

Polling Places Review Consultation Analysis

Summary

Overall, the majority of respondents are happy with their designated polling places and feel the location and facilities provided were accessible. The feedback we have received was centred around the provision of parking at polling places and the need for clearer signage.

The feedback and comments from the survey are outlined below.

Online Survey

Is the location of your Polling Place accessible for you?

Overall, **92% of respondents said yes**, their polling place location is accessible to them.

9% of respondents said the location of their polling place was not accessible to them.



Were the facilities provided for you within your polling place accessible?

Overall, **91% of respondents said yes**, the facilities within their polling place were accessible.

9% said the facilities within their polling place were not accessible.



Comments

Below is a breakdown of each polling station with the comments received.

Polling Place	Respondents	Comments
Abshot Community Centre	4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extremely easy. No steps and well organised. • Poor! Difficult to find. For last 20 years have been using St John's Church. Why change now? • Quick, easy, and welcoming. • Okay • Poorly signposted • Better signage
Burridge Village Hall	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent and straightforward
Cams Hill School	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very straightforward • Easily accessible with parking if needed. Quick and easy • Very efficient with no waiting and friendly people taking your details. • Not very pleasant, directional signage was poor, and staff were rude, unfriendly and require better customer service skills. • No signage at all except polling station notice and a large arrow. • Fill in the potholes around the entrance of the school. • More pleasant staff.
Catisfield Memorial Hall	8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to find, clearly laid out. • Works well. Easy to get to although it can be difficult crossing Highlands Road due to high levels of traffic and poor sight line. Not close to bus stop. • No issues • Easy to get to, no issues to vote. • Very good! Very helpful! Very accessible! • Very easy and pleasant. There is plenty of parking and the hall has good accessibility. The staff were all very friendly and helpful. • Make sure people who wear masks / respirators can vote safely and

		<p>aren't forced to remove their mask inside. We are still in a pandemic and with many infections circulating at high levels.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better signage might be helpful. I know where the hall is, but some newer residents were not sure.
Crofton Community Centre	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ok • Very good. • It is very easy and a smooth process. • Good • Fine • Adequate, but can, location of polling station be printed on postal vote. • Fine • Good • Very easy, including for my wife who is temporarily wheelchair-bound when out and about. • Good • Not sure why children were present, wanted to get in and out not wait in a queue with playing children. No children. • Smooth
Fareham Baptist New Life Church	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy access and very organised • Location very convenient. Easy access. Staff friendly and helpful.
Fareham Leisure Centre	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disliked voting in a squash court; it is not an appropriate venue. • OK, Straightforward • Too far to walk to, worried about people with mobility issues. Room was too dark. • much better now that we do not have to walk through the front door and downstairs, the back entrance is good. The polling station is 10min walk from home. • A very good experience as it is only a few minutes' walk from our house, we are fit and active so do not have any access problems and the operatives are always friendly and helpful.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a long walk round from the car park. • Use a room nearer to the entrance. • Clear label inside so that I went to the right table. • Nothing comes to mind as it could not be easier or more accessible for us
Fareham Social Club	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quick and easy
Funtley Social Club	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy and accessible • It's an appropriate venue but many people would have to drive there as the very steep Funtley Hill is prohibitive to many with even slight mobility or health issues. As the majority of constituents of Funtley and Uplands Ward live south of Funtley Hill, I suggest that a venue be found that is south of Funtley, i.e. Uplands School, Fareham Leisure Centre or perhaps, Highlands Rd Scout Hut.
Hill Park Working Men's Club	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not very nice and not very private. There were 8 people at desks sitting around chatting, only 2 areas to vote. I had to give my private details in front of everyone. The place is dated and although there is parking, it being the WMC, there are usually groups of people outside anyway which is off putting. • Easy to get to, parking if you need it. Simple to work out where to go. • Generally good. Last time signage for access bit confusing • Good • They need to be more obviously signed. • Discourage groups outside as these look like the drinkers usually there. Council candidates should not be visible to voters on polling stations and appear to be canvassing - this is illegal on voting day (complaint already with council) • Better signage for entrance. Entrance has changed but signage showed entrance at rear of building which it wasn't

Holiday Inn	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent! Friendly informative staff, ample parking and easy to get to.
Lockswood Community Centre	6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very easy and well placed. • Very well organised and efficient, this location now has 4 separate polling stations in the same hall making it much busier than in the past. • I went to the usual place, St John's Church, but there was no polling station there. I didn't know it had changed or where it had changed to, so I did not vote. • Very pleasant • Very good. Easy to park and access the facility. Very well organised with friendly efficient staff. It has plenty of space for everyone. • No problems • It is quite a modern building with no access issues.
North West Community Centre	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy to get to, all running well.
Northern Junior Community School	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good, well organised • It was very organised and as a first voting experience, it was simple and easy. I only have one negative thing to say and that is that the hall was very smelly. I would say it smelt like food on the turn. • Pleasant everyone friendly and helpful • A very long queue • Good walking distance from house, easy access, clear signage and completed process with ease. • There isn't really parking. • No signs that were clear • I would say if they can open their car park, instead of staff only that would be great and, I think give the dinner hall a clean before letting people in as it was a very distracting smell, such as cooked fish and rotting vegetables. • More desks to make lines shorter in the evenings when most popular

