

### Polling Station Review responses.

	Organisation	Q1,2,3 Specific answer	Polling station	Comments	Alternatives proposed
1	test				
2	Charnwood Primary Academy	1- No	charnwood_primary_academy	The regular use of the school especially in May just before Year 6 SATs means children miss out on a day of crucial learning. With the hall in the centre of the building it is impossible to make the rest safe and we are unable to serve lunches so we have	Life Church nearby or Church of the Latter-day Saints
3		1- No	the_willows_primary_school,	I feel this should be relocated to Curborough Community Centre,	Curborough Community Centre
3		1- No	charnwood_primary_academy	I feel this should be relocated to Purcell Avenue Social Club.,	Purcell Avenue Social
3		1- No	chadsmead_primary_academy	I feel that the school should remain open and a mobile polling station provided nearby.,	A mobile polling station should be provided nearby
3		1- No	st_peter_st_paul_primary_school	I feel that the school should remain open and a mobile polling station provided nearby.,	A mobile polling station should be provided nearby, possibly on Church car park.
4		1- No	holy_cross_community_meeting_room	Runs smoothly and is suitable for me to vote,	No
5		2-No	holly_grove_primary_school,	Suggest you use the church hall or scout hut instead of schools to avoid unnecessary disruption to children	Church Hall or Scout Hut nearby.
6		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school	Education is important - stop using the school and depriving our children of a day's education!,	Tesco Extra Community Room; Methodist Centre
7		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	The Secretary of State for Education has stated that a single day missed from school damages a child's education. The children at St Michael's are being disadvantaged compared to children at schools that are not closed on polling days., A non-school environment which does not disproportionately disadvantage the children at 1school	. There are 3 schools in a row on Cherry Orchard yet St Michael's children (the largest primary in Lichfield) are the only children forced to miss multiple days
8		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	We should be trying where possible to avoid using schools for polling stations,	Boley park Hall
9			St. Michaels Primary School	School being closed for multiple voting days this year has been very disruptive for children and working parents, Spilt the days across other schools -	5 spires or st Joseph's
10		1-No	St. Michaels Primary School	Massive headache every time arranging childcare for 2 kids., Mobile station on coop boley park car park.	Mobile station on coop boley park car park.
11		1-No		The school shouldn't be used as a polling station, it causes great inconvenience for working parents to continually have to arrange extra child care for children	Alternate between schools Five Spires used to be a community building yet

				who should be entitled to the education other schools receive on these days, and out of poc,	turned into a third school on the same road!
12		1-No	St. Michaels Primary School	Very inconvenient using a school,	, Tesco Community hub or the community room at the fire station
13		1-No	St. Michaels Primary School	My children have lost at least a day of school, and in some cases two days a year for each year of their schooling. I have had to take a day off work. It is unacceptable to affect children's education like this. Especially just before the year 6 sats.,	There are 3 schools on Cherry Orchard, could you alternate them on different years. St Michaels is the biggest so affects the most children so should be used the least. Use Five Spires and St Joseph's schools instead.
14		1-No	St. Michaels Primary School	This is a large primary school of over 400 pupils and should not be used as a polling station. Using it as a polling station disrupts the school year and the pupils education. It causes childcare issues for working parents.,	Tesco community room; lichfield fire station community room; a mobile polling station in tesco car park; the hall on St Michaels Road behind Aldi.
15			St. Michaels Primary School	It is utterly appalling that this school is used repeatedly for polling when there are two other schools in the same road!,	Five Spires School, St Joseph's School, Tesco Community Room, Fire Station Community Room
15			St. Michaels Primary School	This is a large 2 form entry primary school. On the same road there are 2 further schools. There would be fewer parents having to make alternative childcare arrangements if other schools (on the same road) were used	Five Spires/ St Joseph's (or even share between the 3 schools taking it in turns each year)
16	Longdon Parish Council	No Shenstone Wood End is too far for residents of Longdon	St_James_Primary_Academy_longdon	A resident has commented that they think it is unfair to close the local school to use the facility when there are several other halls in the parish that could be used.,	., WI Hall Ford Lane, Longdon Village Hall Brook End, Memorial Hall Brook End
17		1-No		using the school as a polling station is inappropriate, as it has to be closed. Recently, this has been a frequent occurrence	Curborough Community Centre.
18		1-No	Scotch Orchard Primary School	It seems unfair that this school is regularly used as a polling station where some schools aren't used at all.	It should be shared around.
19		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	, Poor disabled access, hardly any parking so people with poor mobility can't park nearby and it would be very difficult to access with a wheelchair. I've been a voter for 30 years in 9 counties and this is the worst I've ever seen.,	New Streethay school, or site the mobile polling station near the new houses perhaps on the car park on Oak Way
20		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	, This is difficult to get to, and inaccessible for pushchairs/ wheelchairs. I understand that parking is also an issue.,	Streethay Primary School

