

**Parliamentary Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2011**  
**Review Timetable and Consultation**

The published review timetable is as follows:

Publication of notice and consultation document	5 Aug 2011
Closing date for public representations	16 Sept 2011
Publication of the Returning Officer's representations	30 Sept 2011
Final date for public comment on the Returning Officer's representations	21 Oct 2011
Full Council agrees final scheme	12 Dec 2011

Public notice of the review and the Returning Officer's representations was achieved by advert in the Nottingham Evening Post, via the Council's website and via the display of the notice at every City community centre and library. The consultation document and Returning Officer's representations were available for inspection at Loxley House and on the Council's website and were made available to all councillors and other interested bodies including specifically the following organisations:

- Nottingham Disabled People's Movement
- Nottinghamshire National Federation of the Blind
- RNIB
- Nottinghamshire Deaf Society
- Young Diverse Minds
- Amity
- Epilepsy Action
- Independent
- Indian Community Centre
- Association of Disabled Professionals & RADAR
- Amaani Tallawah (formally Peace of Mind)
- Nottingham Women's Centre
- Nottinghamshire Disabled People's Movement
- Coalition of Disabled People
- Advocacy in Action
- Carers Federation, Nottingham & Notts.
- Age UK
- Pak-Kashmir Women's Forum
- Nottinghamshire Pensioners Action Group
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- ME Self Help
- Roads to Recovery
- Notts Healthcare Trust
- Nottingham City Homes BME Forum
- Stonebridge City Farm
- The Work Place
- Nottinghamshire Downs Syndrome Support Group

- Nottingham Regional Society For Adults And Children With Autism
- Dyslexia Action
- Disabled People's Advocacy Nottinghamshire
- Self Help Nottingham
- Gedling CVS
- Ollerton Diversity & Equality Forum
- Allsorts
- The Rowan Organisation
- Nottingham & Nottinghamshire Fibromyalgia Self Help Group
- PATCH
- Open Minds
- Disability Direct
- Nottinghamshire Deaf Society
- Nottingham Mencap
- Youth Clubs in Nottinghamshire for children with Asperger syndrome
- Parkinson's Society Nottingham
- Self Help Nottingham
- Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind
- The Partnership Council
- Disability Nottinghamshire
- Jigsaw
- National Autistic Society
- The Dyslexia Association
- Ann Craft Trust
- Inspire
- Partnership Development Team
- Nottinghamshire Coalition of Disabled People
- Nottingham City Homes Homes 4 Us (Disabled Tenants' Forum)
- County Disability Independent Advisory Group
- British Polio Fellowship
- Disability Direct
- Nottingham Citycare
- Audiology Services Nottingham University Hospitals Trust
- CPN for Deaf People, Nottingham Health Care Trust
- Nottinghamshire Fire & Rescue
- Nottingham Audiology Services
- Social Worker, Adult Sensory Team, NCC
- Remploy
- Ear Foundation
- Nottm University Hospitals NHS Trust
- Connexions
- Nottingham University
- Adult Social Care, Nottinghamshire County Council
- Woodfield Industries
- Places for People
- Nottingham Health Care Trust
- National Deaf Children's Society
- Nottingham City Council, Childrens & Families
- Deaf WellBeing Community of Interest
- Nottingham City Council Disabled Employee Support Network
- Nottingham City Council's Disability Involvement Group,
- Deaf Focus Group and Disabled Employee Support Networks

All representations made in response to either the initial consultation document and the Returning Officer's representations were posted on the council's website as and when they were received.

## PARLIAMENTARY POLLING DISTRICTS AND PLACES REVIEW 2011- REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

The following representations were received in response to the consultation document published on 5 August 2011:-

