

COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019, 6.30 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, CHORLEY

AGENDA

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| 10 | POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019 - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION | (Pages 63 - 86) |
| | To receive and consider the report of the Chief Executive. | |
| 14 | TO CONSIDER THE NOTICES OF MOTION (IF ANY) GIVEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 10 | (Pages 87 - 88) |
| | The enclosed Notice of Motion has been submitted by Councillor Alistair Bradley, Executive Leader of the Council. | |

15 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public for the following items of business on the ground that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act.

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Condition:

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Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

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Condition:

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The Companies Act 1985

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The Friendly Societies Act 1992

The Industrial and Provident Societies Acts 1965 to 1978

The Building Societies Act 1986 (recorded in the public file of any building society, within the meaning of the Act)

The Charities Act 1993

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Information is not exempt if it relates to proposed development for which the local planning authority may grant itself planning permission pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992(a).

17 **EXTENDING SHARED SERVICES**

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To receive and consider the report of the Chief Executive.

18 **REVIEW OF FINANCIAL SYSTEMS AND EXCHEQUER SERVICES**

(Pages 117 -
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To receive and consider the report of the Director of Policy and Governance.

19 **REVIEW OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTANCY SERVICES**

(Pages 123 -
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To receive and consider the report of the Director of Policy and Governance.

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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Report of	Meeting	Date
Chief Executive	Council	17 September 2019

POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019 - RESULTS OF CONSULTATION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To report the findings of the Polling Place Review 2019 and propose alternative options for polling station for members consideration.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

2. That there be no changes to existing polling district, polling place and polling station arrangements for the current wards. The rationale for this recommendation is too allow voters to attend their usual polling station should an anticipated parliamentary election be announced. Implementing changes at this stage, would result in a significant number of voters having to attend different polling stations than they would normally, which would cause confusion amongst residents. In some cases, voters may decide not to vote on this occasion citing the change of polling station as the reason.
3. That the issues raised during the consultation are considered by officers at greater length alongside the new warding arrangements that have been implemented following an electoral review of Chorley Council. Proposed changes to be presented at a future council meeting for approval prior to implementation at the local authority election scheduled for 7 May 2020.

Confidential report Please bold as appropriate	Yes	No

CORPORATE PRIORITIES

4. This report relates to the following Strategic Objectives:

Involving residents in improving their local area and equality of access for all	X	A strong local economy	
Clean, safe and healthy homes and communities		An ambitious council that does more to meet the needs of residents and the local area	X

BACKGROUND

5. Local authorities have a legal requirement to undertake a review of their polling districts, polling places and polling stations every 5 years. Although the duration of the actual review is not stipulated, the review must be completed by January 2020.

6. A condition of the review is that it must be conducted on current ward boundaries. Therefore, the recommendations and issues highlighted in this report are only concerned with the current warding arrangements. However, paragraph 18 of this report, does consider the implications relating to the new ward boundaries which will come into force at the next local borough election on 7 May 2020.

REVIEW PROCESS

7. A preliminary review of polling stations was conducted with elected members earlier this year, when views were sought on the suitability of existing polling stations.
8. In total three members responded to this review, two of which expressed their satisfaction on the current polling stations within their ward. The third member raised issues with their ward's current polling station and suggested potential premises that could be used as an alternative polling place.
9. The full review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations began on 26 July 2019 with the launch of a public consultation lasting six weeks. Interested residents and groups in the parliamentary constituencies of Chorley and South Ribble were invited to complete an online survey, email in suggestions, or send their written response through the post to the Elections Team by Friday, 6 September 2019.

