

**General Purposes and Arbitration
Committee**

**Monday 30th September, 2019 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room 2,
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury**

Agenda

(Open to Public and Press)

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Members to declare any interest in matters to be discussed at the meeting.
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11th April 2019 as a correct record.

Matter Not Delegated to the Committee

4. Statutory Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019

D Stevens
Interim Chief Executive

Sandwell Council House
Freeth Street
Oldbury
West Midlands

Distribution:

Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillor Zadia Hussain (Vice-Chair);
Councillors S Crumpton, Giles E A, Hughes PM, Melia and
Millar.

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Apologies

To receive any apologies from members

Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

Minutes of the General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

11th April 2019 at 6.00 pm
at the Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

Present: Councillor Dhallu (Chair);
Councillors S Crumpton, P Davies, Y Davies
and Melia.

Apologies: Councillors S Hosell and Tagger.

3/19 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March 2019 be confirmed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of Councillor Melia in the apologies.

Matter not delegated to the Committee

4/19 **Nominations for the Offices of Civic Mayor and Deputy Civic Mayor of Sandwell for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year.**

In accordance with the Council's agreed process for the selection of Mayor, the Committee considered the nominations received for the office of Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

The Committee considered the nomination of Councillor Dr Ann Jaron to the office of Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year. The nomination was supported by a requisite five serving members of the Council.

The Committee considered the nomination received for the office of Deputy Mayor for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

The nomination in respect of Councillor Suzanne Hartwell was supported by the Committee.

General Purposes and Arbitration Committee
11th April 2019

Resolved to recommend to the Council:-

- (1) that Councillor Dr Ann Jaron be nominated for the office of Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year;
- (2) that Councillor Suzanne Hartwell be nominated for the office of Deputy Mayor of the Borough of Sandwell for the 2019/2020 Municipal Year.


(Meeting ended at 6.11 pm)

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REPORT TO

General Purposes and Arbitration Committee

30 September 2019

Subject:	Statutory Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019
Director:	Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer Surjit Tour
Contribution towards Vision 2030:	
Contact Officer(s):	Zoe Armstrong Deputy Electoral Services Manager 0121 569 3215

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That the committee:

1. Considers and agrees the proposed changes to polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix 1 to this report to take effect at all elections from 1 December 2019.
2. Considers and agrees the proposed changes to polling places as set out in Appendix 2 to take effect at all elections immediately.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report sets out proposed changes as a result of the statutory polling district and polling places review.

2 IMPLICATIONS FOR VISION 2030

- 2.1 Ambition 10 - Sandwell now has a national reputation for getting things done, where all local partners are focused on what really matters in people's lives and communities.
- 2.2 The proposals of the review of polling districts, places and stations helps ensure that the electorate can effectively engage in democracy arrangements and influence the future direction of the Council.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 Section 18B of the Representation of the People Act (RPA) 1983 states the authority must designate the polling places for the polling districts in its area. Each polling district must have a polling place and it is the duty of the council to designate polling places and keep them under review. The council is required, so far as is reasonable and practicable, to designate polling places which are accessible to disabled electors.
- 3.2 Paragraph 25 of Schedule 1 to the RPA 1983 states that the Returning Officer must provide a sufficient number of polling stations, shall allocate electors to those polling stations, and those polling stations shall be in the polling place for that district.
- 3.3 Consultation took place from Friday 28 June 2019 to Friday 30 August 2019 with consultees including all Elected Members, MPs, local Political Parties and local disability charities.
- 3.4 A summary of the responses from the consultations outlining the proposed changes to polling districts and polling stations is included in Appendix 3.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 Appendix 1 details the proposed changes to polling districts and polling stations following the statutory review.
- 4.2 Section 18C (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (RPA 1983) states that local authorities must carry out and complete a review of polling districts and polling places in the period specified by section 18C(2)(a) of the RPA 1983.
- 4.3 All local authorities must review their UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places at least once every five years.
- 4.4 The next compulsory review must be started and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive).

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 The Acting Returning Officers, all Elected Members, MPs, local Political Parties and local disability charities have been consulted in relation to the alternative polling stations and polling places detailed in Appendix 1.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 Alternative options to the existing provision of polling stations are detailed in Appendix 1

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The financial implications have been set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 Section 18B of the RPA Act 1983 states the authority must designate the polling places for the polling districts in its area. Paragraph 25 of Schedule 1 to the RPA 1983 states that the Returning Officer must provide a sufficient number of polling stations, shall allocate electors to those polling stations, and those polling stations shall be in the polling place for that district.
- 8.2 A building should not be designated that does not have access for the disabled if another suitable building is available in the polling district. However, a building would not be a more suitable polling place if it were so far removed from most of the electors in the polling district.
- 8.3 Section 18C (1) (RPA 1983) states that local authorities must carry out and complete a review of polling districts and polling places in the period specified by section 18C(2)(a) of the RPA 1983. Paragraph 25(1) of Schedule 1 to the RPA 1983 states that the Returning Officer must provide sufficient numbers of polling stations and allot electors to those polling stations. The next compulsory review must be started and complete between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 (inclusive). The review will undertake all the legislative steps set out in Schedule A1 to the RPA 1983.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 The Review included use of the Electoral Commissions Evaluation Checklist which addresses equality and diversity issues relevant to polling districts, places and stations as seen in Appendix 3. Accessibility for members of minority or disadvantaged groups is a key issue in the selection of suitable polling Stations.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

10.1 The proposals are in line with data protection regulations.

11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 The Council is under a statutory duty to ensure a polling place exists in each of its polling districts unless special circumstances apply.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

12.1 Not applicable

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

13.1 Not applicable

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 Not applicable

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The recommendations will help ensure that elections and referenda held within the borough are conducted effectively.

15.2 The planned actions also ensure that the Council complies with its statutory obligations as outlined in the report.

16 APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Recommendations for changes to Polling Districts and Polling Places for all elections from 1 December 2019.

Appendix 2 – Recommendations for changes to Polling Stations to take effect immediately.

Appendix 3 – Summary of Consultation Responses

Appendix 4 - Equality Impact Assessment

Surjit Tour
Director of Law and Governance & Monitoring Officer

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
and Polling Places

Halesowen and Rowley Regis
Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

David Stevens
Acting Returning Officer
Halesowen and Rowley Regis Constituency
Sandwell Council House
Oldbury
B69 3DE

30 September 2019

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLA, BLH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Blackheath Central Methodist Church, entrance from John Street. B65 0EN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well known building within Blackheath. This is the polling station for BLA and BLH and accommodates both adequately.
Parking	Small car park with disabled parking
Access	Disabled access. Small incline into building.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Blackheath Library	The polling place must accommodate voters from BLH as well as BLA. The library is further from BLH. Also questions as to whether it could accommodate both stations with a large electorate (2413 and 795).

