

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 May 2011 08:55
To: External E-mail for Elections
Subject: Access to Himley Polling Station

Hi

I wish to complain about a lack of access to the polling station based at the Best Western Hotel in Himley.

When I arrived at the polling station i could not get into the hotel or polling station because of a step at the entrance, my carer went in but was told that no-one knew of a suitable entrance. Fortunately the polling staff were willing to come out to me so I could actually vote, but I was deprived of privacy, having to openly vote in a car park, the lack of privacy was worsened by the wind as i needed extra help to stop the paper moving and invalidate my vote, also making my vote visible to both my carer and polling staff.

Please can urgently investigate this serious issue as I believe there are breaches of the Disability Discrimination Act and Election Privacy Laws

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Hardy, Philip

From: Councillor Lees, Roger
Sent: 11 July 2011 16:44
To: Hardy, Philip
Subject: RE: POLLING DISTRICTS, PLACES AND STATIONS REVIEW 2011

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Phil,

The above station is very remote and would be better sited closer to the residents. I think an investigation into an alternative site should be looked into.

Thanks

Roger

Cllr Roger Lees

Cabinet Member - Public Health Protection Services

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Hardy, Philip

From: Jenny Spaul [kinverparish@btconnect.com]
Sent: 14 July 2011 09:42
To: Hardy, Philip
Subject: Polling station review

I have had a look through the papers for Kinver and I don't think we need any improvements to what we do already, so there are not any alternatives. I note on the one comment for Stourton that the drive is a long way to the village hall, but there is no alternative.

I will put it on the list of publications for our meeting in September, and this will be circulated to all the Councillors for their information.

Jenny

Hardy, Philip

From: Philip Delaloye [phil.delaloye@googlemail.com]
Sent: 10 June 2011 13:02
To: Hardy, Philip
Subject: Re: POLLING REVIEW OF SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE

Dear Phil

For the Polling station in Blymhill in the past approx 12 months the Old School has been used due to the demolishing of the Village Hall and is not one of the most suitable of buildings. From approximatley August the New Village Hall should be finished and can be used as a Polling station from them on.

Regards

Philip Delaloye
Prish Clerk

Blymhill and Weston Under Lizard Parish Council

On Fri, Jun 10, 2011 at 10:34 AM, Hardy, Philip <P.Hardy@sstaffs.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Clerk

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 requires the Acting Returning Officer to carry out a review of his polling districts and polling places within his Parliamentary Constituencies. The first such review took place in 2007 and this year by 31st December a further review needs to have taken place and be endorsed by this Council as part of the 4 yearly review cycle.

I am drawing this to your attention now as you will be formally consulted for comments in the next few weeks.

The ARO will be seeking comments on the continued suitability of current polling places, so if your Parish has any concerns over any polling stations used and any recommendations for alternative publicly available buildings, we want to hear from you.

The review will not be looking at any boundary issues as these are subject to separate future reviews.

Best wishes

Phil Hardy

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