RAISING AWARENESS

10. To increase public awareness of the review and consultation, a dedicated webpage was developed on the council's website providing more information and a link to the online survey. In addition to this, a public notice about the review has been displayed on the noticeboards of the -
 - town hall
 - market
 - council run community centres
11. Social media has been utilised to promote the review and consultation, with a series of posts and tweets being released throughout the consultation period encouraging responses. In addition, articles have also been published in the council e-zines *intheknow* and *intheboro*.
12. The authority has also consulted extensively on the review seeking the views of interested individuals or groups as well as other elected representatives including:
 - elected representatives for Chorley
 - MP's for the parliamentary constituency of Chorley and South Ribble
 - political parties in both Chorley and South Ribble Parliamentary Constituencies
 - Acting Returning Officer for South Ribble Borough Council
 - Lancashire County Councillors
 - North West MEP's
 - Parish and town councils (which included the request to display the notice of review on their noticeboards)
 - Equality Forum membership
 - Chorley VCFS Network (which included the request that they circulate the information to their members)
 - Age Concern
13. Although the timing of the review, which has taken place over the summer holiday period was not ideal, it was unavoidable due to the unscheduled European Parliamentary election,

the Eccleston and Mawdesley by election, and to fall in line with the council meeting's timetable.

RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION

14. In total 170 responses were submitted; 156 of those responded to the online survey. The response to the consultation can be viewed in appendix a.
15. The main issues highlighted during the consultation included –
 - closure of schools for polling stations;
 - lack of (suitable) parking;
 - housing estates that have been split into different polling districts, resulting in residents from the same estate having to attend different polling stations. This is mainly due to the borough wards, county divisions and parish/parish wards boundaries not aligning;
 - the suitability of existing polling stations accommodating new/growing housing developments (eg Buckshaw Village and Euxton);
 - lack of polling stations in some wards, particularly rural areas.
16. Through the consultation, it has become clear, that the closure of schools to allow the premise to be used as a polling station has become deeply unpopular amongst respondents. This could, in part, be due to the number of unscheduled elections and referenda which had taken place during the last three years. This has resulted in some schools having to close at relatively short notice which impacts on the school's curriculum. It has also resulted in parents having to make childcare arrangements, at a cost to the parent in some cases. A few respondents have also raised criticism about the fairness in schools being closed whenever there is an election, while parents are being fined for their child's unauthorised absences.
17. Nevertheless, using public funded buildings, such as schools are important to the polling premise stock, as it provides a certain amount of reassurance that these premises will be available to the Returning Officer to use should an unscheduled election or referendum be announced. This is distinct from privately run premises, where there is no obligation towards the Returning Officer to make them available. This could result in a shortage of polling places with very little time to make alternative arrangements; and inform voters of any changes.

NEW WARD BOUNDARY IMPLICATIONS

18. Following the results of electoral review of Chorley Council which was undertaken by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England to rectify voter equality across the borough, a whole of council election will take place at the next scheduled local elections on 7 May 2020. Due to a reduction in the number of wards (from 20 to 14), each ward contains a greater number of electors. The suitability in size and location of polling stations need to be considered in greater detail.
19. Where possible, voters will attend the polling station nearest to them (this may be different to the one they are attending at present). However, it is inevitable that new polling stations will be introduced in some areas due to changes in polling districts.
20. A report will be presented to a future council meeting detailing proposed change for members approval prior to implementation for the 7 May 2020 local elections.

IMPLICATIONS OF REPORT

21. This report has implications in the following areas and the relevant Directors' comments are included:

Finance		Customer Services	
Human Resources		Equality and Diversity	X
Legal		Integrated Impact Assessment required?	
No significant implications in this area		Policy and Communications	

22. Due to the present political climate, there is an expectation that a parliamentary election will be announced imminently. Changing voters polling stations for this election may prove unpopular for a variety of reasons, including voters –
- presenting themselves at the wrong polling station
 - not knowing where their new polling station is

Ultimately, changes to polling stations may result in some voters choosing not to vote, and citing the premise change as the reason, for which council may be subject to criticism. Although the council would endeavour to publicise any changes to polling stations, there would not be enough time to mount a full publicity campaign.

23. By not implementing any changes to polling stations until the scheduled local election on 7 May 2020, those groups and individuals who took part in the consultation may consider that their views have been ignored, and that the consultation was a 'tick box' exercise to satisfy the council's legislation requirements.