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Village, B65 9AT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. The room used is adequate to accommodate two polling stations
Parking	Small car park
Access	Level access into the building
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Lounge, St. Giles Court, Reservoir Road, B65 9PE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is not ideal for a polling place. Access into the polling station is via a locked door and voters have to ring a bell to gain access.
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Parking	Adequate car park
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Access	Separate disabled entrance via a ramp
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Polling district BLC should be merged with BLD and all voters to vote at The Parish of The English Martyrs, 297 Oldbury Road, B65 0PR
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

BLC is a very small polling district with an electorate of 373. At the last local election on 2 May 2019, only 60 electors voted at this station.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Parish of The English Martyrs, 297 Oldbury Road, B65 0PR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Has been used as a polling station for a number of years and so is well known to the electorate. The room used is sufficient for the electorate.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled Access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area and merge with BLC

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
The Primrose Centre	This is a primary school. Schools are only used as a last resort. The current polling station is acceptable.

WARD: Backheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Blackheath Primary School, (Assembly Hall), Britannia Road, B65 9NA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building. Assembly hall is big enough to accommodate the polling station. The entrance door is heavy and some voters need assistance in opening it
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled Access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Blackheath Coronation Social Club	Less central for voters

WARD: Blackheath

POLLING DISTRICT: BLF, BLG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Highfields Primary School, Beeches Road, B65 0DA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling station is located within polling district BLF but is centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is suitable.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill Ward
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POLLING DISTRICT: CRA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Mary MacArthur Memorial Gardens, B64 5BA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district but access for the disabled and facilities for the staff are poor
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRB, CRC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Corngreaves Primary School, Plant Street, B64 6EZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for CRC, a little further for CRB. The building is well known and the room that is used is large enough to accommodate the polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Cradley Heath Baptist Church	Unavailable.

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRD, CRE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church, Halesowen Road, Cradley Heath, B64 6JA

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate for the polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Spring Meadow Baptist Church	Less central for both polling districts and also unsure of disabled access

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temple Meadow Primary School, Clifton Street, B64 6RH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is well located within the polling district. The room used is adequate.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Ebenezer Baptist Church	Church is very small and does not hire out rooms
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WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Haden Hill Leisure Centre, Barrs Road, B64 7HA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Easily accessible from all parts of the polling district. The room used is adequate and has its own small car park. The polling station does need to be well signposted as it is at the back of the building
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Outside lighting is a problem – not well lit at night

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Regis Masonic Hall	Unable to contact

WARD: Cradley Heath and Old Hill

POLLING DISTRICT: CRH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Timbertree Academy, Valley Road, Cradley Heath, B64 7LT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROA, ROB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Sure Start Centre, Dudley Road, B65 8JY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Hall Primary School, Windsor Road, B65 9HU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area and the room used is suitable
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Regis Christian Centre	Church will not allow use of the building as a polling station
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Blue Stone Walk/, Portway Hill, B65 9DE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district but access for the disabled and facilities for the staff are poor.
Parking	Car parking available
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rowley Regis Disability Centre, Rowley Village, B65 9AT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. The room used is adequate to accommodate two polling stations. The polling station is located just outside of the ward in Blackheath Ward.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Level access into the building
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brickhouse Primary School, Dudhill Road, B65 8HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located for the polling district. The room used is suitable
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Rowley

POLLING DISTRICT: ROG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St James' W.R. Church, Wesleyan Centre, Highgate Street, B64 5SA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located just outside of the ward which is not ideal but there are no other alternative buildings within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places

Warley Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer concerning the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019

David Stevens
Acting Returning Officer
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30 September 2019

Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
BRB, BRC	Moat Farm Infant School	Langley Swimming Centre
LAA	St James' C of E Primary School	Rounds Green Library
OWG/OWH	Temporary Hut on school car park of Perryfields Maths and Computing College	Perryfields Primary School
SMA, SMB	Temporary Hut at Londonderry Lane Playing Fields	Temporary Hut at Your Vets, Londonderry Lane
SMH	St Marks Church	Temporary Hut on corner of Thimblemill Road and Hales Lane
SPC	Galton Village Play Centre	Temporary Hut on grass verge next to New Hope Christian Centre, Woodland Drive

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Hilda`s Church Hall, Abbey Road, B67 5NQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well known building within Abbey ward.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Abbey Infant School, Nursery Building, Maurice Road, B67 5LR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located centrally with good access for all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Warley Woods Methodist Church	The school would close anyway due to the proximity of the church and concerns over whether it would restrict access for parents and teachers if the Church was to be the polling station.

WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Thimblemill Library, Thimblemill Road, Smethwick, B67 5RJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Not centrally located in the polling district but is the only building available within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Bearwood Primary School, Ethel Street, B66 4HB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Not centrally located in the polling district but is well known.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Mary's Hall, St. Mary's Road, Smethwick, B66 4BX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled Access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Gregory's R.C. Primary School, Park Road & Wigorn Road Entrances, B67 5HX
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and the only suitable building.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Abbey

POLLING DISTRICT: ABG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Pavilion, Warley Woods Community Trust, 101 Lightwoods Hill, B67 5ED

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	There are steps to access the building. A temporary ramp is provided.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Langley Swimming Centre, Vicarage Road, Oldbury, B68 8HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is outside of the polling district but is the only suitable building.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRB, BRC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moat Farm Infant School, Brookfields Road, Oldbury, B68 9QR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is not located in either polling district. It is located in BRH. The room used is quite small.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling place should move to Langley Swimming Centre

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRD, BRH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Our Lady & St Hubert's R C Primary School, Moat Road, B68 8ED

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
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Location and Suitability	The school is located centrally for both polling districts and is well known within the area. The room used is adequate.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified.	
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WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Hall, Hurst Road, Smethwick, B67 6ND
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located to the south of the polling district but has been the polling place for the area for a number of years so is well known.
Parking	Very small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Annie Lennard School	School and not centrally located

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

George Road Community Church, George Road, Oldbury, B68 9LN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Bristnall

POLLING DISTRICT: BRG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Barlow Homes Community Centre, Pound Road, Oldbury, B68 8NB

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts. The room used is adequate.
Parking	No car park.
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Salvation Army, Pound Road	Unavailable

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St James' C E Primary School, Shelsley Avenue, B69 1BG
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is centrally located however there are suitable alternative buildings nearby.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should move the polling station to Rounds Green library, Martley Road

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

Rounds Green Library is less than 200ft from the School and is closed on Thursdays so an election would not impact on its use.
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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St James C of E Church	Library is more suitable – Council owned and closed on Thursdays.