Date	Ward	Name	Representations	Response
24/08/11	BR1A	Ian Miller	<p>Proposal that the Clifton Miners Welfare on Ainsworth Drive be considered as a polling station instead of Riverside. The Welfare is large enough and is situated next door to the school. By using this as a station there would be no requirement for the school to close the nursery unit for polling day.</p>	<p>The Returning Officer has inspected this alternative venue and assessed it as suitable as a polling station. Recommended to Council as an alternative to closing Riverside Primary School.</p>
31/08/11	ANNA ANNB ANNC ANND ANNE ANNF ANNG ANNH	Cllr Dave Liversidge	<p>My response to the Polling Place and Polling District review is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANNA – Voluntary Action Centre, 7 Mansfield Road: I have no issues with this.</li> <li>• ANNB – St Anns Children’s Centre, Off Palmerston Gardens: This is completely inappropriate since it is at least 100 yards from the nearest usable parking space. A better position for the Polling place would be at the community room at 10 Woodborough Road.</li> <li>• ANNC – St Augustine’s Church Hall, Westville Gardens: I have no issues with this.</li> <li>• ANND – St Anns Library, Robin Hood Chase: I have no issue with this but it is being decommissioned and probably the new Joint Service Centre could be a polling place.</li> </ul>	<p><b>ANNB</b>- the community room at 10 Woodborough Road is no longer available. The parking issues at St Anns Children’s Centre are acknowledged and alternative entrances to the site have been explored but due to safeguarding issues are not an option. Recommended to Council that the existing polling station be retained in the absence of any suitable alternative</p> <p><b>ANND</b> - The Joint Service Centre which is next door to the Library will be assessed when it is completed. The Church of St Ann with Emmanuel Church Hall, Robin Hood Chase is another suitable alternative but is</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ANNE – Blue Bell Hill Community Centre, Dennett Close: I have no issues with this.</li> <li>• ANNF &amp; ANNG – Blue Bell Hill Primary School, Gordon Road: I have no issues with this.</li> <li>• ANNH – Russell Youth Club, Lowdham Street: This is not the best place for a polling place since it is across a major road from the majority of the electorate. A better polling place would be the pavilion on King Edward Park.</li> </ul>	<p>just the other side of the polling district boundary. Recommended no change at this stage.</p> <p><b>ANNH-</b> The new pavilion on King Edward Park has been visited, does not have disabled access (2-3 inch step), has no lighting on the approach paths which are uneven and sloped in places and may be difficult to negotiate in the dark. Although the current polling station is on the opposite side of Carlton Road to the majority of electors, there are crossing points at regular intervals. The station has been used for a number of years with no complaints from electors, and although not prominently placed it is in a central location with good access. Recommended no change at this stage.</p>
01/09/11	CLSC  Mr P Cumberland	<p>The Governing Body of the Whitegate Primary and Nursery School is very concerned that their school was part closed on 5 May 2011 to be used as a Polling Station. Their concern is about the interruption of the education of the children caused by the closure. Therefore the governors have requested that the school is no longer used for elections, particularly as they feel that there are other buildings in the vicinity that can be used for this purpose</p>	<p>Only one other venue suitable/ available as a polling station has been found in this polling district (the United Reform church) but it is located on the side of the polling district furthest away from the majority of the electorate and therefore too inconvenient. Recommended to Council that the existing polling station be retained in the absence of any suitable alternative.</p>
01/09/11	Cllr Stuart Fox	I am writing with regard to the above	No changes are recommended to polling

	WLAB WLAC WLAD WLAE		consultation as one of the local Councillors for Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey Ward. I would like to recommend no changes to the existing arrangement – the polling districts are all relatively compact and none require a lengthy journey to the polling station, which is particularly important given the large number of elderly and disabled people in certain parts of the ward.	districts and places in this ward.
01/9/11	WLAA WLAB WLAC WLAD WLAE	Councillor Sally Longford	I entirely agree with Councillor Fox's comments	No changes are recommended to polling districts and places in this ward.
06/09/11	ANND	Ms. K Rooms	A clergy colleague has indicated that you may be looking for accommodation alternatives for use on polling day to enable schools to remain open. I am aware that St Anns Well Primary is used here in St Anns and wondered if you might be interested in using our church hall located on Robin Hood Chase – opposite the library – at all. Please get in touch if you would like to have a conversation about it.	The St Anns Well Primary school is no longer used as a polling station. The St Anns library on Robin Hood Chase is currently used as a polling station for this district and will continue to be used whilst it is available. The Emmanuel Church on Robin Hood Chase is located in St Anns C polling district which already has a suitable venue. Therefore, no changes are recommended.
06/09/11	BRID	Mr T Slater	I was given some information from the Church of England Deanery informing us that you may be looking for alternatives for polling stations. Please bear us in mind if you require venues in the Meadows. Please follow the	The current polling station for Bridge D is the Meadows Library on Wilford Crescent East. This venue has been used for many years and is well located with good access. Therefore, no changes are recommended.

