

Representations received through public consultation exercise

Name of Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Suggested Alternative	Full Comment	Outcome/Response
Cllr Sam Webster	CASC	Holiday Inn, Castle Marina	None	I'm supportive of the changes suggested for the Castle Marina and Castle Boulevard area. The suggestion makes sense due to the close location of the polling station at Castle Marina and in my opinion it will make access to the polling station easier for electors. There will be a growth in the number of voters living on Castle Boulevard as there is currently construction of new accommodation underway so I think the projection of zero growth at the Castle Marina polling station is inaccurate.	<p>The polling district for Castle C was amended following comments received at the elections in May. The new polling place at The Holiday Inn received good reviews and it was suggested that more electors could vote at this venue, due to the low electorate. The polling place is close to electors residing on Castle Boulevard and surrounding streets and would be more convenient for electors in this area.</p> <p>It has been noted that the electorate will increase due to ongoing development and that the zero growth figure was inaccurate and the polling place will be able to accommodate this increase.</p>
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Citizen (SP)	CLEH	Whitegate Primary School, Middlefell Way	Larkhill Retirement Village	Really disappointing to see that there are no proposed changes to the use of Whitegate Primary school as a polling station. Particularly given the current political climate, it has been a huge inconvenience to parents when the whole school has been closed to be used as a polling station. This also impacts on the learning of the students who already have a number of INSET days throughout the academic year. It would be interesting to know how many of the electorate actually attended the school to vote in comparison to those electorate who use postal votes or chose not to vote at all.	<p>Nottingham City Council has had a policy in place for a number of years, not to use schools as polling places, wherever possible. This policy is contrary to usual practices adopted by other local authorities, as Returning Officers have the power to require a school to be used, free of charge, at any election. This positive action was taken to ensure that learning days were not lost and that elections did not negatively impact on school staff, students and families.</p> <p>At present NCC use 10 school as polling stations. However, only the Whitegate and the Highbank Schools have had to shut in the past, as all other venues, use a room/building which allows the</p>

					<p>school to remain open on election day. (The proposal is for Highbank Primary School will not be used in the future)</p> <p>The Whitegate Primary School has always, where possible, used an inset day for election day, for scheduled elections. This was to reduce the impact on families, however with unscheduled elections this is not possible. Therefore, the respondent is correct that in the current political climate this may be more problematic. Unfortunately, there are no other alternatives in the area and the district is already large with 2,400 electors allocated to this district. Therefore, we cannot merge this with another polling district.</p> <p>The Larkhill Retirement Village, which has been suggested, is in Clifton West ward, and is going to be used as a polling station for this ward. It is also a fair distance from electors in CLEH and over a major road i.e. Clifton Lane.</p> <p>We are currently working with colleagues in education to minimize the impact on the Whitegate Primary School, as in the future this will be the only school, which may have to close on election day.</p>
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Citizen (LJ)	CLEH	Whitegate Primary School, Middlefell Way	None	For numerous years now, whitegate school has been closed for polling. The effect this has had on parents and children can be extremely detrimental. Many parents including myself, having to take unpaid days off. Children losing out on education and completely throwing them off for the week. The last one was in the middle of the week? There are plenty of venues that could be used around Clifton to accommodate polling. Please leave the school's alone!	See comments above
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Respondent	District		Alternative		
Citizen (MR)	N/A	N/A	None	<p>As a working parent I'd like to put my view forward.</p> <p>I think that schools should not be used there are plenty of other places that can be used.</p> <p>We can not take children out of schools for holidays which they learn far more from, yet the schools get closed for voting which is no benefit to the children at all.</p> <p>I have to find alternative care for my children on those days too!</p>	See Comment Above
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Citizen (AD)	CLEG	Highbank Primary School	None	<p>I would like to submit my comments that not to close highbank primary school on voting days.</p> <p>This is a loss of valuable education time. And which also impacts full time working parents.</p>	<p>In the current proposals we have decided to merge both CLEF and CLEG together, which will mean that the Highbank Primary School will no longer close and electors will vote at the Highbank Community Centre instead.</p> <p>Therefore, the comments provide opposite have been addressed.</p>
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Cllr Roger Steel	CLWB	Taylor's Arms, Wilford Lane	Portable unit sited on Ruddington Lane	<p>I was not offered to attend a site visit.</p> <p>The proposal is not to land a portable cabin into the playing fields, but rather in the vicinity of the existing access on Ruddington Lane, which is used for grass cutting vehicles and contractors vehicles necessary for deliveries to extend the playground facilities.</p> <p>This opening in the hedgerow was indeed used by the travellers who occupied the field with their lorries, caravans and the like.</p> <p>There are no concrete bollards at this location, but large rocks which are moved by Paul Brown when needed for access. The small metal bollards</p>	<p>Further to Cllr Steel's initial suggestion to site a portable unit on Ruddington Lane, at the preliminary review, a site visit was conducted and the following comments fed back to Cllr Steel:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is no dedicated access onto the field for large vehicles. Whilst there is a "opening" in the hedge off Ruddington Lane that has been used in the past by large vehicles, this has now been "sealed off" by the installation of both concrete bollards and the placing of several very large and heavy boulders to prevent access. The only other "vehicular access" that I could find was a small access point off Kynance Gardens, which is a