COMMENTS OF THE STATUTORY FINANCE OFFICER

24. No comment

COMMENTS OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

25. The proposal on deferring any changes to polling places until the implementation of the boundary review is reasonable given the possibility of a general election taking place in the near future. It would be better to avoid any risk of confusion in the minds of members of the public caused by changing their usual polling station, particularly as there is a risk of further changes when the changes to ward boundaries are implemented following the review.

GARY HALL
CHIEF EXECUTIVE & RETURNING OFFICER

Report Author	Ext	Date
Cathryn Filbin/Phil Davies	5123/5131	10/09/2019

Cathryn Filbin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 September 2019 12:57
To: Elections
Subject: Polling Place review

Dear Phil

Suggestions for polling places:

Astley Village - Community Centre - no change for new ward either

Buckshaw Village - Lancaster Way Community Centre as an alternative to the Centre on Unity Place - less traffic, easier parking and access

Euxton - Suggest Runshaw College on Euxton Lane to cover 02B when it changes to the new Euxton ward, and to cover the estates off Euxton Lane (Milestone Meadow and the new Stansfield Drive estates)

- Euxton Library as a replacement for Primrose Hill School

- Euxton Parish Institute & War Memorial Club as an additional polling station to serve the part of Euxton South going into the new Croston, Mawdesley & Euxton South ward

- The Talbot as a possible replacement for Balshaw Lane School, but if not suitable stick with Balshaw Lane (Cricket Club too out of the way)

Best wishes
[REDACTED]

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Cathryn Filbin

From: Adlington Town Council <clerk@adlingtontowncouncil.co.uk>
Sent: 29 August 2019 21:20
To: Elections
Subject: Polling Place review consultation

Adlington Town Council discussed this consultation at its meeting last week.

It was noted that at least one of the roads on the most recently built housing estate in Adlington (Brierfield Close) has been allocated to the Central Ward of Adlington. The main road through the estate (Rossendale Road) and three other side roads (Barrow Nook Grove, Freckleton Court and Hornby Close) are all part of the East Ward. The Council considers that all roads leading off the central road of this estate should belong to the East Ward of Adlington so that residents do not have to vote in different places.

Regards

Linda Crouch

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Linda Crouch
Clerk to Adlington Town Council


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Cathryn Filbin

From: Cllr Paul Sloan
Sent: 05 September 2019 19:11
To: Elections
Subject: Re: Chorley Council Polling Place Review

Hi,

Please can I ask that the Wymott Estate be considered as a location for an additional polling station? Given that there is no public transport for this location, residents here without vehicles are stuck without a way of getting to their polling station without walking down a dangerous rural road.

Kind Regards,
Paul Sloan
Labour Councillor
Chorley Council
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Tel 01257 515151

Cathryn Filbin

From: Riggott, Aidy (Cllr) <Aidy.Riggott@lancashire.gov.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2019 14:54
To: Elections
Subject: Re: POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019

Hi Cathryn

Thanks for the opportunity to comment.

Please can you submit my comments as below:

Buckshaw Village

Whilst the room itself in the RMG Community Centre is itself fine, I think the accessibility of this location is poor. There is little car parking available until all the nearby services - schools, doctor and dentists have closed. The Hub car park now has a barrier with access restricted to customers only. Furthermore, the footpath connections are poor, often with cars parked on them which severely restricts access.

I would ask the Council to give serious consideration to using the new Community Centre located nearby on Lancaster Way. This building has its own car park with plenty of overflow parking available just yards away. Footpath provision is much better too.

Euxton

I would ask the Council to consider using the PC Community Centre and minimise the impact on the schools. The Community Centre is well connected and has ample parking and is in a central location.

Astley Village

I wouldn't suggest any alterations to the current arrangements.