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAB, LAG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, York Road, York Road, B65 0RR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are very few suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. York road is centrally located for both polling districts. The temporary hut has previously been vandalised at this site.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Ramada, Birmingham	On very edge of polling district and situated on busy main road.
Brandhall Conservative Club	Difficult to get to for most of electorate and political affiliation.

WARD: Langley
POLLING DISTRICT: LAC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Langley Lodge Community Centre, Langley High Street, B69 4SN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. It is centrally located and so accessible for all of the electorate.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Langley Primary School	School
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WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Zion United Reformed Church Hall, Langley Green Road, B69 4TP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Langley Library	Current polling place is suitable.
Iglesia Ni Cristo	Current polling place is suitable.

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Golf Club (Coffee Shop), Heron Road, B68 8AQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located to the south of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Langley

POLLING DISTRICT: LAF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Causeway Green Primary School, Pennccricket Lane, B68 8LX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and so is accessible to all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Causeway Green Methodist Church	Not available
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Primary School, Brennand Road, Oldbury, B68 0SH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and so is accessible to all electors within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWB, OWC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lightwoods Primary School, (Peter Wells Community Hall),
Wolverhampton Road Site, B68 0LP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is situated in OWC so quite a way from electors in OWB
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Warley Baptist Church, Castle Road East, Oldbury, B68 9BJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located to the north of the polling district so is not easily accessible for all electors however there are no alternative buildings.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWE, OWF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Brandhall Library, Tame Road, Oldbury, B68 0JT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
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Location and Suitability	The building is located in OWF and so is a fair distance for electors in OWE.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Old Warley

POLLING DISTRICT: OWG, OWH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, On School Car Park, Perryfields Maths & Computing College, B68 0RG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The location of the school is good within OWH. However, the school is undergoing extensive renovation work and so using a room within the school is not an option. The temporary hut on the school site is also not suitable as there is no car parking facilities and access is difficult.
Parking	No car park

Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Polling station should move to Perryfields Primary School

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Smethwick
POLLING DISTRICT: SMA, SMB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Temporary Hut, Car Park at, Londonderry Lane Playing Fields, B67 7EE

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:		
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Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Move the temporary hut to car park of Your Vets, Londonderry Lane

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Smethwick Fire Station, Entrance Green Street, Smethwick, B67 7QW

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling station but there is nothing else more central.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available

Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Library	Also on the edge of the polling district and no parking available

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SMD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church, Church Hill Street, B67 7AH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district and the room used is large.
Parking	No off road parking
Access	Disabled access

Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Guru Nanak Gurdwara	Less central in the polling district
Christian Life Centre	Less central in the polling district

WARD: Smethwick

POLLING DISTRICT: SME, SMG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Akrill Memorial Methodist Church, The Uplands, Entrance from Taylors Lane, B67 6RR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located in SMG but is centrally located for both polling districts. The room used is large
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Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Smethwick
POLLING DISTRICT: SMF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Dorothy Parkes Centre, Church Road, B67 6EH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is located just outside of the ward which is not ideal but there are no other alternative buildings within the polling district.

Parking	Designated on road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Old Church	No parking

WARD: Smethwick
POLLING DISTRICT: SMH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
St Mark's Church, Junction of Hales Lane/, Thimblemill Road, B67 6LP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:
Location and Suitability
The building is located centrally in the polling district but is no longer available to use. The nursery onsite is also not available to use as the land has been

	sold. There is no other suitable building within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling station will move to a temporary hut on the car park of Thimblemill REC

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Thimblemill REC	Not available

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Johns Community Centre, St Johns Church, St Johns Road, B68 9RP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located towards the edge of the polling district but has been the polling place for a number of years so is well known.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Zion Chapel	Unavailable
Triumphant Church of God	Unavailable
Seventh Day Adventist Church	Unavailable

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rood End Primary School, Rood End Road, B68 8SQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: St. Paul's
POLLING DISTRICT: SPC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Galton Village Play Centre, 25 Woodland Drive, B66 1JF

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located but is now unavailable as it is being converted into residential. A suitable alternative has been identified at New Hope Christian Centre.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling place to move to New Hope Christian Centre

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: St. Paul's**POLLING DISTRICT: SPD****POLLING STATION LOCATION:**

North Smethwick Resource Centre, Cambridge Road, B66 2HR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS**REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES**

None identified

WARD: St. Paul's**POLLING DISTRICT: SPE****POLLING STATION LOCATION:**

Galton Valley Primary School, Brasshouse Lane, B66 1BA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Smethwick Methodist Church Parlour, Holly Lane, B67 7JD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS**REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES**

None identified

WARD: St. Paul's

POLLING DISTRICT: SPG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Alban's Community Centre, St Alban's Road, B67 7NL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Smethwick Baptist Church, Regent Street, B66 3BQ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Windmill Community Centre, Messenger Road, Smethwick, B66 3DX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Philips R C Church	Not available

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Community Action Project, Windmill Lane, B66 3LX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the most suitable venue within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Matthew w. St Chad Church	No car park

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Ron Davis Family Educ., & Training Centre, Ballot Street, B66 3HH

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Johns Methodist Church	Less central

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Cape Primary School, Durban Road, Smethwick, B66 4SH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is the only building available within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Smethwick Gospel Hall	Not available

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Shireland Hall Primary Academy, Montague Road, B66 4PW

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The school is centrally located and is the only available building within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Hadley Park Stadium, Entrance Waterloo Road, Smethwick, B66 4NL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area and is suitable for use as a polling station
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Soho & Victoria
POLLING DISTRICT: SVH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Smethwick Heritage Centre, Victoria Park Lodge, High Street, B66 3NJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places

West Bromwich East Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer concerning the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019

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Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
OLD	Christchurch C of E Church	Christchurch Primary School

