



Appendix 2

Consultation Responses - Polling District and Place Review 2023

1. Overall do you agree with our choice of buildings to be used as polling stations?				
Answer Choices			Response Percent	Response Total
1	Yes		81.48%	44
2	No		18.52%	10
			answered	54
			skipped	0
Comments: (21)				
1	02/10/2023 12:50 PM ID: 227907563	The Club at Highgate in Dearne South is not suitable as there's no direct access to public toilets, you have to walk through the pub.		
2	02/10/2023 15:55 PM ID: 227927668	The council do a very good job On polling station provision		
3	02/10/2023 18:29 PM ID: 227941246	Closing schools and disrupting children's education and causing parents child care issues when there are thousands of church halls, community centres, sports halls, etc. that could be used instead is a ridiculous decision made by every local authority in the country. Especially when you have the audacity to fine parents for taking their kids out of school because it "disrupts" their education. I don't even have children but can see how infuriating this must be to parents.		
4	02/10/2023 18:57 PM ID: 227943215	Schools should not be used as teachers have enough time off - there's alot of community centres that need the funding to keep sustainable and isn't that part of barnsley strategy for 2020 - 2030		
5	04/10/2023 08:17 AM ID: 228061316	Wombwell - happy with the current polling stations in use		
6	04/10/2023 08:35 AM ID: 228062387	Licensed premises, including sports, social and working men's clubs are not appropriate venues for polling stations. Not only are their cultural barriers that would prevent certain BME and religious residents attending these venues, but they are also intimidating to cohorts of society including women and LGBT residents.		
7	04/10/2023 08:44 AM ID: 228063396	In general Yes however, the station I have been PO for is not fit for purpose unfortunately - Moorland Training Centre		
8	04/10/2023 18:52 PM ID: 228134201	I would like to raise a concern in relation to the positioning of a Polling Station within the Darton East Ward which could have an adverse effect on voter turnout. This is in relation to the location of the Wesleyan Church Polling Station (DE) on Spark Lane and the range of the area in which this polling station serves. This polling station is also located close to another, that being the Mapplewell and Staincross Village Hall. The concern of this location is in relation to the furthest distance needed to travel by electors to access a polling station. The location does not provide an equitable distance travelled in comparison to other polling areas in the Darton East Ward.		

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		The area that the Wesleyan Church covers has in previous years been served by other polling station location such as the Co-op Carpark on Blacker Road and the Methodist Church on Blacker Road. Each time the polling station has moved, it has created a greater distance between the polling station and the furthest elector within that polling district. This distance ranges currently from the Wesleyan Church on Spark Lane to properties East of this area stretching up to the Eastfield Arms at the end of Bar Lane. The distance goes well over 1000metres.
9	06/10/2023 08:51 AM ID: 228254330	None.
10	06/10/2023 10:41 AM ID: 228265632	The polling station situated in Worsbrough Dale park is an ideal location. There is easy access for all users, a permanent ramp for wheel chair access and those with mobility problem. There are multiple access points to get to the polling station. It is roomy, not cramped, and it is a good use of a council owned facility.
11	06/10/2023 14:52 PM ID: 228293321	Schools shouldn't be used as its a day off ,off learning. They get enough days off.
12	06/10/2023 14:57 PM ID: 228293984	Yes our local community centre is perfect for accessibility, facilities and space.
13	06/10/2023 15:26 PM ID: 228296780	Schools should not need to close - go online
14	06/10/2023 15:30 PM ID: 228297282	I understand that it may be difficult to source locations that will consent to being used for a polling station and also be accessible for all abilities but I do not agree with the use of portacabins, especially when placed in housing estates as was the case in Smithies this year. The necessary generator was a disturbance throughout the day/night and the volume of traffic was too much for a small street.
15	06/10/2023 19:32 PM ID: 228315708	Chapel/church in Darton not suitable for people with disability issues
16	09/10/2023 08:40 AM ID: 228397241	Some times how to get in to those buildings is unclear - for example we use Oakhill Primary School – Caretaker Building - which is inside school grounds and the car park gate was locked when we arrived even though it was meant to be open - was rectified but could have been seen as a deterrent.
17	14/10/2023 19:39 PM ID: 228978960	The space is relatively small in my polling station, but I like the location.
18	24/10/2023 12:40 PM ID: 229764721	Think the polling stations in Darton East could be spread more evenly across the ward.
19	30/10/2023 13:06 PM ID: 230200236	All ok
20	03/11/2023 08:26 AM ID: 230558325	Plenty of choice in the area
21	03/11/2023 21:04 PM ID: 230611239	Although I do think you should be able to visit any polling station within your ward area and not just the specific one linked to your address.