I hope this all makes sense

Best wishes

Aidy

County Councillor Aidy Riggott
(Euxton, Buckshaw & Astley)

Lead Member for Economic Development & Cultural Services

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Sent from my iPhone

Cathryn Filbin

From: Ian Horsfield [mailto:ian.horsfield@andertonparishcouncil.gov.uk]
Sent: 29 July 2019 22:38
To: Elections
Subject: Polling Review

Sirs,

For the purpose of your review I would like you to consider the polling station provision within the parish of Anderton.

Currently we have only one polling station location (Anderton Primary School) which serves for both parish elections and Adlington & Anderton ward borough elections. This school is located on the northern boundary of our area adjacent to Adlington.

With the increase in residential population towards the southern extremity of the parish (Bolton Road, Horwich boundary; Owsten Court etc.) we consider these areas are not well served and it requires the undertaking of a significant journey for the purpose of elections.

Unfortunately we are not aware of any public buildings that could be used as a polling station in the immediate vicinity, so it would require a mobile station to be deployed. Equally we do not have any voting pattern statistics to justify the need, however we do feel this issue is worthy of consideration in respect of future needs.

Regards,

Ian Horsfield

Chair – Anderton Parish Council

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How suitable are the current polling stations in your areas? Suitable-held in Congreagational Church Hall

How suitable is the room used as a polling station? Very Suitable

Do you know of any premises which might be suitable to be used as a polling station in the future? Primary School.

Kind Regards,

Glenys

Glenys Southworth

Clerk to Bretherton Parish Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

On Monday, 12 August 2019, 10:27:50 BST, Lindsey Blackstock <lindsey.blackstock@chorley.gov.uk> wrote:

Cathryn Filbin

From: Elections
Sent: 08 August 2019 15:15
To: EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL
Cc: Elections; Cathryn Filbin
Subject: RE: POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019

Thanks Debra. The timing is a little out of our control due to it having to be done before next January. We did intend starting it sooner but the unscheduled European election and the unfortunate Eccleston & Mawdesley By Election did affect our timing.

The Head from Primrose Hill has been in touch (today actually) and as I said in my reply to him we are exploring options.

Thanks for your input and for the information on alternative venues.

Regards

Phil

Phil Davies
Electoral Services Manager
Chorley Council

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From: EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL <clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk>
Sent: 08 August 2019 13:59
To: Elections <Elections@chorley.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019

Hi

In the past it has been suggested to use other venues in place of Primrose Hill Primary and I believe they will be contacting you separately but it is holiday season for schools so this review is rather bad timing for schools.

The Pavilion at Greenside, Euxton Library and Euxton PC Community centre have all been suggested as alternatives.

The Community Centre (CBC) next to Aldi in Euxton Buckshaw is a suggestion in place of the larger centre.

Looking forward there will be many electors who's ward will be Mawdesley and the Euxton Methodist Church Centre is suggested for the Euxton South residents rather than travelling to Mawdesley or another village.

Regards, Debra

Cathryn Filbin

From: coppull parish <coppullparishcouncil@gmail.com>
Sent: 22 August 2019 09:56
To: Cathryn Filbin
Subject: Re: FW: POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019

Hi Cathryn

Just confirming completion of the survey on behalf of the Parish Council and the review notice will be displayed in three notice boards.

Sue

On Fri, Jul 26, 2019 at 12:01 PM Cathryn Filbin <cathryn.filbin@chorley.gov.uk> wrote:

Cathryn Filbin

From: EUXTON PARISH COUNCIL <clerk@euxtoncouncil.org.uk>
Sent: 03 September 2019 16:01
To: Elections
Subject: Re: POLLING PLACE REVIEW 2019

Hi

A summary of comments (as Euxton does not meet until 19th September).

Move from Primrose Primary school - alternatives are the Library, Euxton PC Community Centre or Greenside

Move from Buckshaw Community Centre to the CBC community centre in Buckshaw Euxton (the new CBC one)

Investigate the Euxton Methodist Church for the Euxton South residents, (May2020) so they don't have to travel to Eccleston or Mawdesley

Regards, Debra

From: 9045, head <head@primrosehill-euxton.lancs.sch.uk>
Sent: 08 August 2019 10:04
To: Elections <Elections@chorley.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling Station Consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find attached a letter from the governing board at Euxton Primrose Hill in relation to the current consultation regarding polling station venues.