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHA, CHF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Connor Education Centre, Connor Road, B71 3DJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located for both polling districts and is the only building available in the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHB, CHC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Beaconview Road, B71 3PJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located within CHB polling district but is convenient for both polling districts.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr Hotel, Festival Suite, Pear Tree Drive, B43 6HS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access – temporary ramp available for access into polling station room.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grove Vale Primary School, Monksfield Avenue, B43 6AL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate. It is the only building available within the polling district
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Charlemont with Grove Vale

POLLING DISTRICT: CHG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, B71 1QS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and a well-known building.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled Access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Woods Methodist Church, Coronation Road, Wednesbury, WS10 0TT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district and suitable for accommodating two polling stations.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Priory Primary School, Dorsett Road, Opp. School Road, WS10 0JG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	There are steps to access the building. A temporary ramp is provided.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tameside Primary School, Entrance From, Price Road, WS10 0EZ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Open Heaven Wednesbury	Not available
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WARD: Friar Park

POLLING DISTRICT: FPD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Mesty Croft Academy, St. Luke`s Road, WS10 0QY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
Parking	Limited car park spaces
Access	Temporary ramp must be used as there are steps
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Move the polling place to St Lukes Church and Centre

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Greet's Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Ryders Green Primary School, Claypit Lane, B70 9UJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
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Parking	Car park available
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGB, GGF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hanbury Primary School, (Former Guns Village Primary), Hanbury Road, B70 9NT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Bethel Christian Fellowship	No parking and no disabled access
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WARD: Greet's Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lodge Road Community Centre, Lodge Road, B70 8PJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located within the polling district.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Greets Green and Lyng
POLLING DISTRICT: GGD, GGE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Lyng Primary School, Horton Street, West Bromwich, B70 7SQ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Conveniently located for both polling districts.
Parking	Car park.
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Good Shepherd With St John C of E Church	On northern boundary of GGD so not convenient for electors in GGE

WARD: Greets Green and Lyng

POLLING DISTRICT: GGG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Farley Park Lodge Community Centre, Whitehall Road, B70 0HF

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	This polling place is located outside of the ward in GBC polling district so is not convenient for electors. An alternative building within GGG was identified as Ryders Green Road Methodist Church however this is not available to use.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a more suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Ryders Green Road Methodist Church	Not available
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WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Yew Tree & Tame Bridge Community Centre, Redwood Road, WS5 4LB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. It is centrally located and so accessible for all of the electorate.
Parking	Designated disabled parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Q3 Academy, Community Entrance, Wilderness Lane, B43 7SD
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Well established location as it has been used as the polling station for the area for many years. There are no other alternative buildings within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr War Memorial Hall, Corner of Chapel Lane &, Birmingham Road, B43 7BD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and convenient for electors.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Margarets C of E School	School

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYD, GYE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Barr Library, (car park entrance Readers Walk), Birmingham Road, B43 6NW
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located on the edge of GYE so voters in GYD can have quite a distance to travel. However, it has been the polling station for this area for a number of years so is well known to voters.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Name R.C. Parish Centre, Birmingham Road, Great Barr, B43 6LN
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located on the edge of GYF but there is no other alternative building
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Holy Name Catholic Primary School	School
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WARD: Great Barr with Yew Tree

POLLING DISTRICT: GYG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Huts, Woodruff Way, Walsall, WS5 4RR
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are no other suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. Woodruff Way is located on the edge of GYG but there is no other suitable alternative.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St John Bosco School, Monmouth Drive, West Bromwich, B71 2ST
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no other suitable alternative within the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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The Phoenix Collegiate	Secondary School
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WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moorlands Methodist Church Hall, (Cornerstone Fellowship), Hydes Road, B71 2ED
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of HHB but it is the only building available within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath
POLLING DISTRICT: HHC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Car Park, Holy Cross R.C., Hall Green Road, B71 3LA
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district. The church itself has suffered extensive flood damage and so it is unusable for the foreseeable future.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff must use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Stone Cross Library	Using the Library would mean merging HHC with HHD. Very small car park, unsure if the room could accommodate a large electorate

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hall Green Primary School, Westminster Road, B71 2JQ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of HHD but it is the only suitable building available and is well known in the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Stone Cross Library	Using the Library would mean merging HHD with HHC. Very small car park, unsure if the room could accommodate a large electorate

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Sandwell Community School, Temporary Hut on Car Park, West Bromwich Campus, B71 2JN

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling station is in a temporary hut on the car park of the school. The school has to close if used for the polling station. Hope Church is a more suitable alternative.
Parking	If a temporary hut is used then there is limited car parking space.
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff must use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	The polling place should move to Hope Church, Marsh Lane

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Community Centre, Gayton Road, B71 1QS
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located outside of the ward but it is the only building available
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hargate Primary School, Tantany Lane/Law Street Entrance, B71 1PG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the only suitable building within the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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West Bromwich Baptist Church	Car parking may be an issue for such a large electorate. Also, no disabled access
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WARD: Hateley Heath

POLLING DISTRICT: HHH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hateley Heath Primary School, Huntingdon Road, B71 2RP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located within the polling district and is convenient for all electors.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None Identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Bernard's Church, Broome Avenue, Great Barr, B43 5AL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but has been the polling place for the district for a number of years and so is well known to the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Temporary Hut, Meadowside Close, Great Barr, B43 6BP
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	There is no suitable building within the polling district and there are no other suitable spaces for the temporary hut to be located. Meadowside close is located centrally in NEB but is on a residential street which causes complaints from residents
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Temporary hut on Scott Arms Shopping Centre Car Park	Safety concerns as car park is secluded.

WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Ferndale Primary School, Ferndale Avenue, B43 5QF

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NED

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Community Room Hamstead House, Coniston Crescent, B43 5NU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and has been the polling station for the area for a number of years.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Newton

POLLING DISTRICT: NEE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tanhouse Community Centre, Hamstead Road, B43 5EL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located centrally within the polling district.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Hamstead Junior School	School
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hallam Street Methodist Church, Community Room, Lewisham Street, B71 4HJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
West Bromwich Christadelphians	Current polling place is more central
Gospel Blue Ribbon Mission	Current polling place is more central

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The West Bromwich Hotel and Spa, Birmingham Road, (Access Europa Avenue), B70 6TU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holy Trinity Church Hall, Mary Road, B70 6LF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Kenrick Park Community Centre, Rear Entrance, 70 Glover Street, B70 6DU
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	No off road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich African Caribbean Resource Centre, Thomas Street, West Bromwich, B70 6LY

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located outside of the polling district in WBF so is not convenient for electors.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling place to move to Holy Trinity Church Hall and merge with WBC

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

The electorate is very small for this polling district and so could easily merge with another polling district.