21		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	No good,	Streethay Primary School
22		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	inaccessible and temporary. Better structures in area	Streethay Primary School
23		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	, Difficult to find and poor parking,	The new primary school in Streethay
24			Harlaston Village hall	Good location and good parking facilities	
25		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station	, Not good for parking and not suitable for wheelchair access or voters with babies or toddlers	Streethay Primary school on the new Roman Heights Development
26		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	This is a large 2-form entry school which is closed on average twice a year for polling, sometimes more	Surely a local community/church hall or mobile site would be preferable than disrupting hundreds' of pupils education., Any church hall / community hall or a mobile site
27		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	Having a polling station at a school is a very inefficient use of the building. Hundreds of children and families affected for the use of one room in the entire complex.,	St Michael's Church.
28	Kings Bromley Parish Council		kings_bromley_village_hall,	An ideal location - now a fully modernised hall that is accessible to all	No
29			chadsmead_primary_academy,	I found it very frustrating that the primary school closed for all elections. I can understand when it's a general election or district-wide election, but one year it closed a number of times due to by-elections. This meant having to take time off work., I don't think you need such a large space especially not for by-elections.	
30			robinson_road_mobile_polling_station,	To small and lack of parking,	Redwood park
31		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	The school closes every time for polling. This impact hugely on all the children, staff & parents, especially those working. Please cause as little disruption as possible with venue choices.,	Curborough Community Centre behind Willows School.
32	Willows Primary School		robinson_road_mobile_polling_station,	To small and lack of parking,	Redwood park

33			the_willows_primary_school,	Closing down a school for a polling station is disruptive to children's education and hard for working parents to find suitable childcare for the day it closes. Next to willows a community centre which could easily be the polling station.,	Next to willows a community centre which could easily be the polling station., Curborough community centre
34			the_willows_primary_school,	I think it would be better if the school wasn't shut as this disrupts the children's education and means parents have to either pay for childcare or take leave from work.,	Curborough Community Centre
35		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, it's a massive inconvenience for those of us who work to keep closing the school when there are other venues that could be used.,	Curborough Community Centre or The Training Room at the Willows
36		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	As a full time working parent of a child at the school I find the closure for polling a huge inconvenience,	Curborough community centre
37			the_willows_primary_school,	I believe the school should not be closed for polling as this impacts on the children's learning. There are other facilities nearby that would reduce this impact.,	Curborough Community Centre.
38		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	There are more suitable locations for conducting polling, in the immediate vicinity of the school, namely Curborough Community Centre, which can be used that will not affect children's education,	Curborough Community Centre
39		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, I am a single parent who works full time. I am unable to find childcare for extra days that the school is shut. It would be a better idea for the Curborough Community Centre to be used instead.,	Curborough Community Centre, Lichfield
40		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	My child attends this school and the school has to close every time a polling day comes round. We are told how important it is for them to be in school all the time and not miss days but then we have the school closed multiple times for polling days	Curborough community centre
40			charnwood_primary_academy, I	am not happy about the schools being closed for polling days when we are telling them how important it is to attend every day.,	Lichfield social club
40			chadsmead_primary_academy	I am unhappy about schools being used as polling stations. Disrupting children's education	1st Lichfield scout hut on the Leasowe
41		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	The primary school should not be used due to the disruption to the children's education. Parents are unable to take children out of school during term time so this rule should also apply to the council.	
42			the_willows_primary_school,	It's inappropriate to close willows school for polling when there's a community centre next door. Impacting education in this way is immoral and inexcusable in this day and age. If I took my child out of school for one day I would be fined	Curborough community centre.
43			the_willows_primary_school,	there is a community centre next door the cost to parents shutting the school for extra childcare when there is a perfectly fine venue right next door is ridiculous,	Curborough community centre
44		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, Closing the school is disrupting and frustrating for children, parents/carers and staff,	Curborough Community Centre
45		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	, I would wish for the school to not be used for the foreseeable as a polling station. The children's education is paramount and there are plenty other stations to use.,	Boley Park

46		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, Although it is convenient for our house, I think using schools is outdated and a waste of resources. We are fined for taking children out of school yet it can be closed for polling several times a year!,	St Michaels church hall, Tesco community room, holy cross hall, st Michael's church, guildhall, green hill medical centre, mobile huts in city centre car parks.
47		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	For the last 8 years, I have had at least one of my children at Willows School. Polling has caused regular disruption to their education throughout their time there, I would suggest that the polling location is moved to Curborough Community Centre	to Curborough Community Centre
48			willows_primary_school the_	Please stop closing our school when curborough community centre is next door and empty!,	Curborough community centre. located next door and empty!
49		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Willows should not be used as a polling station as the school closes, disrupting education and causing childcare problems for parents. I am fined if my child does not attend, yet the school can close for elections - double standards!,	Curborough Community Centre
50		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, I do not agree with Willows being used as a polling station during the election period. The school has to close during this period and miss days of education which i do not agree with. There are other venues which could be utilised	There are other schools near Willows which do not get used. It would be fair for those to be put on a list if alternative venues aren't available. It shouldn't just be one school that is subjected to this.
51		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	I believe we shouldn't use schools when there are community centres. Children miss out on school and parents have to take a day's holiday to accommodate this.,	Curborough community centre, Lichfield staffs.
52		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, I wholeheartedly disagree with this school being used for polling purposes. The school serves over 400 children and my children in particular are looked after which means that changes and disruption not only affect my work but also their wellbeing,	Curborough Community Centre which is just next door
53			the_willows_primary_school,	It's very inconvenient and disruptive to the children's education,	Curborough community centre
54			chadsmead_primary_academy,	Because being a single working mum means I have to have time off work for these each time and uses my holiday up which is needed elsewhere. This is also disruptive to the children's learning, Social club	
55			chadsmead_primary_academy,	, Inconvenient and disruptive to children's education,	Scout hut the leasowe
56			the_willows_primary_school,	Because it's disruptive to families having time off and wor	Community centre

