

## Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station Review 2011

### Consultation Process - Record of Responses Received

#### Middlehaven Ward

##### Comments Received

##### Comment Received from Election Agent

###### Mark Keenan

Residents of the Gem/Jewel Streets Area prior to 2007 voted in a small hall on Woodlands Road, For 2007 Election this was changed to Abingdon Road School. Twice distance away and in wrong direction for town amenities. Making voting more difficult. Residents also passed another Polling Station, Elder Court, en route. One must query, as I did, why this was done?

Alternative venue to consider?

For residents of Gem/Jewel streets area, Stephenson House is directly en route to town centre, and at most a 200 yard walk as opposed to nearly half a mile.

#### Ayresome Ward

##### Comments Received

##### Comments Received from Councillors

###### Bill Hawthorne

The existing three Polling Stations in Ayresome Ward are in fact better now than previous, the mobile one gives better coverage of this area, as you know it is a very long ward. However we do not fully cater for the area which was added to Ayresome Ward from Kader eight years ago, the triangle between the odd numbers of Croft Avenue, Acklam Road, and Mandale Road, and including Cranford Gardens, Preen Drive, Stoneleigh, and Lexden, apart from the postal votes very few take the trouble to cast a vote, I have discovered several reasons for this. The nearest Polling Station is too far away and some people do not have transport, also some people from this area are reluctant to venture into the Whinney Banks area, also there are still people who are bitter that they were moved out of Kader Ward Acklam and included into Ayresome Ward. This seems to be a culture problem.

###### Bernie Taylor

Suggestion to relocate Polling Station from Whinney Banks School to new community centre, Stainsby Road. Better access and visibility.

## **North Ormesby & Brambles Farm Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Councillors**

Len Junier

Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling stations. Marshal Avenue Community Centre, Mobile Unit, Alphonsus Church Hall and North Ormesby YCC.

## **Linthorpe Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Friends Meeting House - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

Suggested that more people needed in the Polling Stations to check register and give you your polling card.

Anon

Hewbrew Prayer Room - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

## **Clairville Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station. Pleased that we moved from St Edmunds to Library.

## **Thorntree Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Thorntree Community Centre/Thorntree Primary School/MTLC. Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling stations.

## **Acklam Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Scout HQ - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

M Warman

Acklam Library - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

Margaret Warman

Acklam Library - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

## **Beckfield Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

If you look at the map, it would be easier for residents who live on Ravendal Road, Revesby Road, Sandwell Avenue, Sawtry Road, Thetford Avenue, Trentham Avenue and Woburn Grove, to all be able to vote at the Southlands Centre venue, rather than having to go to Ormesby Methodist Church.

Additional Comments

The rear entrance at the Southlands Centre (Dunmow Avenue side) closes its doors at 7.00pm. Only the intervention of the Polling Manger prevented this from happening at the General Election.

Could the Manager of the Southlands Centre be instructed to keep this door open on Polling Day until 10.00pm?

## **Brookfield Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Acklam Whin Primary, St Claire's Primary and St Mary's tend to cover the area well. The Church at The Oval however could be helped with a portable system to cover the wider Brookfield east.

Venues have been utilised in Brookfield well. But one area to consider is the Earisdon, Sedgefield Road area for temporary stations.

## **Marton Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Councillor**

Tom Mawston

Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling stations.

## **Stainton & Thornton Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Election Agent**

Anon

Hemlington Hall School - Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

#### **Comments Received from Councillor**

Maelor Williams

Stainton Memorial Hall/Hemlington Primary School – Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling stations.

#### **Comments Received from Parish Clerk**

Stainton Memorial Hall – Confirmed satisfaction with the location of the polling station.

## **Hemlington Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Councillor**

Maelor Williams

In Hemlington Ward, access to the Polling Station at Viewley Hill Primary School was confusing. Neither of the two normal access routes to the school were used and the Polling Station could only be accessed from Cass House Road near the Children's Centre. This needs to be resolved and/or identified on the Polling Card.

## **Coulby Newham Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Councillor**

J Cole

Require an extra Polling Station in Polling District UBM. At present the Polling Station Langdon Square.

Alternative venue to consider?

There are many elderly people living at Longhirst and Ash Hill who will find it difficult to walk down to Langdon Square. We suggest extra Polling Station at St Augustine School, a mobile if needed.

## **Marlon West Ward**

### **Comments Received**

#### **Comments Received from Redcar & Cleveland Council**

Sue Bridges

Principal Ethical & Information Governance Officer

I received comments from a Middlesbrough Councillor regarding the safety and security of the mobile at Fulford Way prior to polling day; there were concerns that the mobile would be vandalised. I had arranged for the police to undertake additional 'drive by' activity but in the end this was not required as I made arrangements for the mobile to be removed and returned closer to polling day.

In terms of my own feedback, after visiting the location of the mobile at Fulford Way, I do not think this is an appropriate location for a polling station. It is on grass near a roundabout, with no parking facilities other than on the grass verge around that roundabout. It has no disabled parking or facilities. I appreciate that there are extremely limited facilities in that area but I would ask that alternatives are investigated and adjacent polling districts considered.