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Philips Church Hall, Beeches Road, West Bromwich, B70 7PF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district but is the most suitable venue within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

West Bromwich Town Hall, Committee Room A, Entrance From Lodge Rd, B70 8DT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
The Catholic Church of Saint Michael and the Holy Angels	Less central
Shiloh Apostolic Church	Less central
Wesley Methodist Church	Less central

WARD: West Bromwich Central

POLLING DISTRICT: WBH

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Greets Green Access Centre, Tildasley Street, B70 9SJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is towards the edge of the polling district but is the only suitable building within the area.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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ELECTORAL REGISTRATION AND ADMINISTRATION ACT 2013(Section 17)

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts
and Polling Places

West Bromwich West Constituency

Report of the Acting Returning Officer
concerning the Polling Districts and
Polling Places Review 2019

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30 September 2019

Summary of Changes

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
FPD	Mesty Croft Academy	St Luke's Church

WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Jubilee Park Community Centre, Jubilee Park, Powis Avenue, DY4 0RJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located within the polling district and is large enough to accommodate two polling stations with a large electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Toll End Methodist Church	Less Central

WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Bridge Primary School, (Community Room), Mount Street, DY4 7DE
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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New Road Methodist Church	No parking
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WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Great Bridge Library & Children's Centre, Sheepwash Lane, Tipton, DY4 7JF
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access – temporary ramp available for access into polling station room.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Great Bridge

POLLING DISTRICT: GBD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

New Testament Church of God, Horseley Heath, DY4 7QT
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
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Parking	Small car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Methodist Centre Dudley Port, Entrance From Tividale Street, DY4 7SB
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled Access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen Facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tipton Road Methodist Church, Tipton Road, B69 3HY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but it is the only suitable building within the area.
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Parking	Car Park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Meadows Sports College, Dudley Road East, B69 3BU

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Centrally located in the polling district and is easily accessible to all of the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Christchurch C of E Church, Birmingham Street, B69 4DY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area. However, it is due to be sold within the next few months and so will no longer be available to use. Christchurch Primary School have offered their building to be used as an alternative.
Parking	Small car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Polling Station to move to Christchurch Primary School.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
New Testament Church of God	Less central
Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church	Unavailable

WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Rounds Green Primary School, Brades Road, B69 2DP

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area. It is the only suitable building within the polling district.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Oldbury

POLLING DISTRICT: OLF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tivdale Community Primary School, Dudley Road West, B69 2HT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The School is centrally located and is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and Kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

William Perry Boxing Club, High Street, DY4 9JB

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is located on the edge of the polling district. The boxing ring within the polling place cannot be moved and so disabled access is limited.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access in the polling station is limited due to boxing ring
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Sandwell Local, Tipton	Rooms available are too small and toilet and kitchen facilities are not easily accessible.
Bethel Christian Fellowship	No parking and no disabled access

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Wednesbury Oak Academy, Greenacre Road, DY4 0AR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
RSA Academy	Secondary School

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Mark's Church Hall, Ocker Hill Road, DY4 0UT

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park.
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Ocker Hill Infant School	School
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WARD: Princes End
POLLING DISTRICT: PED

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Glebefields Primary School, Sandgate Road, DY4 0SX

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the polling district but it is well known and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Glebefields Library, St. Mark`s Road, Tipton, DY4 0SZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known in the area.
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Parking	Small car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Princes End

POLLING DISTRICT: PEF, PEG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St John the Evangelist Church Hall, Upper Church Lane, DY4 9ND
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	Located towards the edge of the PEG polling district so it is not convenient for all electors. However, there are no other alternative buildings within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grace Community Church, Newhall Street, Tipton, DY4 9HL

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no suitable alternative building.
Parking	No off-road parking
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

The Nursery, St Paul's Academy, Robert Road, DY4 9BH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is well known to electors.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Multi Agency Centre, St. Martin`s Primary School, Lower Church Lane, DY4 7PG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located on the edge of the polling district but there is no suitable alternative building.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church of Sacred Heart & Holy Souls, (Church Hall), 31 Victoria Road, DY4 8SN
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located in the very northern part of the polling district and so is not convenient to all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Silvertrees Academy, Silvertrees Road, Tipton, DY4 8NH
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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Tipton Christian Church	Unavailable
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Tipton Methodist Church	Unavailable
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WARD: Tipton Green

POLLING DISTRICT: TGF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Church Hall Rear of St. Matthew`s Church, Dudley Road, DY4 8DJ
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
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Parking	Car park
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Access	Disabled access
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Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
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Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
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None identified	
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WARD: Tividale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Oakham Primary School, Darby`s Hill Road, Tividale, B69 1SG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling place and is well known to the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Kitchen and toilet facilities are available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Tivdale Hall Primary School, Regent Road, B69 1TR

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located and is the only suitable building available.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tividale

POLLING DISTRICT: TIC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Oakham Library, Poplar Rise, B69 1RD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Designated parking available
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available.
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tivdale

POLLING DISTRICT: TID

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Grace Mary Primary School, School Hall, Hawfield Road, B69 1LD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Car Park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Tivdale
POLLING DISTRICT: TIE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Residents Lounge Darley House, (Rear Entrance), Wallace Close, B69 1HS

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located within the polling district and is the only suitable building within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

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ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North
POLLING DISTRICT: WNA

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Temporary Hut, Cemetery, Beebee Road, WS10 9RY

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The temporary hut is centrally located within the polling district. There is no suitable building within the polling district
Parking	Off-road parking within the cemetery grounds abnd space next to the temporary hut.
Access	Disabled access is poor. A ramp or steps are needed for access into the temporary hut.
Facilities for Staff	The facilities are poor. Staff have to use a portable toilet provided with the temporary hut. There is no

	kitchen, no running water. The Returning Officer provides a kettle and water and portable heaters
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to explore.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Albert Pritchard Infant School, Coleman Road & Crew, Road Entrances, WS10 9QG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The building is well located within the polling district and is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available

Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

St Bartholomew's Church Hall, Church Hill, WS10 9DJ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The church hall is not centrally located but is well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access.
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities

Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
St Mary's Catholic Primary School	School
Wednesbury Baptist Church	Unavailable

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WND

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Wood Green Junior School, Hobs Road, WS10 9BW

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available

Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury North

POLLING DISTRICT: WNE

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Holyhead Primary Academy, Holyhead Road, WS10 7PZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The school located centrally within the polling district. It is well known within the area and is accessible for the majority of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available

Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.
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OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSA, WSB

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Leabrook Methodist Church Hall, (entrance Bannister Road), Leabrook Road, WS10 7LY
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is located within WSB but is convenient for electors in WSA to access as well.
Parking	Car park

Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury South
POLLING DISTRICT: WSC

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Wesley Centre, Central Methodist Church, Springhead, WS10 9AD

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:
Location and Suitability
The polling place is outside of the ward so is not convenient for electors.

Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area but continue to seek a suitable alternative.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
Wednesbury Town Hall	No suitable space within the Town Hall for the polling station to be located.

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSD

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Moorlands Primary School, Winchester Road, B71 2NZ

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is well known within the area. It is the only building available within the area
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Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury South

POLLING DISTRICT: WSE, WSF

POLLING STATION LOCATION:

Hill Top Methodist Church, New Street, Hill Top, B70 0HW
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RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:

Location and Suitability	The polling place is centrally located for both polling districts and is convenient for all of the electorate.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None identified	

WARD: Wednesbury South
POLLING DISTRICT: WSG

POLLING STATION LOCATION:
Harvills Hawthorn Primary School, Wolseley Road, West Bromwich, B70 0NG

RETURNING OFFICER COMMENTS:	
Location and Suitability	The building is centrally located and well known within the area.
Parking	Car park
Access	Disabled access
Facilities for Staff	Toilet and kitchen facilities available
Recommendation	Should remain as the polling station for the area.

OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION:

ALTERNATIVE LOCATIONS	REASONS FOR NOT USING PREMISES
None Identified	

APPENDIX 2

Changes to Polling Stations to take effect immediately

In the event of an unscheduled election before 1 December 2019, the following changes will need to be made to polling stations:

Polling District	Current Polling Station	New Polling Station
BRB, BRC	Moat Farm Infant School	Langley Swimming Centre
OLD	Christchurch C of E Church	Christchurch Primary School
OWG/OWH	Temporary Hut on school car park of Perryfields Maths and Computing College	Perryfields Primary School
SMA, SMB	Temporary Hut at Londonderry Lane Playing Fields	Temporary Hut at Your Vets, Londonderry Lane
SMH	St Marks Church	Temporary Hut on corner of Thimblemill Road and Hales Lane

APPENDIX 3

Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019 Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

Responses to the Consultation

Polling District	Polling Station	Consultation Responses
Abbey Ward		
ABA	St Hilda`s Church Hall	Councillor Piper proposes no changes
ABB	Abbey Infant School	Councillor Piper proposes no changes
ABC	Thimblemill Library	Councillor Bob Piper: Might be better to switch to St Gregory`s School as this will help avoid uphill roads.
ABD	Bearwood Primary School	Councillor Bob Piper: There is a church at the back of the primary schools which might be a better alternative.
ABE	St Mary's Hall	Councillor Piper proposes no changes
ABF	St Gregory's R.C. Primary School	Councillor Piper proposes no changes
ABG	The Pavilion, Warley Woods Community Trust	Councillor Piper proposes no changes
Blackheath Ward		
BLA	Blackheath Central Methodist Church	
BLB	Rowley Regis Disability Centre	
BLC	Community Lounge, St. Giles Court	
BLD	The Parish of The English Martyrs	

BLE	Blackheath Primary School, (Assembly Hall)	
BLF, BLG	Highfields Primary School	
BLH	Blackheath Central Methodist Church	
Bristnall Ward		
BRA	Langley Swimming Centre	Councillor Elaine Giles proposes no changes apart from moving Moat Farm School polling station to here.
BRB, BRC	Moat Farm Infant School	Councillor Elaine Giles supports the proposal to move from Moat Farm Infant School to Langley Swimming Centre. The school does not have adequate disabled access and Langley Swimming centre would be more convenient for electors and does have disabled access.
BRD, BRH	Our Lady & St Hubert's R C Primary School	Councillor Elaine Giles proposes no changes
BRE	Community Hall, Hurst Road	Councillor Elaine Giles proposes no changes
BRF	George Road Community Church	Councillor Elaine Giles proposes no changes
BRG	Barlow Homes Community Centre	Councillor Elaine Giles proposes no changes
Charlemont with Grove Vale Ward		
CHA	Connor Education Centre	

CHA, CHF	Connor Education Centre	
CHB, CHC	Church of St. Mary Magdalene	
CHD	Great Barr Hotel	
CHE	Grove Vale Primary School	
CHG	West Bromwich Community Centre	
Cradley Heath and Old Hill Ward		
CRA	Temporary Hut, Mary MacArthur Memorial Gardens	
CRB, CRC	Corngreaves Primary School	
CRD, CRE	Holy Trinity Church	
CRF	Temple Meadow Primary School	
CRG	Haden Hill Leisure Centre	
CRH	Timbertree Academy	
Friar Park Ward		
FPA	Woods Methodist Church	
FPA	Woods Methodist Church	
FPB	Priory Primary School	Councillor Hackett suggested enquiring whether the children's centre part of the school could be used as the

		polling station so that the school could remain open on polling day. If not, then a new potential building could be the Millennium Centre.
FPB	Priory Primary School	
FPC	Tameside Primary School	Councillor Hackett suggested an alternative building could be Price Road Gospel Hall.
FPD	Mesty Croft Academy	Councillor Hackett suggested an alternative building could be St Lukes Church and Centre
Great Barr with Yew Tree Ward		
GYA	Yew Tree & Tame Bridge Community Centre	
GYA	Yew Tree & Tame Bridge Community Centre	
GYB	Q3 Academy, Community Entrance	
GYC	Great Barr War Memorial Hall	
GYD, GYE	Great Barr Library, (car park entrance Readers Walk)	
GYF	Holy Name R.C. Parish Centre	
GYG	Temporary Hut 1, Woodruff Way	
GYG	Temporary Hut 2, Woodruff Way	

