

## Appendix C – Detailed Summary of Comments and Proposed Actions

Ward	Ref	PD Ref	No of Electors (as at 01/10/13)	No. of Responses Received	Summary of Issues	Officer Comments	Recommendations
Spital	1	SP1	1,029	0		No change	No change
	2	SP2	1,100	0		No change	No change
	3	SP3	1,457	0		No change	No change
	4	SP4	819	0		No change	No change
	5	SP5	955	0		No change	No change
Mercian	6	ME1	1,403	0		No change	No change
	7	ME2	1,088	0		No change	No change
	8	ME3	1,301	0		No change	No change
	9	ME4	161	0		No change	No change
	10	ME5	1,355	0		No change	No change
Castle	11	CA1	1,786	0		No change	No change
	12	CA2	2,127	2	Suitable for the required needs Would like the temporary station to be relocated to its former position located on Millo Crescent and Sutton Avenue	No change	No change
	13	CA3	855	1	No comments made	No change	No change
	14	CA4	936	0		No change	No change
	15	BO1	1,284	0		No change	No change
Bolehall	16	BO2	2,261	0		No change	No change
	17	BO3	1,520	1	Whilst I find the current polling place easy to find and it suits me I am aware that parking can be difficult. If you were looking for an alternative venue St George's Church would be happy to help.	No change	No change
	18	BO4	794	0		No change	No change

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<b>Amington</b>	19	AM1	631	0		No change	No change
	20	AM2	2,259	0		No change	No change
	21	AM3	1,223	0		No change	No change
	22	AM4	1,862	1	The proposals seem to be adequate for the ward as a whole.	No change	No change
<b>Glascote</b>	23	GL1	1,582	0		Following communications with the Headteacher at Glascote Heath Primary School and issues with parking for electors' alternative location were investigated. The Sacred Heart Church was identified as an ideal place for relocation as it is adjacent to the school. The church is happy to accommodate the polling stations.	Relocate from Glascote Primary School to the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
	24	GL2	2,486	0		No change	No change
	25	GL3	970	0		Following communications with the Headteacher at Glascote Heath Primary School and issues with parking for electors' alternative location were investigated. The Sacred Heart Church was identified as an ideal place for relocation as it is adjacent to the school. The church is happy to accommodate the polling stations.	Relocate from Glascote Primary School to the Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church
	26	GL4	651	0		No change	No change

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<b>Belgrave</b>	27	BE1	1,540	1	No school should be closed for polling when there are alternatives. Education is too important. A parent is fined if they keep a child from school.	No change	No change
	28	BE2	2,058	0		No change	No change
	29	BE3	1,029	0		No change	No change
	30	BE4	1,255	0		No change	No change
<b>Trinity</b>	31	TR1	1,334	0	No change	No change	
	32	TR2	1,261	0	No change	No change	
	33	TR3	1,485	0	No change	No change	

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	34 & 35	TR4 & TR5	TR4 = 1,033 TR5 = 880	13	<p>Schools are for education and closing them disrupts education. It also disrupts education and causes logistical and childcare problems for working parents and those involved with leading the school. Alternative venues that could be used are The Norman Chapel at St Paul's Church and/or the Boys Club.</p>	<p>The Headteacher, Chair of Governors, The Boys Club, The Vicar of St Paul's Church (Dosthill) and parents from the school have put in a number of submissions asking that we look at other locations to house this polling station within the local area. Putting aside the issue of the school closing and the inconvenience this causes for parent the fact is that Dosthill Primary School is poorly laid out and causes access issues for voters with disabilities. The school can offer no solution to this. There is also no parking available at the school for disabled or able bodied electors. This has caused issues in the past particularly with disabled electors as they have been unable to park their vehicles and access the polling station. Even if disabled parking was available on site this would still require any disabled elector to walk the perimeter of the school into the polling station. It is worth noting that the authority may be open to a challenge by disabled electors should they not be able to access the polling station and financial</p>	<p>Relocate the polling stations for TR4 &amp; TR5 to Dosthill Boys Club, Cadogan Road. This facility has no issues in regard to parking and/or access for disabled electors.</p>

