to the side and full disabled access etc.</p>
Orgreave PC	Orgreave	<p>Online response - Orgreave PC were happy with the mobile polling station (mobile library) which was situated on the estate in May 2011. We would like this service to continue for the residents of Orgreave in future.</p>