2. Are there any buildings you think we should start using?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	27
1	02/10/2023 12:32 PM ID: 227906150	Shafton Community Centre an option	

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2	02/10/2023 12:50 PM ID: 227907563	The building used before the club in the grounds of Highgate was more suitable
3	02/10/2023 15:55 PM ID: 227927668	I think we could use mappelwell And staincross village hall
4	02/10/2023 18:15 PM ID: 227940438	Middlecliffe club
5	02/10/2023 18:29 PM ID: 227941246	Any halls, community centres etc that AREN'T schools.
6	02/10/2023 18:57 PM ID: 227943215	Community centres and church halls
7	04/10/2023 08:14 AM ID: 228061237	The Dearne Playhouse basement would be a suitable option once refurbishment is completed by Autumn 2024.
8	04/10/2023 08:17 AM ID: 228061316	N/A
9	04/10/2023 08:35 AM ID: 228062387	Buildings that are neutral without religious affiliation - secular community centres/halls, youth centres, family centres, libraries, gyms and sports venues
10	04/10/2023 14:44 PM ID: 228108351	No
11	04/10/2023 18:52 PM ID: 228134201	I think the DE polling station in Darton East could do with being looked at in order to find a more suitable location that offers a more equitable distance to travel to for voters.
12	06/10/2023 08:34 AM ID: 228252897	Maybe if the CoOp in Hoyland town centre was made accessible, St John Community centre is a bit out of the way for many. Given it may be a Community Shop I read, it's a good central place once up and running.
13	06/10/2023 08:51 AM ID: 228254330	Don't know. Ours is great (Clough fields community centre, Hoyland).
14	06/10/2023 10:41 AM ID: 228265632	None I can think of
15	06/10/2023 14:52 PM ID: 228293321	Supermarkets could this work? an area for voting. will ring more shoppers
16	06/10/2023 15:26 PM ID: 228296780	Centrally located buildings in areas rather than multiple small locations - why not use 2/3 large locations that cover multiple polling districts instead of having to use multiple small buildings - make sure they are on public transport routes
17	06/10/2023 15:30 PM ID: 228297282	Community centre/church halls are a much better venue. Not only are they better for the polling staff but also a way for people within the community to see what else might be happening (such as local events) in such venues.
18	06/10/2023 15:39 PM ID: 228298789	Metrodome perhaps?
19	06/10/2023 15:58 PM ID: 228300697	Mapplewell village hall
20	06/10/2023 19:32 PM ID: 228315708	Darton primary school
21	09/10/2023 08:40 AM ID: 228397241	None come to mind - but accessibility should be a priority where possible and awareness given if a building isn't so postal can be used - I think more awareness raising in the run up to the election maybe pop ups in town/ principal towns might help.
22	09/10/2023 19:08 PM ID: 228481421	Buckley Methodist Church's Schoolroom is available. It's easily accessible, car park, currently used for Councillors' Surgery. S70 1 JN

2. Are there any buildings you think we should start using?

23	14/10/2023 19:39 PM ID: 228978960	Utilising spaces that are not frequently in use could be helpful, but this will depend on the area in question.
24	24/10/2023 12:40 PM ID: 229764721	A good place would be a venue near to the Mapplewell Co Op or this car park used to hold a temporary polling station. The residents who travel from the border of the ward at Eastfield Crescent area have a long walk to the polling station the population in this area are primarily elderly, many have health issues that limit mobility.
25	30/10/2023 13:06 PM ID: 230200236	No
26	30/10/2023 21:15 PM ID: 230253027	Glassworks
27	03/11/2023 08:26 AM ID: 230558325	Darton lift Centre Woolley Colliery Cricket club Methodist Church

answered	27
skipped	27

3. Are there any buildings we should stop using as polling stations?

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1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	27
1	02/10/2023 12:32 PM ID: 227906150	No. Shafton Club adequate. Sceptone Close also adequate for Shafton voters	
2	02/10/2023 12:50 PM ID: 227907563	Highgate Club	
3	02/10/2023 15:55 PM ID: 227927668	Porta cabins	
4	02/10/2023 18:15 PM ID: 227940438	Houghton main miners welfare	
5	02/10/2023 18:29 PM ID: 227941246	SCHOOLS!!!	
6	02/10/2023 18:48 PM ID: 227942669	School	
7	02/10/2023 18:57 PM ID: 227943215	Schools!!!!!!	
8	04/10/2023 08:17 AM ID: 228061316	Not aware of any	
9	04/10/2023 08:35 AM ID: 228062387	As above	
10	04/10/2023 08:44 AM ID: 228063396	Yes - Moorland Training Centre. The room is far too small and also very dirty as only used once a year for elections. Although we have always tried our best it is hard in such a small place to keep things as confidential as possible for voters.	
11	04/10/2023 08:51 AM ID: 228064823	containers	

