

## 2019 Polling Places Review – Representations Received

Reference	Date of Response	Name of Person Responding	Response
1	8 July 2019	Councillor John Duggan, Riccall Ward	I believe the Village Institute is about the place is the best option for Riccall. It is central in the village the only other option would be the only other option would be the Regen Centre and that would be too far a lot of the villages to walk to.
2	22 July 2019	Jeremy Sherlock, Parish Clerk, Gateforth Parish Council	This report has been considered by the Parish Council who are happy for the current situation in Gateforth to continue providing the owner is happy to give consent
3	29 July 2019	Jeremy Sherlock, Parish Clerk, Church Fenton Parish Council	Church Fenton PC is happy with the current arrangements
4	1 August 2019	Sue Coles, Parish Clerk, Womersley Parish Council	I can confirm that Womersley Parish Council were happy with the current polling arrangements.
5	3 August 2019	Robina Burton, Parish Clerk, Cawood Parish Council	I am writing to inform you that Cawood PC is happy to continue to use the Old Boys School as the polling station in Cawood
6	3 August 2019	Dianne Dumbell, Parish Clerk, Barlby and Osgodby Town Council	The Town Council has no comments with regard to the 3 Polling Places in the Parish :  - BLV Barlby Library and Community Hub - SBB Scout HQ Bungalow Road

- DOS Osgodby Institute

<b>7</b>	4 August 2019	Robert Packham, District Councillor, Sherburn in Elmet	No objection
<b>8</b>	5 August 2019	Nicola Smith, Parish Clerk, Sherburn in Elmet Parish Council	The Parish Council considered the emails about the Polling Stations and Polling Places review at their recent meeting – Councillor Bob Packham advised that nothing has changed in Sherburn in Elmet and as a result they received and noted the information.
<b>9</b>	5 August 2019	Joyce Collier, Parish Clerk, Bolton Percy, Colton and Steeton Parish Council	Regarding Polling places in Bolton Percy. We are at present using the Old School, after the Parish Room was not available due to refurbishment. I understand all residents are happy with the continued use of the Old School. Steeton residents come to Bolton Percy, but Colton residents go to Appleton Roebuck. I have never had any complaints about this, as after speaking to the Chairman of the Parish Council they have always gone there.
<b>10</b>	7 August 2019	Dave Perry, Chair, Drax Parish Council and Chair, Drax Village Hall	Both Drax Parish Council and the Village Hall committee are happy with the review of Drax Village Hall as a Polling Station

<p><b>11</b></p>	<p>14 August 2019</p>	<p>Jo Mottershead, Deputy Clerk, Tadcaster Town Council</p>	<p>Tadcaster Town Council agrees to the situation of Polling Places within Tadcaster; however the Stutton Village Hall venue is within Stutton Parish.</p> <p>Members would like to bring to your attention that disabled access to the Riley Smith Hall was not sign posted or made clear at the last Polling day making access difficult.</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p>19 August 2019</p>	<p>David Bowgett, Election Agent Selby and Ainsty Constituency Labour Party</p>	<p>The Selby and Ainsty Constituency Labour Party would like to make the following comments with regard to the current review of polling places:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The CLP strongly supports all efforts to improve disabled access at polling stations throughout the district, and is willing to support moving polling stations that cannot reasonably be upgraded to meet the recommended specifications for disabled access, so long as the new location is within the same locality as the original (i.e. within the same village, or the same area of a town).</li> <li>• Despite this, we believe strongly that Stutton should retain its polling station, as the nearest polling station - Calcaria House in Tadcaster - is a distance that most people would not reasonably be able to walk, meaning that relocating the polling station to a theoretically more accessible location may in fact be a counter-productive move, potentially making it harder for disabled people who do not have access to transport to cast their vote.</li> <li>• We have concerns about the long-term viability of</li> </ul>

			using a private residence as a polling station for Gateforth, and believe that a mobile polling station may be a better solution for the village in the longer run.
13	20 August 2019	Caroline Sampson Paver, Presiding Officer at elections	<p>I think it would be helpful if all polling places have strong communications links – I have worked at various Polling Places with no landline, very poor mobile phone coverage and no wi-fi – which makes communication difficult and a risk if an emergency situation was to occur.</p> <p>I have also experienced Polling Places with difficult access for wheelchair users – we have always made it work – but recently at Skipwith Village Hall a wheelchair using voter found it incredibly tight to gain access through a narrow corridor with a bend in it and a single access door to the Polling Station itself. In my experience, wheelchairs are getting bigger – which could present a problem in some places.</p>