



North Devon District Council

Polling Districts and Polling Places Review
2023

Appendix B: Review Comments and
Responses

Names removed

Comment: 1

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2023 13:22
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling places

Good afternoon

Poling places:

The current polling place in Landkey is the Village Hall.

Its position is such that it is in easy walking distance of the older parts of the Village. This is where there is the highest chance that some residents will not have their own transport.

Residents in new parts of the Village such as Harford Way who need to travel by public transport have to walk to the Village Hall or the end of South Hayes Copse. Some do, particularly school children. So either they have their own transport or do not have a problem with access to the Village Hall as a polling place.

Access is straightforward with a dropped kerb and the pavement is sloped up to the level of the entrance.

It is positioned on Blakes Hill Road such that notices will be very visible to the traffic on Blakes Hill Road.

So I would suggest that the current use of the Village Hall as the Landkey polling place makes sense.

[REDACTED]
Landkey
EX32 ONE

RO Comment - None

Comment 2

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2023 17:12
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling stations

Good afternoon,
Very happy to have polling station at Lee Memorial Hall.
It serves the Lee and Lincombe communities very well.
Kind regards,
[REDACTED] Lee resident

Sent from my iPhone

RO Comment - None

Comment 3

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2023 17:25
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling Station - comments

I can only comment on Fremington Parish Hall, which is a convenient, accessible and pleasant location for us to use.
Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Sent from my iPad

RO Comment - None

Comment 4

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 October 2023 21:25
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling station review for N Devon

I do believe our local polling station in Braunton is a suitable and convenient venue to most residents within in the Braunton catchment area and should continue for the foreseeable future [REDACTED] Braunton EX33 2LE

Sent from my iPad

RO Comment - None

Comment 5

From: Councillor David Worden <David.Worden@northdevon.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 October 2023 20:59
To: Debbie Chandler <Debbie.Chandler@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: South Molton

Hi Debbie,

I had a little trouble with the map but I fully support the idea of having two polling stations-
one at the Methodist Church and one at the Amory Centre.

Best wishes

David

Sent from a mobile device.

RO Comment - None

Comment 6

From: Info <Info@combemartin-pc.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 October 2023 09:04

To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts & Polling Places/Stations 2023 - North Devon

Good morning,

The Village Hall is still the best location for the polling station as it is central to the village and has parking nearby.

Many thanks

Tanya Ayres

Asst to the Parish Clerk

Combe Martin Parish Council

Working Days:

Monday

wednesday

Thursday

RO Comment - None

Comment 7

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 October 2023 09:51
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling stations

Re: feedback on locations

We live in Sticklepath Barnstaple, and are happy to go anywhere we can safely and easily access by bicycle.

We've used the local school before, which was very good

Kind regards

[REDACTED]
Barnstaple EX312HX

RO Comment - None

Comment 8

From: Jeff Souch [REDACTED]
Sent: 04 October 2023 10:36
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Meshaw Parish

I refer to the "Have your say on Polling Stations."

By next April 2024 Meshaw Parish hopes to have a Village Hub (Venue for Wider Community Use) with wifi set within the Church Building of St John the Baptist, The Square, Meshaw, EX36 4NE.

If you are reviewing Polling Stations perhaps you could consider this site.

Regards

Jeff Souch
Chairman
Meshaw Parish Meeting.

Tel [REDACTED]

RO Comment – This is something that could be considered in the future once it is up and running but as it isn't in existence yet, we cannot include it within this review.

Comment 9

From: Tanya Ayres <tanya.ayres@combemartin-pc.gov.uk>

Sent: 04 October 2023 11:59

To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>

Subject: Polling station

I sent out an email earlier saying that the Village Hall was still a suitable venue but so is the Community Centre where the Parish Council Office is.

Could this also be considered? There is also nearby parking etc.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Tanya Ayres

Asst to the Parish Clerk

Combe Martin Parish Council

Working Days:

Monday

wednesday

Thursday

RO Comment – The village hall is a suitable venue that has been used for a number of years, so unless there was a reason to do so, we wouldn't propose changing polling stations as doing so would cause confusion with electors.

Comment 10

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 October 2023 09:21
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling stations

My polling station is Combe Martin Village Hall, this is very acceptable to me. It can be accessed from a nearby carpark, and there is a little on-road parking - all sites in CM would have this issue!

There is now a better bus service so if necessary people can use this – most drivers will stop almost anywhere, I don't know where the nearest stop is.

The Community Centre also has parking nearby and there is a nearby bus stop. The Parish Church hall might be better for parking but not for those relying on a bus.

[REDACTED]

RO Comment – We will continue to use the Village hall as a polling station as it remains suitable.

Comment 11

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 November 2023 13:46
To: Elections <elections@northdevon.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling Stations in North Devon

Dear sir/madam,

I understand a review is currently being conducted into polling stations in North Devon. I would like to know if Petroc College is currently being considered as a polling station for the next General Election. It might increase voter turnout amongst young people if they were able to vote from college.

All the best,

[REDACTED]
Petroc College

RO Comment – St Pauls Church is a suitable venue that has been used for a number of years. The consultation responses and our own observations indicate that it is still suitable so we do not propose changing polling stations. For the majority of students this would not be their polling station as they would need to vote in their own, home, polling district.

The following are comments received via the online survey:

Comment 12

10 October 2023
The nearest polling station is easily accessible.

RO Comment – None

Comment 13

10 October 2023
The usual polling station, Hannington Hall in Martinhoe, is near and adequate. It is not currently wheelchair accessible, but funds are being raised to change that.

RO Comment – None

Comment 14

Braunton Parish Council
The Polling Station at Knowle is at risk. There is only one available venue which is a public house known as the Ebrington Arms. During the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Knowle residents

were without a Polling Station as the public house was in the process of changes proprietors. The Parish Council would like to request if it would be possible to have portable polling station provided for the Ebrington Arms Car Park for future elections.

RO Comment - Due to the uncertainty of the Ebrington Arms and ownership we could not guarantee the use of the carpark. With no known suitable alternative within the area, the only suitable alternative would be to use The Church Hall, Christchurch in Braunton. This will be kept under review for any future elections.

Comments 15 to 30

The remaining 16 online responses stated No Change to the current circumstances.