57	Willows primary school	1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Using the school is effecting our children's education and is hard for the parents who work to get childcare, there are lots of other places in Lichfield which could be used an not effect children's learning by closing a school for a whole day.,	Curborough community centre
58		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Think it's unfair to continually use primary schools when there is sufficient local community halls/church halls readily available which does not disrupt their learning and usually have better disabled facilities for those that require them,	Curborough community centre,leasowe scout hut/later day saints church hall/ St. Peter's Paul's church/ beacon park pavillion
59		1-Yes	the_willows_primary_school,	Inconvenient, disruptive, not allowed to take children out of school for holidays but it's ok for polling days,	Community centres, village halls, scout huts
61			the_willows_primary_school,	I don't think this should be used as a polling station anymore as it interrupts my child's learning when there is other suitable places to use.,	Curborough community centre
62			the_willows_primary_school,	I don't think this is beneficial for the children of willows school having to miss a day's education due to it being closed	Curborough Community Centre
63			the_willows_primary_school,	My children go to Willows and it is so disruptive to their education and my work place having the polling station at the school. Also parents get charged taking children out of school so can we charge you for the same thing?,	Curborough Community Centre
64		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Shutting the whole school for polling day has a huge detrimental impact on the children, parents and staff. Earlier this year the school was closed twice in a month. This is very unfair and easily avoided when there are alternative venues, inc next door.,	., Curborough Community Centre (next door to Willows)
65			st_michaels_primary_school,	I think that as there are 3 primary schools on the same street they should share the responsibility of being a polling station and take it in turns to close to pupils. It is unfair for St Michaels to have to close each time.,	St Joseph's primary school and Five Spires Academy
66			the_willows_primary_school,	, To avoid disruption to parent due to the school closure please use the community centre next to willows school for polling	the community centre next to willows school
67		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	Stop using schools as it is not fair to put financial temptation in front of a school, that then impacts children's education,	Anywhere other than a school!
68		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	Please stop using the school . There is no need to use schools anymore ., Anywhere other than school .	Happy to vote at life church
69		1-No	chadsmead_primary_academy,	, My comments apply to all schools - I don't think schools should be used as polling stations as this results in test another day's education lost.,	Community centres, church halls, libraries, function rooms in pubs and hotels should all be used instead of schools
70			the_willows_primary_school,	I think shutting a school for a day for voting is very disruptive for children schooling, Curborough community centre	Curborough community centre
71		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Stop using the school as wastes a days education,	, Curborough community centre
72			charnwood_primary_academy,	There's no need for the school to close and inconvenience parents because there's another polling station just across the road at the church next to Tesco	There's one already at the church and at willows primary school also.

				express. It seems silly to close a school for this purpose and effect our children's educations.,	
73		1-No	the_willows_primary_school	Although convenient schools should not be used as it really has a negative impact on children's learning and creates childcare issues for parents. I imagine this has a knock on effect to other industries in and around our community	Curborough community centre, the_willows_primary_school
74			the_willows_primary_school,	This is NOT a suitable location for a polling station. It means the school is closed for the whole day. This is unacceptable. Parents have to take a day off and the children lose another day of education., It is for the council to find and use suitable locations.	Council buildings, churches and countless other resources open to the council are the traditional route rather than passing the buck to an already under resourced education system.
75		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	My children attend St. Michael's Primary School, which is used as a polling station. This not only impacts on their education but also creates undue childcare pressure.,	., Church hall or community centre
76		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	It is unacceptable that this school every year is closed for at least a day each year for polling when there are a number of other, just as suitable, alternative buildings which be used. 450 pupils out of education for the day just isn't acceptable.,	Schools are rotated on a three year cycle ie use of St Joseph's and Five spires on Cherry Orchard. More mobile units on Boley Park coop car park. Use of local church's & halls. Use of senior school sports halls.
77			the_willows_primary_school,	Children lose out on education plus parents lose a days work to have the children think education is important,	What's up with the Curborough community centre?
78			the_willows_primary_school,	This is the school my daughter goes to and each time there is a polling day and the school is closed it is a huge inconvenience for my husband and I who work. We need to seek childcare which is something that is costly and not easy to do.,	Curborough community centre, church halls, mobile units on a public car park
79		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	Being so close to a community centre I don't see why the school is used for a polling station,	Community centre
80			the_willows_primary_school,	A school shouldn't be used a polling station if it means to be closed completely. This has a detrimental impact both on the education of the children as well as the inconvenience caused to parents and carers.,	Curborough community centre
81		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	To close an entire school to facilitate polling for as few as 20-30% of voters in that area seems unnecessary given that there are postal and proxy votes that could be utilised and other "community" sites nearby.,	Curborough Community Centre
82			he_willows_primary_school,	My children attend willows school, and they miss a day of education for the school to be used as a polling station. But if we take our kids out of school we get fined. The voting should take place in curborough community centre which is close by,	Curborough community centre