Regards,

G. C. Counce

Gareth Counce
Headteacher
Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School,
Primrose Hill Road,
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EUXTON PRIMROSE HILL Primary School

"Together we will make a difference."

Headteacher:

Mr G. Counce

BSc (Hons), PGCE, NPQH

Wednesday 7th August 2019

Re: Polling Station Review Consultation

Dear Cathryn,

I am writing to express my views and those of the governing board of Euxton Primrose Hill Primary School in relation to the use of our school as a polling Station. As you will already be aware, the school has been used as a polling station for a great number of years. For the vast majority of elections, the school has managed to remain open to pupils as we have been able to utilise mobile accommodation previously on site and, more recently, spare classrooms following the expansion of the school's buildings. As you will understand, as headteacher, I always have the pupils' best interests at heart and do not like to close for polling, particularly as the date falls so close to scheduled bank holidays and half terms and would mean another lost day of education for pupils in close proximity to statutory assessment dates.

As a school we only have two years left until we will be at full capacity with over 420 pupils on role. This will mean that we will no longer have spare classrooms to utilise and would give me very little option other than to schedule an INSET day for the school to be used as a polling station. As mentioned previously, this would have a negative impact on pupils' learning so close to key assessment dates but such an INSET day is also of little use for staff training at this time of year when the majority of school development work has been implemented earlier in the academic year. Furthermore, next year we are likely to be having further building work undertaken to develop provision for year Six pupils, meaning that the site could not be used by visitors without closing the school to pupils.

Over recent years with the increase in pupil numbers, traffic in the vicinity of school has become a major issue with roads being blocked and pupil safety compromised. This further adds to the point that I would be forced to close school in the event that the school continues to be used as a polling station, negatively impacting on pupils' education.

Having willingly worked closely with the council over many years, I believe that this is now the right time to consider alternative options for a venue for a polling station enabling our growing school to function for its main aim of education. I strongly request that the points highlighted within this letter are considered and an alternative venue found as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. G. Counce

Headteacher.

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Cathryn Filbin

From: Cllr Peter Gabbott
Sent: 25 July 2019 21:20
To: Elections
Subject: Re: Polling Place Review 2019

Good Evening,

In my ward (see my email signature) there are limited options. I have listed below the options (Best = 1 / Worst = 5):

1. Spring Meadow Community Centre
2. Lancaster Lane Primary School
3. Site portacabin on Back Lane Car Park/Town Brow Car Park
4. Cuerden Valley Park/Wildlife trust buildings or land e.g. portacabin
5. Cuerden Residential Park community building

Kind Regards

Cllr Peter Gabbott
Clayton Le Woods West and Cuerden
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On 25 Jul 2019, at 10:15, Elections <Elections@chorley.gov.uk> wrote:

Cathryn Filbin

From: Cllr Danny Gee
Sent: 06 August 2019 13:57
To: Phil Davies; Cathryn Filbin
Cc: Cllr Gillian Sharples; Cllr Tommy Gray; Cllr Laura Lennox
Subject: Polling stations

Hi Phil, Cathryn.

The three Euxton labour Cllr, Gillian Sharples, Tommy Gray and myself have discussed the polling station for the new Euxton ward and these are our findings.

The old Euxton North.

* Primrose Hill School is ok for the next two years then it will be at full capacity and we are trying to get away from school. Option NO.

* Changing rooms at Greenside playing field. Very small and not fit for purpose
Option NO

* Euxton Library. You would have to get permission from LCC. Parking around the area and easy walking access
Option THE BEST ONE

Electorates on the other side of the railway on Euxton Lane

* Scout hut at the end of Milestone Meadow. Bad to get to and could cause a problem with traffic driving through the estate. Option NOT A GOOD ONE

* Runshaw College. Lots of room and good parking, this would take pressure off the Library. Would need permission from the college Option YES.

