

Consultation responses

Dear Sam,

The proposed changes to the use of Meryfield as a polling station were discussed at a full Governing Body meeting held at the school on October 10th. Erica and Mrs Gage, Headteacher, were both in attendance at the meeting and I am copying both of them with this message. Governors understood that the proposal would result in the volume of people eligible to vote at Meryfield reducing by approximately 50%. The balance of people that are currently voting at Meryfield would in future, use the Organ Hall community space as their polling station.

The proposal was unanimously supported by all members of the governing body, including the Headteacher. This is recorded in the minutes which will appear on our school website. Members have previously expressed concerns with regard to the safety of the children during elections days, particularly when parents and carers are coming into the school at the start and end of the school day and when the children are outside at playtimes. This concern would certainly be reduced by the proposal. The reduction in the footfall entering the school site would make it easier to monitor at critical times during the day of the election. There have also been concerns with the number of polling station officials that are required to manage the volume of people voting and we assume that the proposal would also result in a reduction of polling station staff. This will make it easier for us to provide the facilities that the polling station staff require on these typically long days.

I would be grateful if you could give full consideration to the above comments as part of the consultation process. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information or wish to discuss any aspect of how the proposal would effect Meryfield.

Regards.

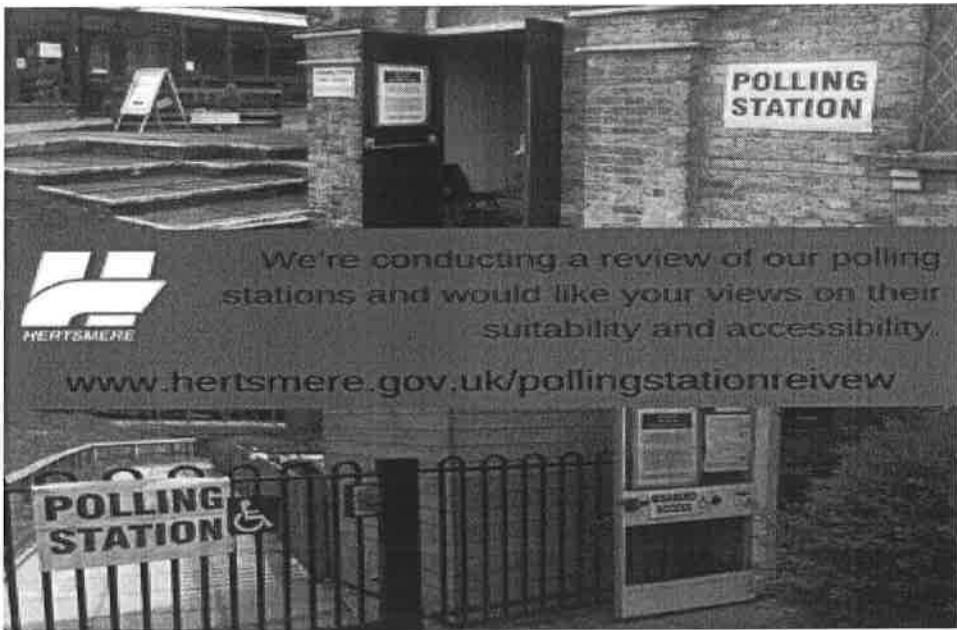
John Cooper – Chair of Governing Body, Meryfield Community Primary School.

The Toby Carvery in Borehamwood should not be used as a Polling Station. It is not appropriate for voters to walk into a rowdy bar and vote. Elderly people especially will be deterred from voting.

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Joanna Lisa Todd I decided to change to postal voting as getting about is becoming more difficult but have realised the walk to the letterbox is almost as bad as the walk to the polling station but at least the human interaction is reduced!
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Wendi Condon-Greening I use Parkside Community School because it's closest to my home. And I went there as a child. It is a good space and I feel it is used well. How do I apply to Marshall or help on the day?

You home address or address of the organisation you repre...	Which polling district/polling place/polling station does ...	Polling Place - officer comments	I find this location:	Please give a reason for your answer:
The Reddings, Red Road, Borehamwood, WD6 4ST wordsworth gardens, borehamwood wd6 2ab	Allum Hall Hillside Ward	Aberford Hall is this electors station. Borehamwood Baptist Church (no changes)	Suitable Suitable	Convenient, adequate parking, good amount of space, well known location It's easy to get to , 10-15 min walk aswell as adequate parking
Park Avenue Bushey Herts WD23 2DR	North Bushey - Highwood School	Trinty Church Hall Bushey now used instead of Highwood (since 2016)	Suitable	It is walk able from where I live. Any further and I would be reluctant to vote
Tempsford Avenue, Borehamwood	Holy Cross Church, Warren Grove/Balmoral Drive (opp. Howard Drive shops).	Holy Cross Church hall (no changes)	Suitable	I think we should keep all the polling stations we have; if you want to add new ones, fine - but none of the existing ones should be closed or changed.
Essex Road Borehamwood WD6. 1BP	Borehamwood	Aberford hall (no changes)	Suitable	Plenty of polling station within walking distance. You can also request a postal vote so not much reason to complain
Beech Drive	Brookmeadow	St Michaels church hall (no changes)	Suitable	It is on one level easy to get to
N/A	Manor Way	International Christian Fellowship Church - (proposed change to 96 Shenley Road)	Adequate	I would prefer to have a polling station closer to home and hear that there is the potential to have a polling station at 96 Shenley Road
Cardinal Avenue, Borehamwood, WD6 1SU	Hillside	96 Shenley Road (proposed) International Christian Fellowship Church (current)	Adequate	our current polling station is the Internation Christian Fellowship Church, this is inconvenient, not easy with a pram, and I feel like there are more suitable locations in the area
Oakfield Court, Whitehouse Avenue WD6 1EZ	Manor way	International Christian Fellowship Church - current	Adequate	Too far away with limited parking. I've heard there is an option for a polling station at 96 Shenley Road. That would be much easier to get to.
Whitehouse Avenue, Borehamwood, WD6 1HE	96 Shenley Road	Internation Christian Fellowship Church (current) proposed change 96 Shenley Road	Suitable	I would prefer a closer station and 96 on Shenley road would be an excellent location.
Highfield Way, Potters Bar, EN6 1UN	St John Methodist Church Hall	St Marys (unchanged)	Suitable	Have have voted there a number of times now. The large car park makes it easy to access which I really value.
Coningsby Drive, Potters Bar EN6 5QD	Wayside Community Centre	Wayside (unchanged)	Suitable	It's close to where I live
KEMP PLACE, BUSHEY, WD23 1DW	BUSHEY DISTRICT RUDOPHL ROAD	Bushey Museum (unchanged)	Suitable	ITS CONVENIENT AND EASY PARK