are opened by key.
I believe the portacabins could be easily sited adjacent to Ruddington Lane via this access point, which in my view would not be a problem for the hirer to deliver and land. Sighting the unit adjacent Ruddington Lane would be lit by street lights, per previous, with inbuilt generator. There are no current parking restrictions on Ruddington Lane. Polling Station signage would be readily visible from Ruddington Lane.
Kynance Gardens does not facilitate vehicular access, as this is protected with large concrete fence posts and bollards.

This ward area was greatly expanded when the old Becket site was developed into housing. Currently further development is underway alongside the tram stop.
Both are located in the 'middle' of Ruddington lane (a linear ward) precisely where I have proposed the future polling station.

small residential cul-de-sac. This opening allows council grass cutting machinery onto the area but would not allow a lorry of the size we would need for a mobile unit to be delivered.

- I also spoke to the highways team about this area and access and they were not content with opening up the access from Ruddington Lane to allow access. Also, they did not believe that it was a suitable area as there is no lighting on the field apart from along the access path to the Tram Stop.

Cllr Steel responded with his comment opposite as part of the consultation.

As previously discussed, portable units are not ideal polling venues as they have poor accessibility for voters in wheelchairs and have very little room inside for voters and staff. They have no space for elderly or infirm voters to rest, if required, and in inclement weather, nowhere for voters to queue inside at busy periods, which may put some voters off turning out to vote. Therefore, we only use portable units when there are no other alternative polling places in the polling district. As we already have a venue within the polling district (albeit at the northerly edge of the district), we do not consider changing to a portable unit to be a viable option. The current venue, The Taylor's Arms, has been used for a number of years, is known by voters, and is fully accessible and has better facilities available. It is also located near to local shops and is in a prominent position located on a bus/tram route with stops nearby. We have received no complaints from electors about this venue, or any further representation through the consultation about its unsuitability. Representations received from the other ward councillor showed that they were happy with the current location. Although

