

STATUTORY POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW RESPONSES

Initial Consultation 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	<p>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.</p> <p>The advantages of the Morley Hall include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location - central to the voting area and within easy walking distance for voters. • Accessibility - disabled car parking, ground floor with no steps, fully accessible toilet facilities. • Space - large area to enable queuing indoors if required. • 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. • Eco friendly - air source pump heating and cooling system. Eco church silver accreditation. Environmentally friendly products used (such as cleaning materials). • Support - 24/7 telephone support to resolve any property issues. <p>We believe the Polling Station role is an important part of our community service.</p>	We have enjoyed a long and positive relationship with the SDC Electoral Services for the management of the 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</p>	None

			<p>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>	
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 <p>South ward - Stonehouse Community Centre</p>	None
Second Consultation responses				
SPDR/001	Local Community Group / Polling Station Premises	RWRB	Randwick Village Hall is positioned at the centre of the village of Randwick. There is adequate parking and restricted mobility access is good with a ramp for wheelchair users. The hall is always warm and has adequate lighting, seating and toilet facilities. The hall has been used as a polling station in the past and remains suitable and available subject to booking in advance.	None
SPDR/002	Polling Station Premises / Resident	AWB	<p>Woodchester Village Hall is fully accessible for anyone with mobility issues and needs. The premises are ideally situated within the community and has its own parking area.</p> <p>The premises offer pleasant surroundings for voters and officials alike.</p>	None
SPDR/003	Polling Station Premises / Resident	HG	<p>We use the village church - St Laurence - which is only about 400yds from our home and is very convenient for us.</p> <p>This is the only feasible building that could be used by the community for elections. The primary school across the road has no space to accommodate a</p>	None

			<p>polling station during school hours, and the Methodist chapel that was used previously has now closed and is a private residence.</p> <p>The church is accessible to wheelchair users, with a small ramp at the main entrance. There is a large car park across the road which is shared with the school. Other than at drop off and pick up times there is always space. During these times on road parking is available.</p> <p>The church is currently undergoing a reordering project, removing half the pews and installing an inside toilet which will improve the facilities to both electors and polling officers.</p>	
SPDR/004	Polling Station Premises	BC	Oakridge Village hall has disabled access and parking and is suitable for a polling station.	None
SPDR/005	Polling Station Premises / Fretherne, Saul & Framilode Village Hall & Playing Field	SD	The village hall is in the centre of Saul village. It has a large flat car park next to the hall. There are no steps into the village hall and it has double doors for entry, making it suitable for disabled voters.	None
SPDR/006	Polling Station Premises	TSD	<p>As far as I'm aware Leonard Stanley Village Hall has been used as a polling station for many years and we are very happy for this to continue.</p> <p>There is a large car park and disabled access from the front and side of the building (the latter being the entrance/exit from the kitchen with a large sloping access).</p>	None
SPDR/007	Polling Station Premises	BB	Eastcombe Village Hall has been used as a polling station for many years. It has plenty of parking with automatic lighting on entry and departure after dark, disabled access via a ramp, disabled toilet / baby changing facilities, 2 men's and 2 ladies toilets, kitchen with kettles, crockery and hot water. It is well maintained and very popular for dancing and exercise classes due to a wooden sprung floor.	None
SPDR/008	Polling Station Premises / Parish/Town Councillor	CUA	<p>Coaley Village Hall has been the local voting station for at least 40 years. The only other potential venues would be the pub (Old Fox), the school or the church. None of these has the facilities needed.</p> <p>The village hall is in the centre of the village and has adequate parking facilities. There is disabled access and disabled toilets.</p>	None

SPDR/009	District Councillor / Parish/Town Councillor / Polling Station Premises / Whitminster Village Hall and Playing Field Charity	SG	The Lounge room at Whitminster Village Hall has been used since the hall was refurbished and extended in 2007 as a polling station. It has disabled facilities, including access, adequate parking, kitchen facilities, gas-fired central heating, and is conveniently placed for residents to use.	None
SPDR/0010	Polling Station Premises / The Coopers Edge Trust	PUH / PUI	The Edge Community Centre Coopers Edge GL3 4DY This is a Community centre all on one level so has disabled access throughout, has separate rooms for voting as well as direct access. Toilets & parking on site as well as being in the centre of the community of coopers edge. Under the Upton St Leonards ward & Painswick Edge (I think).	None
SPDR/0011	Polling Station Premises / Stinchcombe Village Hall Management Committee	WUEB	The current Polling Station at Stinchcombe Village Hall is in an ideal central location to the Village. The Committee Room used has it's own entrance with ramp if required, toilet and kitchen facilities Heating can be preset and controlled as required. There is a large Car Park on site.	None
SPDR/0012	Parish/Town Clerk	CEB	Cam Parish Council Offices Disabled access on one level with disabled toilet facilities Availability on required day to be prioritised, at required times	None
SPDR/0013	Polling Station Premises / Edge Village Hall	PUC	We are very happy that Edge Village Hall remains the polling station for our district. There is one parking space available for disabled voters, otherwise there is a short walk down the farm access road from Edge Lane by the Village Green.	None

