

Doncaster MBC - 2019 Polling Place Review – Consultation Responses

Date Received	Comment	Electoral Area (if specified)
21 Aug 2019	I think provision in Austerfield and Bawtry although residents who live in the Argosy Close estate and at the end of Ingham and Grange do have a long way to travel. In Rossington the memorial hall is the nearest venue for people who live on Bankwood Land and the new houses on Heatherfields Crescent. This would appear to be a long way to walk to vote	Rossington and Bawtry Ward
26 Aug 2019	As far as I can see our polling stations are in the right locations	Wheatley Hills and Intake Ward
30 Aug 2019	My only thought is whether where schools are used, you are looking for access that allows the school to remain open or an alternative venue nearby. For example, in Edlington we used to use Victoria School and now we use the alternative of St John the Baptist Church. I assume Warmsworth Primary is used because of few alternatives in the polling district.	Edlington and Warmsworth Ward
12 Sep 2019	I am broadly happy with the choice of polling stations but would be keen to receive assurance that where schools are used, access is arranged for voting so as not to require the school to be closed for election day. I hope that approach is reflected in your choice of polling stations.	Don Valley Constituency
24 Oct 2019	No further comment to make	Bessacarr Ward
24 Oct 2019	As far as I'm aware there are no problems with polling stations in our ward	Edenthorpe Ward
25 Oct 2019	We discussed the Recommendations at team meeting yesterday and are pleased to advise that we support your recommendations	Mexborough Ward
29 Oct 2019	<p>'On the whole I am happy with the polling district boundaries for my council ward, Bessacarr. I am generally happy with the location of the polling places too. However I have some concerns that voting might not be as accessible as it could be, this is particularly true of Lakeside where the polling place is a cabin. At the last two local elections many people told me that it was difficult to get to.</p> <p>I think we need to do more to advertise the fact the Council tries to make voting accessible to disabled people. We need to ensure wheelchair access at all polling places. Is anything done to ensure polling places are accessible to people on the Autistic Spectrum or people with a learning disability? I would like to know if any action is taken to ensure people</p>	Bessacarr Ward

	<p>with AS and LD have any potential barriers removed so they can participate in elections.</p> <p>I also feel very strongly that ward names should be as inclusive as possible and reflect the whole area. For example my ward used to be called Bessacarr and Cantley and since the last boundary review it is just called Bessacarr. I would like it to see it changed to 'Bessacarr, Cantley and Lakeside' as that is reflective of the whole area. I realise that is outside the scope of this review but it is still worth inclusion in these comments as I know a lot of people feel the same way.</p>	
<p>20 Dec 2019 (but originally sent on 2 Sep and not received by review team</p>	<p>I would like to propose the Pavilion as an alternative to closing Canon Popham school for the day, there are suitable facilities and ample parking. The electoral services staff will now have first class facilities for food and drinks.</p>	<p>Edenthorpe and Kirk Sandall Ward</p>