

Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2018
Comments Received During Public Consultation
1st-29th October 2018

Berwick Hills and Pallister Ward

I'm happy with the locations. *Cllr Julie McGee, Berwick Hills and Pallister Ward*

Hemlington Ward

I'm pleased to see that a change has been made to put the roads off Earls Court Road back into Viewley Hill School after they were moved last time to the Recreation Centre, so thanks for that

On the Recreation Centre it appears that some roads have been missed out from the Dales Park area, ie

- Ashdale,
- Arkendale
- Arrendale
- Littondale
- Raydale

Cllr Nicky Walker, Hemlington Ward

Park End and Beckfield Ward

Ormesby Methodist Church - Have you taken into consideration a high rate of oaps in the area and also buses my wife and I are 72 and 73 we have decided not to vote anymore do not send any forms out to or home address. *Elector, Park End and Beckfield Ward*

The Council are removing the Ormesby polling station and having voters trek to Glastonbury House!? Could this be that the Ormesby polling station was implicit in the election of non mainstream party candidates?

For me this stinks of election rigging, which is illegal. I am calling for the electoral commission to look into it!

I have no doubt that a reason has been manufactured and the story is airtight, but I for one see right through it!! *Elector, Park End and Beckfield Ward*

Park End & Beckfield Community Forum strongly objects to the Polling Station being moved from The Chapel on Pritchett Road to Glastonbury House, Lindisfarne Road, Priestfields. This will cause a great deal of inconvenience to the elderly and disabled and could be too far for these residents to travel resulting in them not bothering to vote at all. The Methodist Church Hall is a focal point for the residents of Ormesby to vote whereas Glastonbury House is at the other end of the estate. *Park End and Beckfield Community Forum*

We would like to put forward the following alternatives for polling station venues throughout our ward:

Former Netherfields Community Centre, Fulbeck Rd, Netherfields – there is no planned change to this polling station, and we are happy that this remains in situ.

Park End Primary School, Overdale Road, Park End – there is no planned change to this polling station, and we are happy for this to continue at the same site.

Southlands Centre, Ormesby Rd, Priestfields – Middlesbrough Council will commence demolition of the site from the 3rd December 2018. The management committee of Glastonbury House, Lindisfarne Road, Priestfields, have been consulted on this being an alternative venue for future elections until the new community hub is built on the Southlands Centre site. This has been accepted, so we are happy for this to be the new location, as it is within 800 metres of the former polling station. Officers from Electoral Services visited the premises and has excellent facilities and due to its close proximity to the Southlands Centre.

The Methodist Church, Pritchett Road, Ormesby – Although documentation hasn't been provided from church officials, it has widely been discussed by those working at the church that the building will go up for sale in April 2019. Therefore we accept that Middlesbrough Council has no alternative but to relocate. We have had discussions with the Secretary of the Ormesby Club and Institute, The High Street, Ormesby, and their committee unanimously accepted the proposal for the establishment to be used for any forthcoming elections. Officers from the Electoral Services have visited the premises and agreed that it is an excellent alternative. We are happy for this to be accepted as the new location for the polling station, is again a short distance from the previous polling station.

Cllrs Jan Mohan, Michael Saunders and Brian Hubbard, Park End and Beckfield Ward

Stainton and Thornton Ward

This matter was discussed at the Parish Council meeting held earlier tonight. The Parish Council is satisfied that the polling stations at Hemlington Hall School and at the Memorial Hall, Stainton are suitably placed and serve the needs of all electors. No alternative sites are necessary. *Clerk to Stainton and Thornton Parish Council*

Trimdon Ward

Acklam Whin School - I feel this centre is too small for the amount of people using it when I went to vote last year the I waited around 15-20 minutes to get into the building the que was long, it all around the building, I nearly did not vote, we previously went to St Margaret's church which was more convenient and closer and no wait was necessary and a much bigger establishment suited me to vote there than at the school. As I am a resident of Sedgefield Road acklam the oval is closer. Why was this changed from previous years? *Elector, Trimdon Ward*

I would like to make some comments regarding the proposals for Trimdon Ward.

I would like to suggest that a mobile polling station be provided for electors of Stainsby Hall housing development off Jack Simon Way. I realise that these are expensive but the geography suggests that St Clare's School is not appropriate. In due course the Council apparently intends to provide community facilities/schools in this area which could be used but their absence should not be used to avoid the need to provide temporary facilities.

In your consideration of my suggestion could I point out that the allocation of electors to polling stations in adjoining Wards is significantly lower per polling station than is proposed for Trimdon Ward and this disparity is increasing (for example, there is little if any new development taking place in Kader Ward).

(Ironically, under your proposals electors from Stainsby Hall would have to drive past a polling station in Kader Ward (St Margaret's Church Hall) which has a very small electorate indeed.

Finally, could I mention that the car parking at St Clare's School is not likely to be as readily available as you suggest in your report as the school stays open on election days. This may also apply to Acklam Whin School.

I hope that these comments will assist in your review. *Elector, Trimdon Ward*

Hello, can you help me please, many of the residents on the new housing estate next to the A174 at the bottom of Acklam are asking if a polling station to be installed for next year's elections. This could be placed at the entrance to the new estate.

This is a formal request for the station to be used

I look forward to your reply *Cllr Dennis McCabe, Trimdon ward*

General

Thanks very much for your letter. I look forward to voting next May *Representative of town-wide community group*