83			the_willows_primary_school,	I have to keep using up my holidays because i don't have childcare and there is no holiday club on voting days. Then i dont have enough days to cover school holidays. Im a single working mom with no support.,	Curborough community centre
84	1-No		the_willows_primary_school,	It is hard to arrange childcare for these days,	Community hall next door
85			the_willows_primary_school,	, I would really appreciate it if you stopped using willows primary school in Lichfield for voting/polling. It is not convenient and no childcare so I have no choice but to use my holiday or take unpaid leave. And I'm a single parent,	Curborough community centre right next door to the school. It's been used once before I suggest it's permanently done there
86	1-No		the_willows_primary_school,	closing the school for the day impacts kids education,	, curborough community centre
87			he_willows_primary_school,	Children missing vital education,	Curborough Community Centre
88			the_willows_primary_school,	I have a child at willows school. When the school closes for elections there is no alternative provision for the children. Both my husband & I work, both on jobs where it is difficult for us to take time off in term time, making childcare problematic.	Curborough community centre.
89			chadsmead_primary_academy,	to have the polling station at somewhere like a school, in the heart of the ward where people can easily get to.,	The scout hut/church hall on Giffords Croft would also work if Chadsmead School became unavailable
90			the_willows_primary_school,	It has been two days so far this year that the school was closed for voting , As working parents is extremely hard to take days off.,	Curborough Community Centre
91			the_willows_primary_school,	I feel that closing a school to vote should not be acceptable when there is s perfectly good community centre next door. By closing the school you are affecting the children's learning.,	Curborough community centre
92			the_willows_primary_school,	If we as parents have to allow our child a day of school it has to be justified and scrutinised! I agree that my child's education is vital. My child needs to be at school.,	Curborough community centre
93	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Schools should not be used for polling stations, it's as if parents are expected to take time off and look after children at the drop of a hat	
94			st_michaels_primary_school,	As a teacher myself, bringing my children out of school at a 'busy time of year' is logistically tricky.	., I believe increasing the capacity of another polling station, such as The University, would solve this problem. There is more than adequate parking and there is a bus stop nearby
95			st_michaels_primary_school,	Children shouldn't loose a day at school,	Community halls, Community room at Tesco, church halls

96		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, it is highly disruptive for the children and parents, who sometimes at short notice have to make arrangements for children to be looked after due to unavoidable work commitments. Schools should not be used for these purposes. Entirely thoughtless.	Sports halls or other community centres not currently used; or even temporary mobiles/business containers - at the expense of those who are calling for voting.
97			st_michaels_primary_school,	Schools should not be used as polling stations,	St Michael's church Hall
98			st_michaels_primary_school,	it is ridiculous schools are used as polling stations as it disrupts working patterns, causes either additional childcare costs or puts strain on families when there are other options available around Lichfield, Anywhere that isn't schools....	Tesco have a room, sports halls have rooms, even pubs have rooms.... why should children's education
99		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	I, it is ridiculous schools are used as polling stations as it disrupts working patterns, causes either additional childcare costs or puts strain on families when there are other options available around Lichfield, Anywhere that isn't schools....	Anywhere that isn't schools.... Tesco have a room, sports halls have rooms, even pubs have rooms.... why should children's education be halted for the day??
100			st_michaels_primary_school,	The school has already been closed 2 days this year due to polling and there are lots of other places that could be used!,	St Joseph's, Five Spires Academy, Scout Hut on Cherry Orchard, Boley Park Community Hall, port a cabin on green on Cherry Orchard,
101			st_michaels_primary_school,	School closures make it difficult for working parentsity room	Local halls or Tesco common
102		1-Yes	st_michaels_primary_school,	As a parent of a child at St Michaels I am frustrated with the constant use of this school for polling. It is a day of my daughters education and then the need to find childcare when trying to run your own business. It is time for a change.,	Another school
103		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	Closing the school is a problem for parents working full time. Schools should be the last resort when it comes to polling days.	Kings Edwards sport hall has adequate parking plus additional parking along Borrowcop., King Edwards sports hall
104		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, Using a school for a Polling station is hypocritical given that parents face fines for taking children out of school.	St Michael church
105			st_michaels_primary_school,	For the number of voters that turn up, this is disproportionate to warrant closing a school for a day.	There are plenty of other stations nearby. Use community halls not schools.
106			st_michaels_primary_school,	As a voter, I have no problem with the station. However, children's education should not be disrupted by elections	no alternative polling station should be found.

107			st_michaels_primary_school,	School closures make it difficult for working parents,	Local halls or Tesco community room
108			st_michaels_primary_school,	, It is absolutely ridiculous to keep making children miss out on education	There are plenty of alternative buildings that are available to use. Also there are 3 schools on that road yet it is always st Michaels that have to be used!, Churches, library, church halls,
109	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Absolutely ridiculous to use a school for polling, essentially stopping kids from being educated to allow idiot members of parliament to play 'who is top boss',	Church halls, Methodist centre, community centres, anywhere other than a school!!!!!!
110	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Having a polling station at a primary school is extremely disruptive for children, staff and parents	
111			st_michaels_primary_school,	It is highly disruptive to the 450 children as well as parents for the school to be used at as a station.	There are 3 schools at cherry orchard with st Michaela being the largest and the fore more people are affected by any closures.
112	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	, During her time at this school, my child in year 6 has been denied weeks, rather than days of education compared with children in the schools next door that are never used as polling stations. How can the returning officer possibly justify this?,	There are 3 schools in Cherry Orchard. At least rotate between them!
113	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	, Closing the school for a whole day is detrimental to my children's education. The days are not at the start or end of the week or terms.,	St Michael's Church, scout hut on Cherry Orchard near St Johns Street or hall at the co op
114	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	The impact upon the children's education has not been considered. Also as a single parent I have to take time off work with very little notice. This results in unpaid leave and a bad impression for my employer.	I believe it should be held at a public build. The Guild Hall
115	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	This is a primary school and is very inconvenient to close down for the day, costing people money in taking annual leave.,	High school sports hall
116	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Schools should not be used for polling stations. It's not appropriate. If voting was mandatory then it might be more appropriate. We have plenty of alternatives.,	St. Michael's church or Tesco's community room, would make good alternative venues.
117	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	This is a primary school and is very inconvenient to close down for the day, costing people money in taking annual leave.,	High school sports hall