The old Euxton South

* Balshaw Lane School. Room very small but as approximately 900 electorate will be moving into the Croston, Mawdesley & Euxton South ward it might not be as bad. But as with Primrose Hill we are trying to get away from schools if possible
Option MIGHT BE THE ONLY ONE

* Cricket club. Would people walk there. Lots of parking but only one room.
Option POOR

* The Talbot pub. Has got two rooms, right in the centre of Euxton South very easy to walk to and good parking around. Would they let us use one room. (they keep saying that they are a community Pub) Option WE THINK IT'S THE BEST ONE.

The new Euxton South ward (Croston & Mawdesley)

* The Euxton Institute on Wigan Road. Two rooms parking around and easy walking
Would need permission Option GOOD

* Euxton Methodist Church on Wigan Road. Not as central as the institute and people would not walk there. Option POOR BUT A POSSIBILITY

Cathryn, Phil as you will appreciate these are only our options and it's down to you Guys. Good luck

Kind regards

Gillian, Tommy and Danny

Councillor Danny Gee

Euxton North

Lead member for chorley town centre

01257 278535

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Cathryn Filbin

From: Cllr Kim Snape
Sent: 05 September 2019 14:20
To: Elections
Subject: Polling Place Review 2019

Hello

Please can I request that Aldcliffe Court, Brierfield Close and part of Rossendale Drive that all currently fall under 01c in Adlington & Anderton ward need moving to 01B so that they are voting at the same place as the rest of their estate. It would make sense.

Thanks
Kim Snape

**Councillor Kimberley Snape
Heath Charnock & Rivington
Chorley Council
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Cathryn Filbin

From: Phil Davies
Sent: 27 August 2019 16:36
To: Cathryn Filbin
Subject: FW: Polling station reviews Buckshaw village

Phil Davies
Electoral Services Manager
Chorley Council

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

From: Cllr John Walker <john.walker@chorley.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 August 2019 15:14
To: Phil Davies <phil.davies@chorley.gov.uk>
Subject: Polling station reviews Buckshaw village

Hi Phil Hope you enjoyed the Bank holiday.

Further to our discussion last week can i please ask you to look at the possibility of moving the current polling station in Buckshaw village to the new councils Community centre .my reasons are

1 The current community centre during the day has car parking problems with people not only voting but visiting the health centre ,the hub and also visiting the school ,of course voting in an evening is easier parking as the other centres are closed .

2 The new centre is situated in an area where at all times there is plenty of car parking places available with not only its own car park but the Aldi supermarket which is almost next door to the centre which has plenty of car parking places and is never over busy during the day and especially in an evening after the super market closes .

3 With the Councils centre it will be easier to advertise the polling station being so close to the main road which can remind residents to hopefully vote on their way to and from their places of work .

From our discussions last week I appreciate that the current polling station has enough large rooms to accommodate more than one election but the % turn out in Buckshaw over the last few years has been much lower than the other polling stations in the Borough so perhaps a change of venue might encourage more residents to vote .

I await your thoughts and decision with interest .