				link from our website for details of our halls.	
07/09/2011	LEEC	Shareen Sabir		We have been informed you are looking to hire out local churches or community centres instead of schools for polling stations, we would be very interested in helping you out. We do charge hourly rent for the use of the hall or smaller rooms meeting rooms but we understand you do give a fixed fee, we would be happy to negotiate.	The current polling station for Leen Valley C is the Lutheran Church Hall on Homefield Road. This venue has been used for many years and is well located with good access. Therefore, no changes are recommended.
11/09/11	SHED	Canon Sylvia Griffiths		We would be happy for St Martins Church to be used as a polling station for elections. However, I am aware that we are near the Sherwood Community Centre and so may not be needed. Please come back to me if you want to pursue the use of our church building	There is no reason to move at present as the Sherwood Community centre has been used for a number of years and is well known to the electorate. St Martin's Church may be a suitable replacement if necessary in the future. Recommended no change at present.
16/09/11	BILA	Cllr Derek Cresswell		Strelley Social Club has now been re-opened and I would suggest as a replacement for Seagrave School	The Returning Officer has inspected this alternative venue and assessed it as suitable as a polling station. Recommended to Council as an alternative to closing Seagrave Primary School.
21/09/11	BUFA	Ms S Bolstridge		I understand you are reviewing the Polling Districts and Polling places in Nottingham City. I would like to ask if you would consider changing the polling station used in the Rise Park area. At present, Rise Park Primary school is used as the polling station on election days. This means children who	The Community Centre has been inspected but is not considered suitable in terms of size or access. The Church on Rise Park off Revelstoke Way is recommended to Council as a suitable alternative to the Rise Park Primary School.

			<p>attend the primary school are unable to go to school and miss out on a days education. Apart from the hassle of trying to arrange childcare, it also creates an increase in childcare costs for parents of these children (of which I am one of). As there is a community centre based at Rise Park which is situated only a few minutes walk from the school, I would like to question why this building is not utilised on election days and whether you would consider using this for future election days</p>	
22/09/11	DALD ANNB ANNH	Chris Leslie MP	<p>Thank you for inviting me to take part in this consultation. I have only a few points I would like to make, as I feel on the whole that the current polling district and station arrangement in Nottingham works very well, and that this should largely be kept in place. I would like to note that the polling station in Dales ward district D, which is the Wildcat area, is a considerable distance from some of the houses in the district, which can make getting to the polling station to vote challenging for some residents. I do recognise however that there is a shortage of acceptable alternatives in that district. I fully support the other changes in Dales ward, including moving polling stations out of school buildings in districts A and G. The only other concern I have is for St Anns ward, polling district B, which uses the St</p>	<p>DALD- no other suitable premises have been found. Recommended to Council that the existing polling station be retained in the absence of any suitable alternative</p>



Anns Children's Centre as the polling station. The problem here is that the building is a considerable distance from the nearest parking facility for voters, and I'm sure you will agree is a considerable distance for elderly or disabled residents wishing to vote. Having discussed this matter with Councillor Liversidge, I agree with him that a better location for the polling station would be the community room at 10 Woodborough Road, and would like to suggest that this proposal be adopted. Finally, also in St Anns, I share the view of local Councillors Collins, Liversidge and Johnson that the Russell Youth Club on Lowdham Street is not the ideal location for the polling station in District H. A more suitable facility would be the Pavilion on King Edwards Park, which is an excellent facility and has had money spent on it in recent years making it suitable for such a task. I would also like to suggest that this change be adopted. These concerns aside, I would like to reiterate my support for the rest of the system currently used in Nottingham East constituency, and would be happy to see the majority of present arrangements preserved for future elections.

ANNB- the community room at 10 Woodborough Road is no longer available. The parking issues at St Anns Children's Centre are acknowledged and alternative entrances to the site have been explored but due to safeguarding issues they are not an option. Recommended to Council that the existing polling station be retained in the absence of any suitable alternative

ANNH- The new pavilion on King Edward Park has been visited, and does not have disabled access (2-3 inch step), has no lighting on the approach paths which are uneven and sloped in places and may be difficult to negotiate in the dark. Although the current polling station is on the opposite side of Carlton Road to the majority of electors, there are crossing points at regular intervals. The station has been used for a number of years with no complaints from electors, and although not prominently placed it is in a central location with good access. Recommended no change at this stage.

The following representation was received within the statutory consultation period in response to the Returning Officer's representations:-

Date	Ward	Name	Representations	Response
04/10/2011	ARBC	Linda Wright and Debbie Royle	<p>Thank you for sending us the review. We work in the Berridge and Arboretum Wards and have a number of comments:</p> <p>Berridge Polling station changes – we agree with the changes you have suggested to ensure that schools are not affected by elections and agree with all the alternative measures. Arboretum Polling Stations – with regard to possibly moving the station from All Saints to the Newton Building, we believe that this is too far for people to travel, even though it is on a tram route. We suggest Tennyson Hall on Forest Road.</p>	<p>Due to the representation received a site visit was made to Tennyson Hall. Although this premise is located just over the polling district boundary it is located closer to the majority of the electorate than the original proposal. It is also fully accessible. Therefore, I recommend an amendment to my original proposal for Tennyson Hall to be used instead of the Newton Building.</p>