

Appendix Four – Comments Received During Consultation Period

By Email:

Cllr Brian Hubbard:

Someone has managed to miss off the polling station in Ormesby (Pritchett Rd, Methodist church), and have instead placed all the roads into the Southlands Centre polling station - could this be looked into please.

Cllr Peter Cox:

On behalf of the Middlesbrough Independent Councillors Association I wish to object most strongly to the proposal to remove the Polling Station at the Methodist Church on Pritchett Road, Ormesby. At previous meetings to discuss this matter we were led to believe that all stations would remain in operation. If this Polling Station is removed it will cause great difficulty to residents of Ormesby and almost certainly lead to a drop in the number of electors exercising their right to vote. I urge you to consider this again.

Cllr John McPartland:

In the new Central Ward both Cllr Pervaz Khan and myself are in agreement with the polling stations as suggested in the initial document. There is however, something which you may wish to consider. Around the corner from the hidden away Meeting House on Elder Court which has been used for a number of years, stands the much bigger and more accessible International Centre. It is two minutes walk away from the Elder Court station.

We are not pushing for this but suggest it as a possible alternative for you to investigate.

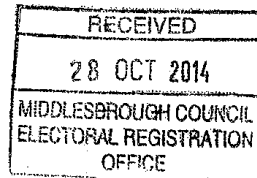
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TOM BLENKINSOP MP

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Middlesbrough TS1 9FX



Our Ref: jmcg/BLN01002/01140893
27 October 2014

Dear Mr Stuart,

RE: Polling Station Review

Thank you for your letter of the 14th October 2014.

I have looked at the supporting documentation and wish to make the following observations which relate only to those wards with my parliamentary constituency.

1. I note the proposals for the present wards of Hemlington, Coulby Newham, Ladgate and Nunhorpe where there is no essential change.
2. I note that the present Park End is also unchanged but that the new ward also covers Netherfields making it a new Park End and Beckfield ward. Again, I have no comment.
3. I note that the present Marton East ward is unchanged but with a new added mobile station at The Oval to the north of the ward taking in new housing in the Northern part of the Ward around Ladgate Lane. This is logical, and again I have no comment.
4. I note that the present Marton West ward has Lingfield School (existing station) but also a new station at Normanby Court to replace the former station. Again, no real change, and I have no comment.
5. My one comment is with regard to Stainton and Thornton Ward. At the moment you propose using just the Village Memorial Hall in the old part of Stainton. (as now). However the ward has now been expanded to take in housing in Hemlington N of Hemlington Hall School and around the St Austell Close area. This is a major alteration. I am unsure that asking people from what is, in essence, a totally different community from Stainton Village, to travel across a busy Stainton Way to an unfamiliar polling station is a good idea. I feel it does not, as proposed, serve community cohesion and ease of access to a polling station. I would therefore propose a new mobile station in that part of Hemlington.

I also note that across the area there may be minor changes to roads and households based on the need to equalise the numbers at the polling stations. I would ask that as part of the rolling electoral registration process that all residents are made aware of their polling place.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course on the latter proposals.

With all best wishes.

Yours sincerely,

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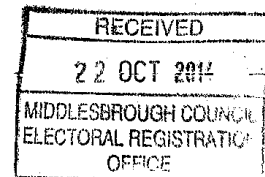


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Dear Sir/Madam

Polling Districts and Places Consultation

Stainton & Thornton Parish Council approves the Borough Council's proposed single polling district covering the whole of the new Stainton & Thornton Ward. The total number of electors is not too large for a single polling station, particularly since the increase in the number of Postal Voters.

The Parish Council also approves the location of the proposed polling station in the Stainton Memorial Hall which is central to the new Ward. The alternative location, Hemlington Hall Academy, is on the periphery of the Ward, not easy to access and does not have well known access for the majority of electors who live in Stainton and Thornton villages.

However, please consider any complications that might arise at the single polling station when there is a simultaneous Parish Council election which only applies to the two thirds of electors in the Borough Ward who live within the Parish boundary.

Yours sincerely,

M Newbould
Clerk to Stainton & Thornton Parish Council

Reference: AF33837

Comment on Middlesbrough District Scout HQ polling station

Please provide comments on this station

Easily accessible with plenty of parking spaces available
overall very good

Name*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[REDACTED] Thackeray Grove
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Preferred method of contact*

Post

Reference: AF34046

Comment on Thorntree Primary School polling station

Please provide comments on this station

Parking for the polling station is not available on site. The only car park is for staff, parking in the local area is restricted for safety reasons for the pupils of the school.

Child Protection is also a concern as the public access is adjacent to the pupil play area (this would normally be secure during the school day)

I would have thought more suitable facilities would be available at the local community centre and Thorntree Church which is in the catchment area and well known to the local community.

Name*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[REDACTED]
Coulby Newham
[REDACTED]
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Preferred method of contact*

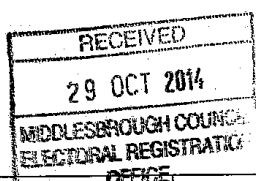
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Comments Sheet

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Polling Station		meeting house, 11 Elder Court TS1 2ST	
Your contact details			
Name	[REDACTED]	Address	Harmony House, TVCC 61A North Ormesby Rd Middlesbrough
Contact Details			
Comments			
<p>Present station covers a relatively large area but is not easy to access and parking is restricted.</p> <p>In future you may wish to consider the valley Chinese Community Centre which has disabled access and relatively easy parking. There is a large car park opposite and it is on a significant road.</p>			
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Polling Station		North Ormesby Community Hub Derwent St. TS3 6JR!	
Your contact details			
Name		Address	
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]	
Contact Details	National education Leisure office Shawmer's Guild.	North Ormesby Hudd. [REDACTED]	
Comments			
<p>I feel The Hub, which has been used for many years, is not the only premises that could be used for Polling day.</p> <p>In North Ormesby we have a splendid Trinity Church Hall in the Centre of North Ormesby. It is next to the Market Place, which (except for Tuesday market) has lots of parking space. It is modern and central.</p>			
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