Great Bridge Ward		
GBA	Jubilee Park Community Centre	Councillor Allen proposes no changes
GBA	Jubilee Park Community Centre	Councillor Allen proposes no changes
GBB	Great Bridge Primary School	Councillor Allen proposes no changes
GBC	Great Bridge Library & Children's Centre	Councillor Allen proposes no changes
GBD	New Testament Church of God	Councillor Allen proposes no changes
Greets Green & Lyng Ward		
GGA	Ryders Green Primary School	Councillor Edwards proposes no changes
GGB	Hanbury Primary School, (Former Guns Village Primary)	Councillor Edwards proposes no changes
GGC	Lodge Road Community Centre	Councillor Edwards proposes no changes
GGD, GGE	Lyng Primary School	Councillor Edwards proposes no changes
GGF	Hanbury Primary School, (Former Guns Village Primary)	Councillor Edwards proposes no changes
GGG	Farley Park Lodge Community Centre	Councillor John Edwards: Supports the move to Ryders Green Road Church and agrees that the polling station must be within the polling district. There are not many other alternatives and whilst portable huts are not

		usually ideal, it may be better to have one here if it means the polling station remains in the district.
Hateley Heath Ward		
HHA	St John Bosco School	Councillor Moore, Millar and Sandars propose no changes
HHB	Moorlands Methodist Church Hall, (Cornerstone Fellowship)	Councillor Moore is happy to move from here to either Hall Green Primary or Holy Cross RC Church
HHC	Temporary Hut, Car Park, Holy Cross R.C.	Councillor Millar and Councillor Moore strongly object to moving from here. Councillor Millar stated that it will need to be retained to accommodate a large housing development on Hall Green Road
HHD	Hall Green Primary School	Councillor Moore, Millar and Sandars propose no changes apart from moving electors from Moorlands Methodist Church to here if necessary
HHE	Sandwell Community School, Temporary Hut on Car Park	Councillor Sandars objects to moving from here as this will disenfranchise elderly and vulnerable electors. Councillor Moore agreed that moving to Hope Church is an option but that we had previously moved from there because they wouldn't have us anymore.
HHF	West Bromwich Community Centre	No comments received
HHG	Hargate Primary School	No comments received
HHH	Hateley Heath Primary School	No comments received
Langley Ward		

LAA	St James' C E Primary School	Councillor Davies proposes no changes
LAB, LAG	Temporary Hut, York Road Social Club	Martin Prestidge objects to the suggestion of relocating to the Ramada Hotel and Brandhall Conservative Club. The hotel is not suitable due to its location within the polling district. Brandhall Conservative Club is not suitable because of the direct link with a political party and the access is via a long path at the side of the building. Martin Prestidge suggested possible alternatives of The Ashes, Oldbury Road, Foyer of Lancaster House, Oldbury Road and York Road Social Club. Councillor Davies suggested remaining in the temporary hut on York Road but positioning it more centrally on the road. Also suggested placing a dome hawk and signage to deter vandals.
LAC	Langley Lodge Community Centre	Councillor Davies proposes no changes
LAD	Zion United Reformed Church Hall	Councillor Davies proposes no changes
LAE	Brandhall Golf Club (Coffee Shop)	Councillor Davies proposes no changes
LAF	Causeway Green Primary School	Councillor Davies proposes no changes
Newton Ward		
NEA	St Bernard's Church	Councillor McVittie proposes no changes
NEB	Temporary Hut, Meadowside Close	Councillor Davies and Councillor McVittie propose to make no change to the position of this temporary hut. The car park behind Scott Arms Social Club is too

		secluded and there would be concerns as to the security of the temporary hut. Councillor Allcock would also prefer the polling station to remain in its current position and feels the car park behind Scott Arms is too secluded
NEC	Ferndale Primary School	Councillor McVittie proposes no changes
NED	Community Room Hamstead House,	Councillor McVittie proposes no changes
NEE	Tanhouse Community Centre	Councillor McVittie proposes no changes
Oldbury Ward		
OLA	Methodist Centre Dudley Port	
OLB	Tipton Road Methodist Church	
OLC	The Meadows Sports College	
OLD	Christchurch C of E Church	
OLE	Rounds Green Primary School	
OLF	Tividale Community Primary School	
Old Warley Ward		
OWA	Brandhall Primary School	

OWB, OWC	Lightwoods Primary School, (Peter Wells Community Hall)	
OWD	Warley Baptist Church	
OWE, OWF	Brandhall Library	
OWG, OWH	Temporary Hut, On School Car Park, Perryfields Maths & Computing College	
Princes End Ward		
PEA	William Perry Boxing Club	Councillor Allen suggested using the neighbourhood office next door to the boxing club as an alternative.
PEB	Wednesbury Oak Academy	
PEC	St Mark's Church Hall	
PED	Glebefields Primary School	
PEE	Glebefields Library	
PEF, PEG	St John the Evangelist Church Hall	
Rowley Ward		
ROA	Rowley Regis Sure Start Centre	
ROB	Rowley Regis Sure Start Centre	
ROC	Rowley Hall Primary School	

ROD	Temporary Hut, Blue Stone Walk/, Portway Hill	
ROE	Rowley Regis Disability Centre	
ROF	Brickhouse Primary School	
ROG	St James' W.R. Church, Wesleyan Centre	
Smethwick Ward		
SMA, SMB	Temporary Hut, Car Park at, Londonderry Lane Playing Fields	Councillor Wasim Ali supports the move to the car park of Your Vets, Londonderry Lane
SMC	Smethwick Fire Station	Councillor Wasim Ali proposes no changes
SMD	Holy Trinity Church	Councillor Wasim Ali proposes no changes
SME, SMG	Akrill Memorial Methodist Church	Councillor Wasim Ali proposes no changes
SMF	Dorothy Parkes Centre	Councillor Wasim Ali proposes no changes
SMH	St Mark's Church	Councillor Wasim Ali: St Mark's Church is due to close down soon – we will need to look for an alternative for this. There is a nursery nearby the church which could be explored as a potential alternative.
Soho & Victoria Ward		
SVA	Smethwick Baptist Church	

SVB	Windmill Community Centre	
SVC	Community Action Project	
SVD	Ron Davis Family Educ., & Training Centre	
SVE	Cape Primary School, Durban Road	
SVF	Shireland Hall Primary Academy	
SVG	Hadley Park Stadium	
SVH	Smethwick Heritage Centre	
St Paul's Ward		
SPA	St Johns Community Centre	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
SPB	Rood End Primary School	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
SPC	Galton Village Play Centre	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa supports the move to New Hope Christian Centre
SPD	North Smethwick Resource Centre	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
SPE	Galton Valley Primary School	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
SPF	West Smethwick Methodist Church Parlour	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
SPG	St Alban's Community Centre	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes

SPG	St Alban's Community Centre	Councillor Babu Singh Bawa proposes no changes
Tipton Green Ward		
TGA	Grace Community Church	
TGB	The Nursery, St Paul's Academy	
TGC	Multi Agency Centre, St. Martin`s Primary School	
TGD	Church of Sacred Heart & Holy Souls	
TGE	Silvertrees Academy	
TGF	Church Hall Rear of St. Matthew`s Church	
Tividale Ward		Councillor Maria Crompton: Not received much feedback from electors regarding the polling stations in this ward. Also, there are not many alternatives around.
TIA	Oakham Primary School	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes
TIB	Tividale Hall Primary School	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes
TIB	Tividale Hall Primary School	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes
TIC	Oakham Library	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes
TID	Grace Mary Primary School	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes
TIE	Residents Lounge Darley House	Councillor Maria Crompton proposes no changes

Wednesbury North Ward		
WNA	Temporary Hut , Cemetery, Beebee Road	
WNB	Albert Pritchard Infant School	
WNC	St Bartholomew's Church Hall	
WND	Wood Green Junior School	
WND	Wood Green Junior School	
WNE	Holyhead Primary Academy	
Wednesbury South Ward		
WSA, WSB	Leabrook Methodist Church Hall	
WSC	Wesley Centre, Central Methodist Church	Councillor McVittie suggested moving the polling station from here to Wednesbury Town Hall. The Wesley Centre is outside of the ward whereas the Town Hall is within the polling district and more suitably located for all electors. Councillor Peter Hughes and Councillor Pam Hughes recommend that an alternative polling station within WSC be found as it can be confusing for electors.
WSD	Moorlands Primary School	

WSE	Hill Top Methodist Church	
WSE, WSF	Hill Top Methodist Church	
WSG	Harvills Hawthorn Primary School	
West Bromwich Central Ward		
WBA	Hallam Street Methodist Church	
WBB	The West Bromwich Hotel and Spa	
WBC	Holy Trinity Church Hall	
WBD	Kenrick Park Community Centre	
WBE	West Bromwich African Caribbean Resource Centre	
WBF	St Philips Church Hall	
WBG	West Bromwich Town Hall	
WBH	Greets Green Access Centre	

Equality Impact Assessment Polling District/Polling Places Review

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Title of proposal (include forward plan reference if available)	Polling District and Polling Places Review 2019
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Date EIA considered by Cabinet Member	

See [Equality Impact Assessment Guidance](#) for key prompts that must be addressed for all questions

1. The purpose of the proposal or decision required (Please provide as much information as possible)

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires the Local Authority to review all polling districts and polling places every 5 years. The last review was carried out in 2014. The review looks at the boundaries of polling districts and the location of polling stations. The review is to ensure all electors are given the same opportunity to cast their vote.

Any changes to the current setup is not intended or likely to have any significant impact on any particular group. The main area for any potential negative impact is assessed as being on the grounds of disability, but there are alternative ways of voting which can mitigate against this.

2. Evidence used/considered

We have used evidence about accessibility of existing and any proposed polling stations in making this assessment. This has come from:

- Polling Station Inspector surveys carried out annually on existing stations
- Feedback from Presiding Officers and polling station staff
- Contact with and inspection of polling stations

We have also taken into consideration feedback from consultation.

3. Consultation

The notice of review was published on 28th June 2019 on the Council's website and at the Council House Oldbury.

All Acting Returning Officers, Elected Members, MPs, local Political Parties and local disability charities received notification of the review. Submissions were invited by 30th August 2019.

We have received feedback from members of the public but none from the disability groups. The main feedback and submissions have been from Elected Members mainly regarding looking at alternative polling stations. The concerns expressed have been around minimising change to polling stations as many residents have become familiar with their polling stations.

4. Assess likely impact

Having considered the evidence and made an assessment of the likely potential impact, it is felt that there will be no change or any adverse impact on any group from the protected characteristics, as a result of the proposals arising from the review.

The only potential impact we are currently aware of would be on disabled people. This is due to polling stations which are currently situated at temporary huts. These have been used for a number of years, because currently there are not alternative premises available but this situation is kept under review.

4a. Use the table to show:

- Where you think that the strategy, project or policy could have a negative impact on any of the equality strands (protected characteristics), that is it could disadvantage them or if there is no impact, please note the evidence and/or reasons for this.
- Where you think that the strategy, project or policy could have a positive impact on any of the groups or contribute to promoting equality, equal opportunities or improving relationships within equality characteristics.

Protected Characteristic	Positive Impact ✓	Negative Impact ✓	No Impact ✓	Reason and evidence (Provide details of specific groups affected even for no impact and where negative impact has been identified what mitigating actions can we take?)
Age			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Disability		✓		All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.

Gender reassignment			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Marriage and civil partnership			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Pregnancy and maternity			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Race			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Religion or belief			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.

Sex			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Sexual orientation			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.
Other			✓	All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.

Does this EIA require a full impact assessment? Yes ☐ No ☒

If there are no adverse impacts or any issues of concern or you can adequately explain or justify them, then you do not need to go any further. You have completed the screening stage. You must, however, complete sections 7 and 9 and publish the EIA as it stands.

If you have answered yes to the above, please complete the questions below referring to the guidance document.

5. What actions can be taken to mitigate any adverse impacts?

All staff are trained on how to deal with persons wishing to vote but cannot gain access to the polling station. There is a system for people to be allowed to vote who cannot enter the polling station. Alternatively, all persons can apply for a postal vote or proxy vote.

6. As a result of the EIA what decision or actions are being proposed in relation to the original proposals?

No Actions have been identified that need to be taken.

7. Monitoring arrangements

All polling stations are monitored annually for accessibility.

Also monitored through complaints, comments, feedback from candidates/agents and presiding officers.

There is an independent appeals system with the Electoral Commission for anyone who feels they are disadvantaged by the outcome of the review.

8. Action planning

There are no actions arising from the Equality Impact Assessment.

9. Publish the EIA

The EIA will be published on CMIS.

Where can I get additional information, advice and guidance?

In the first instance, please consult the accompanying guide “Equality Impact Assessment Guidance”

Practical advice, guidance and support

Help and advice on undertaking an EIA, using the electronic EIA toolkit or receiving training related to equalities legislation and EIAs is available to **all managers** across the council from officers within Improvement and Efficiency. The officers within in Improvement and Efficiency will also provide overview quality assurance checks on completed EIA documents.

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