Thank you Best Regards

Councillor John Walker
Chorley Council
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Do you know where your polling station is?			Do you find the polling station easy to access?						If no, please tell us why?		If no, please tell us why?		If you know of a more suitable building/room that could be used for a polling station in your area, please tell us about it below:	
Yes	No	If you do know, where is it?	Very easy	Easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Difficult	Very difficult			Yes	No			
*	*	The Community centre on Unity Place	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	School, kids should be in school	Town Hall, sports centre, Inspire Hall. If the children are in school they won't be using the sports hall or the youth zone.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	don't think it Laurence's school should be used. It disrupts the children's schooling and presents difficulties with childcare	All seasons leisure centre, the refectory of St Laurence's church, the church building on park road (opposite stn) park would be better than it Laurence's school	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	is a school	library, community centre	
*	*	Buckshaw community centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	School has had to close to facilitate this	Any building other than schools should be used: it not only reduces education time but causes childcare headaches.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	It is my sons school and I don't agree with closing the school for this every time there is a vote	Church hall	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	No as it closes my son's school for the day which is inconvenient and the children miss a day of education	Council,town hall,community centres around chorley,social club, function room.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	I don't believe that you should use a school. You shut school for the day, making childcare difficult for working parents. There are lots of empty shops and buildings that can be utilised in Chorley rather than shutting a school	Any of the many empty buildings in Chorley or Chorley cricket club, or the church hall	
*	*	Duke street school	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	Schools should be able to run without interruption.	Redbank school 7 temporary movable shelter / mobile unit at Morrisons Car Park?	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	Our polling station is situated in a primary school which is in full use during the week. Holding polling here means full closure of the school to pupils and creates childcare issues for working parents.	St Laurence's Church/refectory Chorley Methodist hall Local community centres Chorley library	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	involves a school closure	local church.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	It's a school & stops children's education.	Town hall	
*	*	St Laurence's primary school	*	*	*	*	*	The school closes and stops are children education		*	*	It stops the teachers teaching our children	Somewhere you don't have to shut a school as children are losing out on their education a community centre would be more beneficial	
*	*	St Laurence's school	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	School		
*	*	School	*	*	*	*	*	School shuts		*	*	School teachers	DO NOT USE ST LAURENCES SCHOOL	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*		would prefer not to have schools used for polling stations as this is an unnecessary closure of a whole school for the use of one room. This has a detrimental impact on children's education which we as tax payers pay for. If as parents we chose to remove our child for a day from school this would be seen as unacceptable, yet as local councils it is deemed acceptable to shut schools at least once per year and in the past year on 2 separate days. It also has a significant impact on working parents who have to take time off work in order to provide child care. Whilst I firmly believe in the importance of democracy and accessibility to vote I would seem much better to find alternative arrangements than the use of local schools for polling stations. My children attend St Laurence's school, a suitable building would be the Unistar Hall, Park Road, PR7 1ER	
*	*	St Mary's Parish Centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*		*	*	*	*	*	I'm voting by postal service		*	*	Please do not used school for polling stations as parents have to take day off	Not school, community centre	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	School has to shut for polling just doesn't make sense when there are lots of empty shops churches and community halls		
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*		*	*	*	*	*	lack of parking		*	*	It's difficult to access, nearby parking would help	St Michaels High School, the Town Hall, All bigger with adjacent parking	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	School has to close as can be used	Church-St Laurence's	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	My polling station is a school and due to security arrangements, the whole school has to close for polling day. This is no longer acceptable given the pressures on schools and learning, and the alternative arrangements that parents have to make. Some schools can isolate one classroom for use on the day, but even that is incredibly disruptive. Why can local pubs or restaurants not be used, given the low turnout that is experienced for most elections?		
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	It's a primary school which in my opinion shouldn't be closed for use as a polling station.		
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*	In school, in my case, St Laurence, should not be forced to close for the day, just to accommodate an election. Pupil's continuing education is far more important. Disruption can affect learning	Difficult one here, as I understand the polling station has to be in the electoral area, but could a case not be made to use St Laurence Church, as an exception. They have a suitable upstairs/downstairs room available.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*	Disruption of learning taking place within schools / inconvenience for working parents who need to find childcare.		*	*		St Laurence's Church Chorley Library Chorley Town Hall	
*	*	St Chads Primary School	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		St Laurence's Church	
*	*	Astley Village Community Centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*		*	*	*	*	*	Parking is very poor		*	*		Buckshaw village community centre	
*	*	Buckshaw Village Community Centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		Neither of the local community centres in Buckshaw Village is on a bus route now that the 109a bus service has been withdrawn. It's a long walk for some residents. But at least most people know where the original community centre near the doctor's is.	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*		The new Community Centre next to Aldi and Costa be more accessible and having seen the turnout for the local area, it would be more visible to locals too.	
*	*	Sheep hill Lane	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		Clayton green library, Clayton Green Leisure Center.	
*	*	The White Horse Car Park, Rawlinson Lane, H	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		The polling station is a portacabin on the car park & it's easily accessible	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*		social clubs should be used instead	
*	*	Buckshaw community centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	is a school	None necessary	
*	*	Community centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		library or community centre	
*	*		*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*	BY community ctr	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		No. Walking distance for vast number of constituents. Any alternative would require far more car journeys.	
*	*	Trinity school	*	*	*	*	*	Parking		*	*	shuts the school for a day	Community centre	
*	*	Near the health centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*	Unity Place Community Centre, Buckshaw Vll	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		No. The community centre is central, easy to access (particularly for those with child en in school) and has ample parking.	
*	*	Community centre near the doctors on Buck	*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
*	*		*	*	*	*	*	Because I don't know where it is.		*	*		Buckshaw Community Centre	
*	*	Buckshaw community centre	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		N/A	
*	*	Primrose Hill Primary School, exuton	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		Disruption for the children at this school and inconvenience for working parents who are forced to take holiday to look after kids who should be at school	Euxton Library or Euxton Community centre

