

BOUNDARY REVIEW COMMITTEE

25 January 2023

Appendix 1 Consultation Responses

1. Ercall ward - Proposal to move from Sir John Bayley Club to Red Lion Annex – responses received from three Wellington Town councillors and one Hadley & Leegomery parish councillor

a. “I’m a Wellington councillor so I have to declare an interest and the previous polling station was at a relatives function room. I felt it was a more central location in the ward.”

b. “The moving of the Ercall ward polling station from the Red Lion on Holyhead road to the Bailey Club on Haygate Road is not very helpful to the elderly or disabled voter with mobility issues. The Red Lions access is much more disabled friendly than the Baily Club, it is also more visible within the ward, and has been used historically as a polling station. The car park is easier to find and access to the polling station is via a ramp not steps

So, I think the residents of the ward would be happier and safer if the polling station was at the Red Lion.”

c. “The Polling station for Ercall Ward was in recent years moved from the Red Lion on Holyhead Road Wellington to The Bayley Club in Haygate Road.

The Bayley Club is more difficult for people with poor mobility, they have to walk further, there are steps and parking is not so convenient. Many older residents are not familiar with this location, and the car park is not obvious from the main road.

The Red Lion is clearly seen from the main road, and has easy disabled access, familiar to voters and it would be more convenient for voters to go back to the Red Lion to vote.”

d. “The polling station for Ercall ward has previously been located at the Red Lion on Holyhead Road. It is proposed to move the polling station to the Bailey Club.

The Red Lion is more centrally located but more importantly, is located closer to the majority of the elderly population of the ward. Moving the polling station to the Bailey Club will serve to disenfranchise many of the voters who live off Holyhead Road who are disproportionately more likely to suffer mobility issues.

I believe the interests of the electors of Ercall ward would be best served by retaining the polling station at the Red Lion.”

3 x Wellington Town Councillors
1 x Hadley & Leegomery Parish Councillor

2. Madeley & Sutton Hill ward – Proposal to move from Madeley Rest Room to The Anstice

Officers have been contacted by telephone by two Borough and Town councillors and have been notified by the Town Clerk that the Town Council agreed at their December meeting that their preferred polling station for the area was The Anstice.

3. Horsehay & Lightmoor ward – Proposal to move from Horsehay Village Golf Club to Horsehay Village Hall

“Over the last few years the existing location for Horsehay has been The Golf Club, but this has caused several complaints to myself regarding the location, as the previous location of Horsehay Village Hall was more central and convenient for older residents to access. As we do have quite a number of elderly residents, I would like to propose that this is reviewed, subject to availability.”

Borough Councillor Horsehay & Lightmoor

4. Ercall Magna ward – Proposal that Eyton electors vote at St Lawrence C of E school, Preston rather than at Kynnersley Village Hall

“On behalf of Eyton Parish Meeting I would like to respond to the consultation on polling stations for the Parish.

The current arrangements are unsuitable. The Polling Station for the Parish is at Kynnersley Village Hall. This is 5 miles away from Eyton Village, where most electors live, and is therefore a 10 mile round trip. It may look on the map as if there is a road over the moors from Eyton to Kynnersley, but that is a private road with locked gates so not passable. In order to get to Kynnersley Village Hall we have to drive through Preston on the Weald Moors and past the polling station at Preston, which would be better as it is 1 mile closer to all electors.

I understand that Shawbirch is in a different ward to Eyton, but the polling station at Shawbirch would be much closer for electors in the Parish.”

I hope you will take note of this response.

Secretary to Eyton Parish Meeting

5. Priorslee Ward

Priorslee electors will vote, as previously, at the Holy Trinity Academy and Priorslee Community Centre. Electors moving in to the ward from the Snedshill area will vote at Priorslee Community Centre

“We support the proposals for Priorslee Ward”

2 x Borough Councillors, Priorslee ward