	Management Secretary			
SPDR/0014	Parish / Town Clerk	CHC	We are happy to support the use of the France Lynch Church Rooms as the polling station for Hill Ward.	None
SPDR/0015	Morley Hall Community Space / Polling Station Premises / Resident	STA / STAA	<p>The Douglas Morley Hall has been used as a polling station for many years. Key advantages include:</p> <p>It is a local community space well known by the residents of the ward. They know where they are going to to vote.</p> <p>Full access including disabled facilities such as toilets. No stairs or steps. Modern heating system and well-equipped kitchen for use by election staff. Plenty of space, including for queuing indoors if required.</p> <p>Premises telephone support provided throughout period of voting and for prep/closing down.</p> <p>Positive comments about premises from election officers.</p>	None
SPDR/0016	Polling Station Premises	CHC	Perfectly happy with France Lynch church rooms being used as a polling station. Better location than the sports and social club.	None
SPDR/0017	Resident	BVB	I think the Pavilion in Berkeley would be a good place to hold any kind of elections etc. There is parking available for disabled and older people etc. The building is also easily accessible. Currently the Town Hall is used in Salter Street and parking is extremely difficult at best and space on the ground floor is limited to one room with limited capacity.	None
SPDR/0018	Berkeley & Surrounding Area Community Support Group / Resident	BVB / BVE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Your document Polling District and Polling Place Review 2023 refers to disabled parking, when accessible parking is more appropriate 2. Iro Berkeley, it claims "There is disabled parking opposite the venue". This is inaccurate and misleading. The entrance to Berkeley Town Hall is on Salter St, the only public accessible parking bay is about 50m away outside the Berkeley Bakery, the furthest away address on Market Place. 3. It's on the street parking that is opposite the venue, and this is likely to change if the advice from GCC Highways to remove it is followed, (resolution of issues with the turning circle from Marybrook St into Salter St) 4. An alternative/additional venue could be at Canon Park, which has been used before. 	None

SPDR/0019	Polling Station Premises	CEA	I have not had to vote since moving to my new address, but the current location of the polling station at Cam Cricket Pavilion seems suitable in terms of location and accessibility	None
SPDR/0020	Parish / Town Councillor / Resident	BVB	I'm happy with Berkeley Town Hall as the polling station. It is accessible for disabled voters & centrally located in the town.	None
SPDR/0021	Parish / Town Councillor	AWB	<p>Woodchester Parish Council agrees with the recommendation of Stroud District Council that Woodchester Village Hall should continue to be used as a polling station for the following reasons:</p> <p>A limited number of parking spaces are available in front of the building.</p> <p>The village hall is accessed by a gently sloping permanent ramp allowing easy access for people who are unable to use steps (wheelchair users and other people with limited mobility).</p> <p>Both sets of entrance doors can be opened to allow space for access to a wheelchair or other mobility aid.</p> <p>There are no steps or ledges inside the building and all floors are level.</p> <p>Voting booths are situated within the main hall where there is plenty of space to move around using a wheelchair or other mobility aid.</p> <p>There is a fully accessible toilet with hand washing facilities inside the hall.</p> <p>Lighting is good which is beneficial to people with visual impairment.</p>	None
SPDR/0022	Paganhill Community Group	STFA	The Maypole hall has been used as our local polling station for the last couple of elections. It is generally well run and has some parking and disability access. At the last voting members of each party were on hand as we walked in. It was confusing to be expected to hand in details to people whose party you were voting for. Usually this has been private. A number of people were also confused by this and not prepared.	None

