

Appendix B - Emailed Responses

Ward	Polling district/place	Comment	Format	Response
All wards	Not applicable	<p>Please note that we are concerned about any polling stations that have accessibility issues and those that are not in the ward or where people have to travel a significant distance to vote. We request that addressing these issues is a constant priority.</p> <p>The Crookesmoor area has been a focal point for accessibility issues and we regret the temporary or permanent loss of a newly established accessible station at the Training Centre on Crookesmoor Road. Weston Park Museum is not a good alternative for B&SV or C&C and we would encourage you to keep looking for alternatives.</p> <p>No other comments have been received to pass on</p>	Email	<p>We acknowledge that accessibility to polling stations is of paramount importance and, when this is inadequate, take action to either mitigate the access or move to another venue. With regard to the specific issue in the Harcourt polling district an alternative suitable venue has been identified.</p>
Beighton Page 141	CG - Reignhead Primary School	<p>Can I suggest that this box be placed in either:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The Fox Pub on Robin Lane (very similar layout to The Belfry but a larger room). (2) The Community Centre on Rose Avenue – belongs to Housing so I would talk to them as I understand there may be moves to close the Community Centre in favour of a commercial let. (3) Both are in the middle of the Polling Station area and flat for most people. <p>The move to Beighton Welfare caused a number of problems for older voters (especially those that live on the Flower Estate):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The estate and Welfare are at opposite ends of the Polling Station area. (2) Some older and disabled people on the Flower Estate found it impossible to vote on the day. (3) The route from the Flower Estate to Reignhead School is relatively flat. (4) The extra distance from Reignhead School to Beighton Welfare is down (and back up) a steep hill (Grange Road). 		<p>We believe Reignhead Primary School to be the most suitable polling place to serve this polling district.</p> <p>However, depending on the prevailing circumstances relating to Covid-19 it may not be possible to use the school and we'll look at The Fox Public House on Robin Lane, the community centre on Rose Avenue or Beighton Miners Welfare as alternatives.</p>

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Graves Park	PB - Graves Park Bowling Pavilion	<p>Arising, I believe, from COVID concerns and vulnerabilities of residents, the large social lounge space at “Painted Fabrics” was not used as the polling station for the PB polling district. At very short notice the bowling pavilion in Graves Park, just off Charles Ashmore Road was pressed into service.</p> <p>With more time for consideration, I think the bowling pavilion would be very unsuitable for future use, particularly for polling staff, but also for electors, because there was no circulation space, operation was one in, one out, queueing was in the open, often with the door fully open to enter.</p> <p>Painted Fabrics has been a polling station for more than 40 years I have been given to understand. It is a large space, and certainly much larger than is needed, though a smaller space occupied for polling purposes would be much better than the pavilion. I would hope then, that with the benefit of more time, a risk assessment is undertaken, should Covid concerns remain, to use this established polling station once again.</p> <p>Alternatives would be very much second best, given the boundaries of busy roads (A61 and Bocham Parkway) and Graves Park itself. Possibly The Norton Pub? Possibly Norton House Country Club (PD) on the fringe of PB district, if polling stations are amalgamated. However, given the length of usage of Painted Fabrics, I think even a suitable alternative would not be desirable.</p>	Email	<p>We believe the Painted Fabrics Community Room to be the most suitable polling place to serve this polling district.</p> <p>However, depending on the prevailing circumstances relating to Covid-19 it may not be possible to mitigate risks sufficiently to the satisfaction of residents of the sheltered housing scheme and therefore we will retain the Graves Park Bowling Pavilion as a back-up facility should the need arise.</p>
Nether Edge and Sharrow	TC - Nether Edge Bowling Club	I live in Nether Edge and vote at the Bowling club. This is very convenient and I wish to continue voting there.	Email	Noted