118		1-No	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station,	, I do not agree polling stations should be at schools. As working parents it is very difficult to be taking the time off work because schools have to be closed for the purpose of vo	There should be mobile stations for this.	
119		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	As a parent whose children attend this school, I find it incredibly frustrating that it is used as a polling station almost every year. It causes significant disruption to working parents and means a day of missed education for the children. It's unfair	A porta cabin somewhere, as this is perfectly adequate at the Boley Park station where I vote. Maybe St Michael's church would be a viable option. It could also be alternated between the three schools on Cherry Orchard to make it fairer	
120		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	I object to primary schools being used for this purpose as it causes disruption to the education of young children and the working lives of parents (it is now very common that two wages are required to sustain a household).		
121		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	Biggest school in Lichfield - loss of education too much of an impact,	Five Spires School	
122		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, The use of any school as a polling station is inappropriate, especially as parents are continually criticised about taking children out of school during term time but it is acceptable for the school to be closed for polling.,	If you have a mobile unit at Morrisons why can't there be one at Tesco? Must be a very high foot fall in this area	
123			life_church_lichfield_netherstowe	, Excellent polling station	life_church_lichfield_netherstowe, Excellent polling station	
124		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	It is frustrating that the school is used as a polling station, the school has to close as well as having the cleaning costs following the foot fall from the day.	Surely more people could use the Community, Guild and church halls, Boley Park Community Hall, Guild Hall, Church Halls, Tesco community space	
125		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	Having this as a polling location when the school has to be closed causes a massive inconvenience as a single mother working full time.,	A local church hall in Lichfield	
126			st_michaels_primary_school,	, Our children have missed lots of days of school due to elections. Neighbouring schools have not fair.,	Rotate between the 3 neighbouring schools on Cherry Orchard	
127			holy_cross_community_meeting_room,	, Good location, great that this does not prevent children losing a day of education. I disagree with schools being closed for polling.	I fundamentally	

128		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	Disgraceful to close a school for use as a polling station! It's disruptive to the children's education and causes an inconvenience to working parents. Can't you use another venue?, St Michaels church hall	Can't you use another venue?, St Michaels church hall
129			Nothing Input	Nothing Input	Nothing Input
130		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, Parents are not allowed to take their children out of school yet it is okay to close a school for this purpose ? Puts additional pressure on working parents to get childcare	Alternate with St Joseph's and five spires on the same road if no alternative available
131			st_michaels_primary_school,	, Wrong to close the school for an entire day for this when other alternatives, Boley Park Community Hall - already in use nearby.	Boley Park Community Hall - already in use nearby.
132		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, It seems crazy to disrupt such a large number of children's education, which is made worse at a time of such regular votes.,	St Michaels Church
133			st_michaels_primary_school,	, Gov't rightly states importance of regular attendance at school yet my 2 children have missed many days' education when St Michael's has been used as a PS despite there being a school next door and now a third school (which lay disused for some time),	If schools have to be used then alternating between St Joseph's and Five Spires would be more fair but surely there has to be an alternative to disrupting children's education
134		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, There are 3 schools along this stretch of road - surely the burden could be shared across these school communities?	shared between St Michaels, 5 spires and St Josephs
			chadsmead_primary_academy,		church hall at to of Friday acre
135		1-Yes	st_michaels_primary_school,	The timing of this election, the 3rd this year threatens long standing Xmas arrangements for pupils and parents and the venue should not be used.	government funding is available for the use of alternative sites, Boley park community hall
136		1-Yes	st_michaels_primary_school,	, Great location just a shame that the polling venue is not shared between other schools on this road,	Other, Cherry Orchard Schools
137		3- No 3-Postal or on-line	fradley_worthington_road_mobile_polling_station,	, Wouldn't use the polling station -	Postal or online voting
138		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, The use of this school for polling causes disruption to the children's' education. There is a community centre behind the school which could be used.,	Curborough Community Centre

139		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	, I find it appalling that the school be closed for government voting at the drop of a hat. It will be a terrible inconvenience for anyone who takes their child out of school!!!, One of the other 2 schools on the same road with less pupils therefore less disruption.	Maybe even alternate it between the 3? Mobile voting units?
140		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	It would be good to not have the school year disrupted by elections. It interrupts educational activity and creates a childcare problem for us as parents.,	Curborough Community Centre
141		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	It's disruptive to have to close school regularly for this purpose, for the children's education, for staff, and for parents needing to take a day off work	A mobile polling station on Tesco car park would work well
142	Chadsmead Primary Academy	1-No	chadsmead_primary_academy,	Schools should no longer have to close due to Polling, Safeguarding rules make it impossible to stay open causing disruption to teaching and working parents,	St Chad's Church Hall
143			st_peter_st_paul_primary_school,	As a working parent it is frustrating that the school is shut, often at short notice, for polling days.	Porta cabin/mobile unit in the church car park,
144		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	, I feel that children shouldn't lose a day of education whilst the school is used for voting and why should parents be forced to find alternative childcare on these days. Not all working parents have a close family support network.,	St chads church, crooked house near stowe pool, any local community centre, hall or church.
145		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	It is not acceptable to shut the children's school for each polling day. It affects their education and disrupts working parents. I have never understood why other venues cannot be used, ie community centres, churches etc,	Community centre, leisure centre, Churches
146			scotch_orchard_primary_school,	Scotch orchard recently had two inset days beginning of September, two inset days in October before half-term, and there will be another inset day on 2nd December. This is causing me problems as a single parent trying to work. Please don't close Scotch Or,	Any church halls, mobile stations, anything that doesn't affect working parents
147			st_michaels_primary_school,	, To close a whole school when a small space is used is ridiculous. Having to find childcare for the school to be closed again for another election does not seem logical.,  , Again another whole school closed for another election.	St. Michaels Church
148			scotch_orchard_primary_school	my daughters school is already closed for 8 inset days this years and a potential polling day in may another day close could affect her education plus as a parent who works there are childcare issues	