					siting a portable unit on Ruddington Lane would provide a more central location, this is the only benefit and the pros of using The Taylor's Arms far out way the location of the unit, and better meet the criteria of the review.
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Cllr Roger Steel	CLWE	Portable Unit, Fleam Road	Portable Unit, either at Churnet Close/Hockerwood or Tame Close /Collingwood Close in Clifton Grove Estate	<p>The existing facility at Fleam Road is located alongside double yellow lines with little on-road parking availability (even with a residents parking permit). It is located at a blind bend, and located at an extremity of the housing development, meaning a long walk for some either up or down an extremely steeply sloping site.</p> <p>To allow residents on Clifton Grove to access the polling station it is far better located in the 'middle' of the estate as there are many many footpaths criss-crossing the estate. A safe and direct access to the locations(s) proposed.</p> <p>The concerns listed from the Highways Team are spurious.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location in the 'middle' of the estate means few people will need to access the polling station by car. Therefore a safer option than present. Mainly due to the multitude of linking footpaths, as mentioned. • Elections are not held at frequent intervals usually. So we are considering a 5 year plan for the future, in which case residents will not be inconvenienced (if at all) for short periods of one day. • The alternative locations proposed are both at the end of cul-de-sacs, so there is no through traffic. • The other reason stated mentions, 'Potential damage to tarmac' - Why 	<p>Our initial proposal in the review was to change the polling place to a building in the Trent University Campus, which had previously been used at an election. However, due to the lack of availability of this venue out of term time and previous comments from Cllr Steel, in relation to the long distance some electors from the Clifton Grove Estate may need to walk, we decided to revert back to using the portable unit on Fleam Road. In addition to this, we suggested that the unit should be located further down Fleam Road, where the grass verge is flatter and deeper, in order to better accommodate the unit.</p> <p>Cllr Steel subsequently suggested alternative locations at Churnet Close backing on to Hokerwood and Thame Close backing on to Collingwood Close.</p> <p>A site visit was conducted with Cllr Steel and the findings were shared with the Highways Team, who identified the following concerns in relation to these alternative locations:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road safety issues with regards to cars manoeuvring safely at the 'turning head' • Possible obstruction by vehicles to local residents • Maintaining privacy of the residents in the areas concerned • Potential damage to the tarmac areas by

				<p>would the delivery lorries not take care NOT to damage the tarmac by using seating pads etc? I did request that location of the unit in either of the two (closely) locations suggested, should be followed up with a visit by the hirers to confirm there was no physical reason why the portacabin could not be located in either of the two locations suggested. Indeed there were options to choose the best sighting of the unit.</p> <p>The 'reasons' stated – cars manoeuvring / Possible obstruction / maintaining privacy / potential damage – leads me to consider that Highways are 'clutching at straws'. This does not contain a logical rebuttal to the location(s) I suggested.</p> <p>A 'can do' attitude is required please.</p>	<p>both delivery and installation of the units</p> <p>The Highways Team were also asked about the new location on Fleam Road and they were more positive about this location, as long as it was not too close to the main junction.</p> <p>In terms of the location of the unit, we also need to consider not only the electors on the Clifton Grove Estate but the potential students that may register on the NTU Clifton Campus. The students will have to walk to the Clifton Grove Estate and the nearest access point is via a footpath directly onto Fleam Road, where the unit is located in a prominent position visible from the main road. If the unit is sited in the estate, students who are not familiar with the area will not be able to easily locate the unit. Therefore, at present we still propose to site the unit on Fleam Road for the accessibility for all electors. However, in light of Cllr Steel's further comments, we propose an additional site by the Highways Team to ensure that this is the most appropriate site.</p>
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Cllr Roger Steel	CLWG (PART)	Park Gates Community Centre, Chamberlain Road	Larkhill Retirement Village	Happy that Larkhill Retirement Village will offer a much more convenient polling station location. This will be a much improved location, eliminating the long walk for elderly residents to Parkgate Community Centre. Thank You.	Further to the comments received from Cllr Steel about the distance that elderly residents have to travel to the Park Gates Community Centre, which is at the centre of the Nobel Road Estate, we have reviewed this polling place. Due to the unique demographic of the electors in the Larkhill Retirement Village, we agree that this development lends itself to having its own polling place. We have made contact with the management company and they are happy to accommodate a polling place for residents, free of charge.

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Citizen (SW)	SHEC	Sherwood Community Centre, Mansfield Road	None	I am a resident of Sherwood C and have no objection to the proposed changes to Sherwood C.	The SHEC and SHED polling districts are proposed to be merged together, with both districts voting at the Sherwood Community Centre, which they have done for the last few elections, due to the Sherwood Children's Centre no longer being available.