						<p>implications may arise from this. The Boys Club is an excellent alternative and is an option that should be given the fullest consideration by Full Council. Fees would not be dissimilar to the fees currently paid to Dosthill Primary School.</p> <p>The Norman Chapel has been offered for use by Rev'd Louise Shaw. The Chapel is well known in the locality and is used for PACT meetings regularly. Rev'd Shaw is keen to support the local community and has offered the use of this facility for a nominal fee to cover heating and light.</p>	
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As a resident in Dosthill, as a parent of children that attend Dosthill Primary School, and as a member of that school's Board of Governors, I see regular disruption caused to the operation of the school by its use as a polling station. I would like to register my opposition to the use of schools as polling stations where other suitable premises exist, and in particular Dosthill Primary School.

I am responding to the invitation to submit views on polling districts, places and stations. Firstly, I would like to thank you for providing us with the opportunity to

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take part in this consultation. You may be aware that we have previous represented our views on the school being used as a polling station to Mr John Wheatley. The Governing Body of the school object to the school being used as a polling station for the following reasons:

- 1) The school has more than 650 pupils. Counts at previous elections have shown that as few as 250 people have voted at this polling station. Disrupting the education of such a large number of pupils for so few people to vote does not seem logical.
- 2) Election days disrupt the education of our pupils. Teacher training days are used to minimise the impact but as elections are on a Thursday, closures interrupt the flow of learning over the week and can have a negative impact on attendance on the Friday following an election. The school has to close on an election day due to the nature of the site and the impossibility of moving pupils to alternative accommodation.
- 3) The school hall which is used for polling purposes is not accessible by vehicles from the High Street; the only vehicular access is along Pit Lane and here this is restricted. Voters have to park in the High Street and walk along it to the school gates and then through the playground to the polling station. For voters with a disability, it presents difficulties as the entrance to the polling station in the school hall is at the rear.

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	<p>This means that voters with mobility problems have a considerable distance to walk as there is no parking for people with disabilities available in close proximity.</p> <p>4) Parents frequently express dismay at the school being used as a polling station because of the disruption caused.</p> <p>5) We are aware that other councils such as North Warwickshire have moved almost all of their polling stations out of schools because they recognise how disruptive housing these in school is.</p> <p>We suggest that the Boys Club premises in Cadogan Road would be an ideal alternative as it has a large car park and spacious facilities that would accommodate a polling station that would benefit the whole community. If the school needs to continue to be used, they a compromise would be to have a mobile polling station sited on the front of the school. This is what was in place previously and allowed the school to remain open with mitigated measures put in place to secure pupils and to meet Health and Safety requirements. We are aware that mobile polling stations are used elsewhere locally. We look forward to receiving details of the outcome of the consultation once all views have been considered.</p>		
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<b>Trinity</b>									<p>I fully concur with the views of the Headteacher. They formed the basis of our correspondence with Mr J Wheatley after full consideration by the Full Governing Body. Alternative venues to be used: Boys Club.</p>	<p>It seems unreasonable for the large primary school to be closed to pupils for a day just for the use of the school hall as a polling station. This causes disruption to learning and local families. Alternative venues: Dosthill Boys Club or Mobile Station</p>				
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<i>Trinity</i>					I would like to register my annoyance at Dosthill school having to be used as a polling station as the school has to be closed and that results in extra costs to parents. With Dorcas centre being used and the temporary station in Cottage Farm there is no need for the school to be used and therefore inconveniencing parents, teachers and pupils.		
					I object to Dosthill school being closed for voting. Our children's education is more important. Please consider alternative premises.		
					I had been told that we can put an email to you with regards Dosthill Primary School being used a polling station. My preference would be that the school remain open and NOT be used as a polling station every year.		