149		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school	I'm fed up ive trying to find child care every time you have to have a vote you close the schools in the area	The day care centre in braeburn close the schools in
			the_willows_primary_school	You need to stop closing primary schools at the end of the day it's the children losing out on education,	Curborough community centre
150		1-Yes	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	A suitable alternative must be found as it is unfair to keep closing it and making our children have unnecessary days off when they should be learning.also the working parents have to find suitable childcare for extra days which is hard enough	The church hall next to Tesco express
151			scotch_orchard_primary_school,	using this polling station means our children are off school for another day. Working parents really struggle to cover the childcare for these days.,	Lichfield city football club
152		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	The children have already had 5 inset days this term and this would mean another day off not learning.	
153		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	As a parent of children at this school, it is extremely disruptive for the children's learning when the school has to close for an entire day. This happens all too often given this country's current political state.,	Curborough Community Centre is adjacent to the school, and has previously successfully been used as a polling station back in February 2018.
154		3-Yes	st_james_primary_academy_longdon,	Polling stations SHOULD NOT be in schools! If education is important it's important schools are not used, so why should primary schools? With such improved communication having the polling station near a phone line is no longer valid	- secondary
155		1-Yes	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	The school has had a number of inset days which has caused issues with care, to have a further day near Christmas will result in unpaid leave	
			the_willows_primary_school,	Disruptive to school children	
156		1-No	scotch_orchard_primary_school,	This is not a great location for voting due to the children not being able to go to school which according to the government absence can be detrimental to a child's education. It also means having to find alternative childcare/leave from work,	Life church. Netherstowe.
157			st_peter_st_paul_primary_school,	Excellent location - good parking, close to the door, good for disabled people - wide doors and ramps., No	

158			st_peter_st_paul_primary_school,	This location is hugely inconvenient and unfair to working parents . Every polling day requires me to use my holiday days meaning less valuable holiday time spent with my children . There are many leisure centres etc in the district. Schools shouldn't be	Fradley village hall
159	1-No		scotch_orchard_primary_school,	, Please avoid schools where possible - it is so difficult for working parents to secure and pay for childcare during school holidays without adding in additional days,	Extend the use of boley park station,
160	1-No		st_peter_st_paul_primary_school,	, I do not think my child's school should be closed. There is a school literally 2 minutes down the road that is also closed.,	Curborough Community Centre. Lichfield Social Club, Lichfield Football Club
161	1-No		scotch_orchard_primary_school,	, Please do not use this school again as polling station this December as it means more time off school for children so close to the holidays. It is not fair to just use the same venues each time	Life church, netherstowe
162	1-No		morrison's_lichfield_mobile_polling_station,	This is my local polling station but myself and my husband postal vote so we never attend.	
163			st_michaels_primary_school,	Disrupts school. Very busy early morning when want to vote,	If use schools, alternate with other 2 on Cherry Orchard
164	1-Yes		scotch_orchard_primary_school	, I think using primary schools as locations for polling stations is a great way of introducing political conversation to young children,also I don't drive so may not vote if had to go further to do so	
165			elmhurst_mission_church,	Whilst this is the polling station for Curborough, it is only accessible for us by a long car journey down winding lanes or a walk across fields. Both will be difficult in snow or ice for a December election.	
166			hammerwich_wi_hall,	No issues with the WI Hall as a polling station. Works well and does not interfere with local children's education, No this is an ideal location for the people of Hammerwich. I do not agree with local schools being closed for polling as I feel it's unnecessary and unfair.	
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168			st_michaels_primary_school,	It's a school & is for the education of children.	There must be alternative venues churches, pubs, supermarkets or shops that could be used, Churches, shops, town or village halls or just partition off an area of the school. Shutting the whole school is such a waste . Also consider consolidating venues rather than having so many