Representations received at elections in May 2019

Name of Respondent	Polling District	Polling Place	Suggested Alternative	Full Comment	Outcome/Response
Colleague	BUFB	St Marys Church, Highbury Vale	Bestwood Rd sports and social club Former Bulwell Library (now a dance school) on Highbury Rd	I did receive complaints from some people regarding the polling station being at St Mary's church, particularly people who did not have a car due to the steep hill.	We approached the Take 5 Dance Academy, directly opposite the St Mary's Church but they did not agree to be used as a polling station. We have shared these comments with the local ward councillors and are currently exploring the option of the Bestwood Road Sports and Social Club Please see response from Cllr Gardiner below
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Colleague	BUFB	St Marys Church, Highbury Vale	The Railway Club on Bestwood Road Newstead Abbey pub on St Albans Road	I am due to be presiding officer again next week at polling station St Mary's Church, Highbury Vale, NG6. The local election was first time this venue has been used as previously, Cantrell Road school/children centre were used for polling. On the day, there was a high number of complaints from those voting that the hill up to the church made access very difficult. Also, the map on the poll cards showed the location as being close to the police station and library, neither of which have been there for some	As mentioned above we have shared these comments with the ward councillors and are exploring both these options as possible alternatives. Please see response from Cllr Gardiner below

				years. I said we could feed back concerns but that it would be too late for the elections next week. I live in the area covered by this polling station and wondered whether for future elections (hopefully some distance off) that consideration be given to a more accessible venue.	
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Cllr Sam Gardiner	BUFB	St Mary's Church. Highbury Vale	None	<p>If you look at the overall electorate, I feel that although it is difficult for some to access St. Marys, there is the option of a postal vote for them but either the pub or club would be really inconvenient for the many as it is quite a distance for those on foot.</p> <p>On balance, although not the best venue, St. Marys would be my choice because the alternatives are not close enough or convenient enough.</p>	<p>After touring this polling district there is no other polling place available, other than those already suggested.</p> <p>Although St Mary's Church is up a slope, this leads to a large car park with level access to the church from here. The vicar is happy for people who are disabled or infirm to park outside the church doors if necessary, as there should be adequate room for this. In order to let electors know of this arrangement signage could be given to the Presiding Officer re. parking arrangements. In addition, a note could be added to the polling card advising electors of the sloping access, so they can choose to vote by post instead if they wish.</p>
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Citizen (SR)	SHEB	The Leisure Centre Club City Hospital	None	<p>I called your office this afternoon for a postal vote form. The reason I have requested this is that my nearest polling station (leisure centre at city hospital) is in an inaccessible area and therefore prevents me and many other voters from casting our votes.</p> <p>I went twice today and the car parks were always full, me like many others have no alternative but to drive so putting the polling station on a busy hospital campus with hardly</p>	<p>After touring this polling district for a suitable alternative, unfortunately none could be found.</p> <p>Therefore, a site visit was conducted at the Leisure Club and we spoke to the Club Manager. There are a small amount of parking spaces in front of the club and on a hatched driveway to the side of the club. The manager told me that people could park in both these areas on election day, if only doing so, in order to vote. It</p>

			<p>any available parking prevents many voters from casting their votes. This is a formal complaint so please treat it as such</p>	<p>was pointed out that there was a sign at the end of the drive warning people that if they parked they may be clamped. Therefore, this would have deterred people from parking in this area at the elections. It was agreed that we would advise electors on their polling card that there is limited free parking available on the <u>club site only</u> and the manager said he would cover the 'no parking sign' and replace it with a sign saying 'parking for voters only'.</p> <p>Since this visit, we understand that the old Five Ways Public House is now being used as a Community Centre, and this has its own large car park. We are currently trying to make contact to see whether this could be used as an alternative.</p>
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