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My only comment would be that for anyone who is blind/visually impaired, (my husband is registered blind although still has capacity to see and complete voting paper) there is no indication about any assistance that can be offered for completing the voting paper confidentially. Would there be assistance available?
Portchester Community Centre	13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It's in a good location. It's quick & easy to vote. • I normally postal vote, but was unable to this year, so I took my paperwork to the polling station. Easy for me to access & the help I received was excellent. • Excellent • Good, it was well laid out and good disabled access. • Very efficient and easy. • Very easy and convenient • Some people of Wallington & Down End now have to vote at Portchester Community Centre, why not Cams School? They consider themselves Portchester residents but have been placed in WDE, so it adds insult to injury.
Portchester Parish Hall	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent plenty of parking and accessible • Excellent location
Priory Park Community Hall	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good
Sarisbury Parish Room	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good
St Johns Church Hall	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Perfect • Super convenient for me, no complaints • Good. Parking was good, easy access to the hall. • Easy • All ok for me, but I am able-bodied
St Margaret Mary Church Hall	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good
St Philip Howard Church Hall	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current polling station is further away I previously voted at. There are 2 polling stations closer (Titchfield Village Hall and Catisfield Memorial Hall). I am concerned that as I grow older and, in the future, may not have transport options. • Quick, efficient • Excellent • It was quite confusing. • If you use a multiple desk polling station again the sign that explains this needs to be visible. I walked straight past it because it just looked like a church notice board.
Stubbington Baptist Church	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good. Easy access • I am unable to vote as I have Macula, so I don't have a driving licence or any other way to prove it is me. • Excellent
Stubbington Methodist Church Hall	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Excellent • Very good
The Heathfield Arms	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parking difficult. Not on main bus route. Not as good as previous centre St Phillip Howard Church • within easy walking distance to my home. • It's OK. Dark room, but functional. Easy to get to. Own car park • Good. Parking is adequate, accessibility is good (though I am able bodied and don't have any special accessibility needs) and the physical layout inside is spacious enough. • Very efficient • Choose a centre on a good bus route and with sufficient local parking available. • The entrance may be difficult to negotiate for some wheelchair users - an accessibility audit would be useful. • Change the venue
Titchfield Village Hall	12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good. • Excellent for me in every regard • Very good

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easy, accessible, friendly • We need disabled parking. There is one slot outside and only one in the car park round the corner. However, we parked on a double yellow line. This caused no problem as we only took about 15 mins. I think this is an adequate solution and do not suggest it is worth putting more slots in.
United Reformed Church	10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be initially confusing as there are sometimes two stations inside but the poll clerks are very helpful in navigating this issue. • Easy to vote but disappointing that dogs were not allowed in. We have been moved from the Fire Station for voting and I was always able to take my dog in with me. I would never leave my dog tied up outside so had to delay voting until later in the day. • Excellent. Easy access. • Straightforward, though slightly surprised by having to look up which desk to go to (in previous years there's only been one desk) • Allow dogs in the building. • More privacy when voting, a more protected cubicle to vote. • The church property itself is fine -it's the pavement (steep slope between kerb and pavement) and the busy road that cause the problem. • Too far to walk for us. We always went to the Working Men's club in Mill Road, Fareham which was much more accessible for myself and my husband. We are in our 80s and almost 80 and on a wet and windy day would be an impossible trek. • C.O.P. D and my husband has discomfort walking due to waiting for a hip replacement
Victory Hall	9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple. Plenty of parking and a spacious building with easy access. • Easy • Straightforward

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fine, easy to get to • Parking is good and free. • Ensure that blue badge spaces are visible
Wallington Village Hall	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good. Friendly staff. Not usually busy • Good but parking was difficult. • Perhaps close the parking for all day parking other than for polling staff to enable voters to be able to park easily.
Waypoint Church	3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very good and very easy for wheelchairs and people with disabilities. • Good • Terrible, I had to drive away and ended up not being able to vote. The car park was Full due to a school performance. The side roads full of parent's cars as well. Then the rest of the area is double yellow lines. After a 12-hour day my only option was to either walk for 50mins round trip or just go home. Sadly, being older and tired I went home. They knew this was on.....they could have very easily set aside 5 car park spaces.....but they didn't. Felt very underhanded. • If it clashes with an event, set aside 5 car park spaces for voters to use. It's not going to take more than 10mins per space for each voter
West End Chapel	7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was a good experience overall; however, it was bizarre to walk past a polling station to get to this one. • It would have been walkable & much more convenient to get to the St Phillip Howard Church at the end of our road (Longmynd Drive) but instead we had to drive to get to West End Chapel. • Have not voted this time too despondent to go all out our way to go there when there is Phillip Howard Church over the road where voting takes place. • Its ok voting there but it quite a walk from where I live.

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One entrance two exits? Have one entrance and one exit. • Great experience • Needs more parking. • Long way to go when I live next to a polling station. • There are no transport links other than driving. By enabling us to use the St Phillip Howard Church as our polling station we can walk, instead of having to drive which was not a pleasant experience.
Whiteley Community Centre	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No problem

Disabilities

Do you consider yourself to have a disability?

To help identify what types of accessibility issues Electors may face we asked if they would be happy to share their disability with us.

The table outlines the types of disabilities identified.

Type of disability
Spinal Condition
Arthritis
Clinical Depression
Mental Health
Hearing impaired
Long term medical conditions (not specified)
ADHD
Hearing problems
COPD
Hip replacement
Rheumatoid Arthritis
Macula