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Do you know where your polling station is?			Do you find the polling station easy to access?						If you know of a more suitable building/room that could be used for a polling station in your area, please tell us about it below:			
Yes	No	If you do know, where is it?	Very easy	Easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Difficult	Very difficult	If no, please tell us why?	Yes	No	If no, please tell us why?	
*							Very difficult	there is no parking when the school is in operation and no parking on the road because of zig zags and restrictions because of the school. If the school is not closed a small room to the side of the school is used. This is a long walk from the road and difficult to access.		*	Too far from the gate, a long walk for disabled or older people	Community Centre in the Fields, Ecclestone easy access and parking
*		Stretly church	*						*			
*			*						*			
*			*						*		The station is a school which had to close every time, not ideal as it causes disruption to the children, teachers and parents.	
*		St Peters School Chorley	*						*			
*		Gillbrand school	*	*					*		There is a perfectly good community centre across the road from me, why close two local schools as well as use the community centre?	Buttermere community centre. There is no need to close two local schools as well.
*		Chorley scout hut	*						*			
*		Charnock Richard Scout Hall	*						*			
*			*	*					*			N/A - Current location fair easy access and great parking.
*			*						*		Whilst the room is suitable can we have less reliance on school?	Community Centres, Libraries,
*			*		*				*	*	It is a classroom, small and with little privacy.	Yes, Methodist church hall (off Park road), All Seasons Leisure Centre, St Mary's parish Centre.
*			*	*					*			No. HPC discussed this on 8 August and considers the current 3 locations are the most appropriate to give parishioners ease of access.
*		HeapeyandWharfedale Village Hall, West View	*						*			
*		Community Building on the Estate	*		*				*			
*			*						*			
*		Prisoners hill school Exton	*	*					*	*	The school has to close, which is very difficult for parents who have to work.	Exton library
*			*						*			
*		Methodist Hall School Lane Brinscalf	*						*			The Village Hall, 47 Chapel Lane, Coppull PR7 4NG
*			*						*			
*			*						*			none
*			*						*			N/A
*			*						*			

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Chorley Council notes the recent proposals published by Our Health, Our Care regarding the future of Accident & Emergency services in the Chorley, South Ribble and Preston Hospitals. The report indicates that any A&E provision at Chorley would not be viable. The Council strongly opposes any proposal for a single site Accident & Emergency based at Preston Hospital. The Council believes such a proposal would have a detrimental impact on the quality of local health care for the local population and that Chorley needs a 24 hour Accident & Emergency department. The Council believes the only potential viable proposal for a single site Accident & Emergency would be through a new super hospital located at a central point within the Chorley, South Ribble and Preston area. However, this option has not been included in the list of options produced by Our Health Our Care. Chorley Council asks that all options are included for consideration. In addition the Council urges the Hospital Trust to address the reasons why an A&E at Chorley Hospital is not deemed viable rather than simply propose to close the unit and move all A&E services to Preston.

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