3. Are there any buildings we should stop using as polling stations?

12	04/10/2023 14:44 PM ID: 228108351	No	
13	04/10/2023 15:43 PM ID: 228116365	Temporary ones without certain facilities for poll staff - it's a long day.	
14	04/10/2023 18:52 PM ID: 228134201	I think the DE polling station in Darton East could do with being looked at in order to find a more suitable location that offers a more equitable distance to travel to for voters.	
15	06/10/2023 08:51 AM ID: 228254330	Don't know.	
16	06/10/2023 10:41 AM ID: 228265632	None that I can think of	
17	06/10/2023 14:52 PM ID: 228293321	Schools	
18	06/10/2023 15:26 PM ID: 228296780	Schools, libraries, personal dwellings, pubs, temporary buildings or ideally, all buildings, go online, make it digital so you can vote from anywhere, just have support hubs located in areas to assist people who may have difficulty accessing the systems	
19	06/10/2023 15:30 PM ID: 228297282	Portacabins for the reasons mentioned above	
20	06/10/2023 15:58 PM ID: 228300697	any temporary buildings	
21	06/10/2023 19:32 PM ID: 228315708	Darton church/chapel on darton lane	
22	06/10/2023 19:37 PM ID: 228316013	Schools	
23	09/10/2023 08:40 AM ID: 228397241	Again no specifics but an audit/review around accessibility of venues as part of this process might be helpful to identify where changes are needed.	
24	14/10/2023 19:39 PM ID: 228978960	I'm not sure.	
25	30/10/2023 13:06 PM ID: 230200236	No	
26	30/10/2023 13:55 PM ID: 230208652	No	
27	03/11/2023 08:26 AM ID: 230558325	No	
		answered	27
		skipped	27

4. Do you have any other comments on what polling stations should be used?

Answer Choices		Response Percent	Response Total
1	Open-Ended Question	100.00%	16
1	02/10/2023 12:50 PM ID: 227907563	Highgate School.	

4. Do you have any other comments on what polling stations should be used?

2	02/10/2023 15:55 PM ID: 227927668	Councillors surgeries Advice centers	
3	02/10/2023 18:29 PM ID: 227941246	No, just stop using schools causing them to be closed for the day because with the number of empty buildings there are it's absolutely outrageous that you're disrupting children's education for this.	
4	02/10/2023 18:57 PM ID: 227943215	You should consult with the community where they would like to have a polling station	
5	04/10/2023 08:17 AM ID: 228061316	N/A	
6	04/10/2023 08:35 AM ID: 228062387	N/A	
7	04/10/2023 14:44 PM ID: 228108351	No	
8	06/10/2023 08:51 AM ID: 228254330	No.	
9	06/10/2023 10:41 AM ID: 228265632	No.	
10	06/10/2023 15:26 PM ID: 228296780	Large buildings where multiple wards can be voted for under one roof with the ability to vote digitally too	
11	06/10/2023 15:58 PM ID: 228300697	ones with working facilities and kitchens	
12	06/10/2023 19:32 PM ID: 228315708	No	
13	09/10/2023 08:40 AM ID: 228397241	I personally have no major problems accessing the building I use to vote, I think ultimately getting people involved in the voting process is the bigger challenge.	
14	14/10/2023 19:39 PM ID: 228978960	I do believe in making more space inside the polling booth so that electors can make their mark on the individual ballot paper/s if multiple polls are taking place on the same day by separating them. For example, mayoral and local council elections taking place on the same day. As an Autistic person, I think that such a suggestion can make the process more accessible and smoother. The space inside the polling station should reflect this.	
15	30/10/2023 13:55 PM ID: 230208652	Provide tea and coffee.	
16	03/11/2023 08:26 AM ID: 230558325	Use buildings already in place to limit the cost of hiring/transporting etc for temporary buildings	
		answered	16
		skipped	38