SPDR/0023	Village Hall Committee Member	HE	<p>Haresfield Village hall has been used successfully to host polling stations for many years. The hall is situated in the centre of the village where the majority of homes are located and is easily accessed with parking immediately outside as well as a footpath throughout the village providing stable and secure walking access. The village has no public transport so villagers would need to arrange their own private car/transport to access locations outside the village to vote. In the last two years, the hall has had an active, highly motivated fund-raising committee who have made significant improvements to the flooring, new wall cladding (and insulation), windows, central heating and an upgraded kitchen. This provides a warm, welcoming environment for both voters and officials - the latter of whom may also use the kettle and fridge for refreshments and even the oven for hot food if needed.</p> <p>There is a ramp and grab rail available to improve access for voters with mobility issues.</p> <p>The only other public buildings are the local pub - accessed by many steps and will incur a cost, or the village primary school, which presumably would have to close for the day to enable a polling station.</p>	As the polling station has run successfully from the village hall for as long as any of the villagers can recall, there is a sense that hosting it anywhere else, but particularly outside the village, would result in protests (albeit gentle) and a potentially reduced turn out to vote.
SPDR/0024	Polling Station Premises	HB	<p>My response to the questions asked in your recent email regarding the above review...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How convenient (or not) the location is in relation to where you live; VERY CONVENIENT • If the parking is adequate; MORE THAN ADEQUATE • If there is any accessibility issues for disabled persons and/or persons who use a wheelchair; NO • How suitable overall the polling place or station is for voting. VERY SUITABLE 	None
SPDR/0025	Parish / Town Clerk	KD	Kingswood Parish Council reviewed the consultation details and note there are no changes to the Polling Station and have no further comments to make.	None
SPDR/0026	District Councillor	WUEA / WUEB / WUEC / WUED	From my own perspective, I hear no problems with the Wotton, North Nibley and Stinchcombe arrangements.	None
SPDR/0027	Parish / Town Clerk	HG	I thought I should let you know that Longney and Epney parish can no longer use the chapel which they have used previously, as this is now in private ownership. I am sure it would be possible to use either the school or church.	None

SPDR/0028	Resident / Presiding Officer	SB / SE / SF/ SG	<p>I'd like to give positive feedback on the stations with which I'm most familiar. All are easy to layout and supervise.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eastington Village Hall - parking adequate: location, access, wheelchair access, staff facilities (Kitchen, toilets) all very good • Whitminster Village Hall - very good on all points, very central • Slimbridge Village Hall - parking and wheelchair access both "adequate", staff facilities very good, location central • Frampton Village Hall - parking not easy and not very central but all other points very good <p>There is an alternative location in Frampton, Cadbury Hall near the school. It is just as accessible on foot as the village hall, given that Frampton is so linear that no location is truly central. It would benefit from parent-and-child football and has very good parking.</p>	None
SPDR/0029	Polling Station Premises / Resident	TSB / TSC	<p>King's Stanley village hall has been used as the district's local polling station for many years and has excellent relevant facilities:</p> <p>It has plenty of parking, is on level ground, on the bus route, at the centre of the village and has excellent disabled access. Toilets are on the ground floor.</p>	None
SPDR/0030	Parish / Town Clerk	STA / STAA / STB / STC	<p>Stonehouse Town Council SUPPORT the proposed polling stations for Stonehouse North, Central and South wards.</p>	None
SPDR/0031	Parish / Town Clerk	RA / RB / RC / RD / RE / RF / RG / TA	<p>Rodborough Parish Council are happy that no changes are required in Rodborough</p>	None
SPDR/0032	Parish / Town Clerk	DA	<p>Dursley Town Council considered the review at our Planning Committee on 21st November. As well as being the Town Clerk, I have also been the Presiding Officer at the polling station located in the Methodist Church, Castle Street, Dursley and fully support this view:</p> <p>IT WAS RESOLVED to advise Stroud District Council that parking has been further reduced in the vicinity of the Methodist Church since the last election because of Lloyds Bank closing.</p> <p>The previously available bank carpark located adjacent to the Methodist Church is now in private ownership and is not accessible by the general public - barrier</p>	None

			<p>controlled.</p> <p>The Council would suggest that the Chantry Centre is considered as an alternative venue, with the Council's free carpark in Long Street being situated nearby.</p>	
SPDR/0033	District Councillor / resident	STC	<p>The parking facilities at Stonehouse Community Centre are often full and therefore it will be difficult for electors to find a space.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stonehouse Community Centre has 2 entrances which can cause confusion. • There is limited internal space where Tellers could be seated on Polling Day. • Some residents who live next to the Community Centre are not able to vote at that station as this would not be they're allocated polling station, this has caused frustration and confusion in the past. 	None