169			st_michaels_primary_school,	, As the largest school in a row of 3 more families are affected by this school being closed in comparison. It is an inconvenience to working families. Also parent try not to take their children out of school then they are just closed when avoidable.,	A mobile in Tesco carpark or St Josephs or St Micheals church hall.	
170	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	The polling station in itself is fine ... but not very good if you have a child at this school as it is always used so closed often,	Another primary school ... there are 2 literally next door st Joseph's and five spires ... in the interest of education and working parents the use of primary schools should be rotated	
171			st_michaels_primary_school,	, Just find it ridiculous that St Michaels continues to be a poling station when there's two other schools on Cherry Orchard.,	One of the other two Primary schools that are on the same road!	
172			st_michaels_primary_school,	, The school.os closed repeatedly and sometimes at short notice. This is difficult for parents who work. This year, the election is on the day on the Christmas performance which means significant rearrangements need to be made,	There are 2 other schools on the same road as At Michael's (at Joseph's and five spires) which could be used alternately in order to share the load	
173	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	The school has to consistently close when elections are announced meaning they miss out on reaching time plus it causes childcare issues for those parents who work., B	Boley Park community centre or share amongst the other schools on Cherry Orchard	
174	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	It is hypocritical of the council to enforce a primary school as a polling station causing it to close every year for different levels of elections, causing parents to have to find alternative childcare outside of normal school holidays,	Share with other schools in the road, or porta cabin in Tesco car park or the community room at Tesco	
175	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	It is frustrating, as a parent, to have the school closed for polling. The children at St Michael's have their schooling interrupted for voting, when we are told that any absence is damaging to their education.,	Either St Joseph's School or 5 Spires (or both, or all 3 schools in rotation)	
176	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Incredibly disruptive to children's education and to working parents to have the school close for elections. Not infrequently at short notice.	If schools are the only option the burden should be spread more fairly between schools, Boley park community centre could increase capacity for voters. Mobile units could be added to the co-op or Tesco car parks.	
177			the_willows_primary_school,	Causes problems for child care for parents who work		

178			the_willows_primary_school,	, the school is closed and it is not good for children education. It should be some rotation,	It should be some rotation, cudborough social club
179	1-No		the_willows_primary_school,	PLease don't close the school, Community Centre	Please don't close the school, Community Centre
180			the_willows_primary_school,	Don't close the school, Community Centre	Community Centre
181			the_willows_primary_school,	Closing the school for elections is detrimental to the children's education and causes issues for child care for working parents,	Curborough Community Centre or one of the local church's
182			the_willows_primary_school,	I am upset about the frequent disruption to my children's education by this venue being used for polling. If I don't send my children, I'd be fined. It is hypocritical to close a school for polling when it causes the same damage to their learning.,	A community hall, where disruption to children's learning will not occur.
183	1-No		the_willows_primary_school,	, I believe using the school as polling Station is not in the schools best interests for children and their learning as well as being a pain for parents! Especially ourselves as I am a full time student and university and my partner works 40+ hours a week,	Curborough community centre
184			st_michaels_primary_school,	It is inconvenient that this school is used as a polling station every single election when there are many alternatives nearby	Five Spires Academy, or St Joseph's Primary School, or St Michael's Church Hall
185			the_willows_primary_school,	, Unnecessary disruption for the school to be used with an empty community centre which is more convenient to park at also	Curborough community centre right next door
186					
187	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	The 'snap' elections impact the school timetable and the children, in this instance preventing the scheduled Christmas nativity. Please can other public buildings be used to reduce disruption?	Please can other public buildings be used to reduce disruption?
188	1-No		the_willows_primary_school,	, Hi, thanks for hosting the almost yearly local and general elections - but given austerity and the regularity of elections, can somewhere else fulfil its democratic duty?! Affecting children's education, without any surety of Government funds. Object,	Curborough Community Centre
189	1-No		st_michaels_primary_school,	Strongly disagree that schools should be used! School closure has a huge impact & even take children out of school. No parking either. Who is funding the school overheads to accommodate	Churches, community halls, Mobile facilities, sports centres, hotel/travel lodges with facilities, ONLINE!!!

190		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	I am concerned that you propose closing the primary school at a particularly busy and important time of year, in the run up to Christmas with many planned activities that the children look forward to needing to be rescheduled that small children won't get,	St Michael's church hall
191		1-No	st_michaels_primary_school,	This is the third time this year our children's school has been used as a polling station. Several of these closures have been at very short notice. This is great deal of education time lost and utterly unacceptable	A location such as a hall or mobile unit that will not have such a detrimental impact on a child's education.
192		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	why close the whole school and force people to take unpaid leave so close to xmas - when you can have the polling station in the building in the car park,	Use the building in the Willows car park - therefore the children can still safely use the school without having to take a day off
193			st_michaels_primary_school,	, It is very disruptive that it is always the school that gets used and this seems unfair when there are several alternative venues within a few hundred metres. This is disruptive to the children but also to parents having to either take the time off work.,	St Michaels church hall
194		1-No	the_willows_primary_school,	, Closing the school and with Xmas so close you are forcing people to take unpaid leave if they are even allowed this,	Use the building in the Willows car park therefore the school can remain open as the children will be safe behind the gate and fencing taking out the need to close the school and forcing people to take unpaid leave so close to Xmas (even if allowed)
195			scotch_orchard_primary_school,	Please do not use schools for polling stations.	Council buildings,
196			the_willows_primary_school,	, Why keep the polling station at a school that then has to be closed for pupils causing unnecessary disruption to children, staff and parents.,	Curborough Community Hall (literally the other side of the fence of Willows Primary School and plenty of parking and toilets, kitchen etc
197			the_willows_primary_school,	Disrupts the learning & education of children at Willows. Major inconvenience, Parents that work have difficulty finding child care on a polling day when School closed. Teachers learning plans effected. Pre-planned School events having to be rearranged.	Curborough Community Centre or any church or community centre not a School unless shared by schools.
198		1-No	chadsmead_primary_academy,	, The school should not be closed for polling as it disrupts learning and child care making people lose money as they cannot work.,	Scout Hut near school.