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<i>Trinity</i>					<p>I am responding to the invitation to submit views on Polling Districts, Places and Stations. I object to Dosthill Primary School being used as a Polling Station for the following reasons. The school has to close during polling days disrupting the learning of the students. There is poor access to the site by vehicle making it difficult for those voters who have mobility issues. It also makes those that work less likely to vote. I vote at the Dorcas centre polling station which I can drive to on my way to work. The boys' club would appear to be a much better site for a polling station. I understand that this is on the edge of the present polling area, but if instead of splitting TR4 and TR5 along the main road and split the district east/west then you could have a polling station at the Boys Club and another one at the Norman Chapel (next to St Paul's Church Dosthill).</p>		

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Trinity					<p>I am writing to express my concerns of the continual use of Dosthill School as a polling station. Every time there is an election (Council/General or even the daftness that was PCC's), the school is closed leading to disruption to both children, teachers and families. With the number of required inset days a year - closing the school for elections results in loss of valuable learning time for the children. Not to mention increased childcare costs or days lost of work due to childcare issues. I believe it is not necessary to use the school as a polling station. Here are my suggestions for alternative sites and venues:</p> <p>The Norman Chapel at St Pauls Church  Dosthill Cosmopolitan Club (I recognise there will be a cost - however you pay for the Dorcas Centre so why not the Dosthill Cos)  The Boys Club (again cost attached)  A portable cabin on the car park of the Dosthill Cos  A Portable Cabin on the Broom Field  Turn the mobile library into a polling station  As a last resort I understand the Head Teacher of Dosthill has offered to host a portable cabin on the main playground -</p>		

					<p>assuming all safeguarding issues are taken into account - there is no reason why the school has to close.</p> <p>Whilst I recognise the need for accessibility to all members of the community - I think the Council should recognise the changing way in which people vote. As more and more people chose to vote by post - or not vote at all - I think you need to consider the number of polling stations required. Do you really need one on Cottage farm when the Dorcas centre is a stones throw away.</p> <p>My view is if people want to vote they will - most people have access to cars and quite often vote on their way to and from work. If not, encourage them to vote my post or alternatively work with local charities to help people get to polling stations. I am sure Age UK would work with you on supporting the elderly to vote. My understand that the turn out rate for the elections was relatively low - with some polling stations in the Dosthill area getting less than 20 votes.</p>		
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<i>Trinity</i>					<p>The Trustees feel that it is a shame to close the school for a day which does not have parking facilities for voters when we have a perfectly good, accessible facility to hire at the Boys Club approx 150ish yards away.</p>		
					<p>I wish to share my thoughts after reading your draft review paper. I continue to be amazed that the Council wishes to disrupt so many schools to set up polling stations, causing additional disruption to the children and their families, when there are so many public/alternative buildings nearby. In Dosthill we have The Boys Club and The Cosmopolitan Club within walking distance of the school, yet it is deemed more appropriate to close the school to c600 children. I read with interest your comments from the review in 2011 which stated these alternative options were not appropriate. I challenge how appropriate it is for 600 children, in Dosthill alone, losing a days education. A challenge also supported by government through the introduction of fining parents should they wish to take their children out of school during term time.</p>		

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<i>Wilnecote</i>	36	WI1	1,323	0		No change	No change
	37	WI2	1,188	0		No change	No change
	38	WI3	979	0		No change	No change
	39	WI4	654	0		No change	No change
	40	WI5	1,148	0		No change	No change
	41	WI6	1,381	0		No change	No change
	42	WI7	286	0		No change	No change
<i>Stonydelph</i>	43	ST1	1,317	0		No change	No change
	44	ST2	1,828	1	No comments made	No change	No change
	45	ST3	1,520	0		No change	No change
	46	ST4	1,158	0		No change	No change
			58,552	20			

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