

INTERIM POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW RESPONSES

Reference	Connection to the Polling District	Polling District(s) commented on	Submission Comments	Any other comments
IPDR/001	Resident / District Councillor	CHC	<p>Chalford Hill is a large ward requiring multiple polling stations. A chunk of the ward used to vote in a very convenient centrally located church hall, which has now been sold with no news on whether or when it might continue as a public hall so an alternative has been suggested. The sports and social club is a good venue with parking, I assume it meets accessibility criteria due to its function, but is at the edge of the village so less than ideal for people to walk to.</p> <p>France Lynch church rooms seems like a suitable slightly more in-village location, albeit without any separate parking, has this been discounted for any reason?</p> <p>We need to keep a watching brief on more central venues such as the former Methodist hall and emerging Old Neighbourhood hub if the community buyout comes to fruition to make it as easy as possible for people to vote. Thankyou</p>	None
IPDR/002	Polling Station Premises / Local Community Group / Church	STA	Alternative polling stations - The Community Centre in Regent Street, Stonehouse.	None
IPDR/003	District Councillor	SG	<p>The polling station for Whitminster is Whitminster Village Hall. It has a separate room for use as a polling station, with adequate access, including disabled, good parking provision, heating arrangements and kitchen facilities.</p> <p>The same applies to the four other polling stations in Severn Ward, which is the Ward I represent on SDC, namely Eastington, Frampton-on-Severn, Arlingham and Fretherne with Saul Great Oldbury is an unknown quantity at present, as it is not yet complete.</p>	None
IPDR/004	Parish Councillor / District Councillor	HI / SE / SF	All current recommendations seem reasonable to me.	None
IPDR/005	Local Community Group / Church	STA	The Polling Station for STA1 (North Stonehouse) had been provided by the Morley Hall (Storehouse Methodist Church) for many years. All elections have run smoothly, especially so when social distancing was required to minimise transmission of infection. Election officers have complemented us on the suitability of the premises and helpful friendly support provided.	We have enjoyed a long and positive relationship with the SDC Electoral Services for the management of the

			<p>The advantages of the Morley Hall include:</p> <p>Location - central to the voting area and within easy walking distance for voters.</p> <p>Accessibility - disabled car parking, ground floor with no steps, fully accessible toilet facilities.</p> <p>Space - large area to enable queuing indoors if required.</p> <p>Facilities - kitchen with microwave and beverage making facilities, equipped to a high standard. New system to heat and cool to ensure comfortable environment. Buildings maintained to a good standard. Risk assessments and action plans in place.</p> <p>Eco friendly - air source pump heating and cooling system. Eco church silver accreditation. Environmentally friendly products used (such as cleaning materials).</p> <p>Support - 24/7 telephone support to resolve any property issues.</p> <p>We believe the Polling Station role is an important part of our community service.</p>	Morley Hall as a polling station and look forward to this continuing in to the future.
IPDR/006	Polling Station Premises	SG	Suitability of location of current polling station - Central to the area of polling - good parking and in walking distance for a large number of voters.	None
IPDR/007	Parish Council	CHC	<p>Chalford Sports and Social Club is a good venue as an alternative to the former Methodist Hall from an accessibility perspective and with the benefit of a car park. However, this venue is located on the uphill outer edge of the village. In an ideal scenario we would recommend a more central location which is within walking distance for more people.</p> <p>France Lynch Church Rooms are now available again following building works to improve accessibility. Although limited parking, has this been considered as an option? It is a well used venue, so may not be appropriate to displace a regular Thursday activity schedule should it be booked. However it may be worth consideration.</p> <p>The new owners of the Methodist Hall have suggested continued community use of the hall, but have not yet reopened it; they should be contacted to establish the potential future use as a polling station/target availability dates.</p>	None
IPDR/008	District Councillor / County Councillor	MBB	The choice of alternative venue for the Brimscombe ward of Minchinhampton parish seems very sensible, thank you.	None

IPDR/009	Parish Council	MBB	Please note that an ongoing staffing crisis at Minchinhampton Parish Council leaves it unable to respond/deal with things such as the below.	
IDPR/010	Parish Council	STA / STC	<p>Council believes that some of the information in your documents about current polling stations is incorrect. It is recommended that the three ward areas be allocated the following polling station locations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North ward - St Josephs • Central ward - Douglas Morley Hall • South ward - Stonehouse Community Centre 	None