199		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station,	Difficult to get to. Not very accessible, Yoxall way	Yoxall way
200		1-Yes	bexmore_drive_mobile_polling_station,	Too crowded not enough parking and hard to get to, New Roman heights development (Yoxall Way Field?)	New Roman heights development (Yoxall Way Field?)
201			the_willows_primary_school,	Closing the willows school has a detrimental impact on the children's education and the inconvenience caused to parents/carers,	Curborough community centre which is next door to the willows school
202	David Salter Chairman Shenstone Parish Council. District Member for Shenstone			<p>Shenstone Parish Council strongly recommends that the use of a temporary Porta-cabin building as a Polling Place and Station, in the car park of the Shenstone Toby Convery (Highwayman), should cease for the many reasons set out below.</p> <p>Historically it has only ever received a small number of voters. However, since the boundary changes of 2015 it no longer serves the small community it sits within.</p> <p>Where it used to be within walking distance for circa 200 voters, now, all but a handful, have to drive to their respective Polling Stations.</p> <p>Those who used to use it now have to go to Little Aston Village Hall, a distance of up to 1.5 miles and the majority of those who now use it have to travel from the hamlet of Little Hay, a distance of up to 3 miles.</p> <p>It would actually be more convenient for those who currently use it to go to Shenstone Village Hall to cast their vote, a distance of up to only 2 miles.</p> <p>Shenstone Village Hall, which has full disabled access and facilities, is already used as the Polling Place for the residents of Shenstone; the Polling Stations being set out in the main hall.</p> <p>There are 2 other completely separate and unused rooms within the building, the larger of the two having its own external access as well as access from the main lobby. This room, known as the Lounge, is much larger than the Porta-cabin used and could easily and more suitably replace the Shenstone Woodend Polling Station.</p> <p>Apart from the convenience for its users as stated above, there would be considerable cost saving for the Council in not having to provide the temporary building and the necessary heating and lighting etc., the whole of the Village Hall is hired exclusively anyway.</p> <p>There would also be major benefits in respect of security issues. The remote nature of the location of the Porta-cabin carries a high risk for the safety of the staff and the safekeeping of the ballot boxes. A move to the Village Hall would completely alleviate those concerns.</p> <p>It is appreciated that no changes can be made in time for the forthcoming December election but this Parish Council asks that the comments and suggestions made above be taken into serious consideration by the review panel and subsequently recommend the change to Cabinet and Council to be implemented for future elections.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p> David Salter Chairman Shenstone Parish Council District Member for Shenstone.</p> <p> Shirley O'Mara Parish Council Clerk</p>	It would actually be more convenient for those who currently use it to go to Shenstone Village Hall to cast their vote, a distance of up to only 2 miles. Shenstone Village Hall, which has full disabled access and facilities, is already used as the Polling place for the residents of Shenstone; the Polling Stations being set out in the main hall. There are 2 other completely separate and unused rooms within the building, the larger of the two having its own external access as well as access from the main lobby. This room, known as the Lounge, is much larger than the porta-cabin used and could easily and more suitably replace the Shenstone Woodend Polling Station.
203			the_willows_primary_school,	I do not want my child's school being used as a polling station because this effects parents that have jobs & they cannot get child care & also my child should be learning but he can't because of the school being used as a polling station,	Anywhere other than the school because I have seen many on the grass around the estate
204	Miles Trent			I write in connection with the current LDC Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places. I write as a Councillor on Lichfield City Council, and on behalf of the Lib Dem group of City Councillors.	- Increased use of mobile units

	<p>Lichfield City Councillor (Lib Dem) Chadsmead Ward</p>		<p>You and I corresponded on the issue of Polling Stations earlier this year, and you provided some very useful info (see below). Since then the LDC review has been launched, and I have been encouraging residents to have their say via the online questionnaire (and have also completed it myself). However, the questionnaire is specific to particular polling stations, and I wondered if I could also submit some general comments to the review, on behalf of the LD group?</p> <p>Essentially, we would like to stress the point which has been raised with us repeatedly by residents who are working parents and whose school closes on polling day. School closure on polling day causes real difficulties when both parents work, particularly if they have limited alternative support. It should be noted that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It is far more common than in the past for both parents to be at work during normal school hours. It cannot be assumed, as perhaps it could be in the past, that there will be a carer at home if the school closes.</li> <li>- If Local Government is to be seen as inclusive and modern in its outlook, then it needs to recognise that society is changing in terms of working parents. Local Government can and should play its part in supporting that part of the community. It is important that Local Government takes seriously the concerns of working parents - it may not be enough any more to reply 'we understand that school closures are inconvenient'.</li> <li>- Although elections are usually known about a long time in advance, that is very often not the case. By-elections, snap General Elections and Referenda can all happen at short notice (and have done in recent times). Short notice school closures are obviously particularly difficult for working parents.</li> </ul> <p>In addition to these points, of course, school closures mean that we are wasting the resource and skills of the teachers who cannot teach on polling day; and they also mean that children are not in school learning (at a time when - quite rightly - there is increasing emphasis on avoiding unauthorised absences from school).</p> <p>In terms of alternatives to closing schools on polling day, the main possibilities which have been raised with us are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Increased use of mobile units</li> <li>- Use of other community spaces, such as village halls, or community rooms in supermarkets</li> <li>- Closing only part of the school and keeping the rest open.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use of other community spaces, such as village halls, or community rooms in supermarkets</li> <li>- Closing only part of the school and keeping the rest open.</li> </ul>
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