

**Correspondence sent to any person whom the authority contacted because they had particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for disabled people**

Email correspondence sent to the following disability groups/organisations during consultation:

1. Age UK
2. WM Housing
3. Worcester Community Action
4. Worcester Community Trust
5. Worcester Wheels
6. The Myriad Centre
7. Worcester Snoezelen
8. Freedom Leisure
9. Fortis
10. Dial South Worcestershire
11. Disability Support Project
12. Scope
13. Disability Sport Worcestershire
14. Onside

**Consultation on Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations**

**Parliamentary Constituency of Worcester**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You may be aware that Worcester City Council is conducting a review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations in accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013).

The review commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 with Worcester City Council publishing a "Notice of Holding a Review" inviting representations on its existing arrangements from all residents in the Worcester Parliamentary constituency, elected representatives, political parties and particularly disabled residents as well as any person or organisation with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

To date the City Council has received a number of representations from both individual residents and the groups mentioned above on the Council's existing polling arrangements. The City Council is committed to ensuring that every polling place and polling station is accessible to electors who are disabled and would very much welcome your views on both the existing polling arrangements, proposed polling arrangements and the comments made by the (Acting) Returning Officer for the Parliamentary Constituency of Worcester, which were published on the City Council's website, and at the Guildhall yesterday.

The City Council would also like to hear if you have any suggestions for alternative polling districts, polling places and polling stations including reasons for the use of alternatives.

The survey used to collate your comments and the existing and proposed polling arrangements and comments made by the (Acting) Returning Officer together with polling place/station location maps can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9TCVNHF>

In summary the following changes to the existing polling arrangements have been proposed:

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Existing Polling Place/Station</b>	<b>Proposed Change to Polling District/Place/Station</b>
Battenhall	B2 / B3	St Marks Church, Orchard Street WR5 3DW	Cherry Orchard Primary School, Timberdine Close WR5 2DD
Bedwardine	C2	Bromwich Road Mission Free Church, Bromwich Road (Sunday School Hall) WR2 4AS	Bromwich Road Mission Free Church, Bromwich Road (The Garden Room) WR2 4AS
Cathedral	D1	Car Park, Adjoining Play Area, Waverley Street WR5 3DH	St Marks Church, Orchard Street WR5 3DW
Claines	E1	Claines Royal British Legion, Cornmeadow Lane	Worcester Lawn Tennis Club, Club House, Northwick Close WR3 7EF
Claines	E3	Ombersley Road Methodist Church, Ombersley Road WR3 7BW	Gheluvelt Sons of Rest Building, Lavender Road WR1 3EX
Nunnery	E5	Nunnery Wood Sports Complex, Spetchley Road WR5 2NL	Nunnery Wood Primary School, Prestwich Avenue WR5 1QE
St. Clement	J3A / J3B	Y.M.C.A., Henwick Road	Oldbury Park Primary School, Oldbury Road WR2 6AA
St. John	K3	The Green Centre, Gresham Road	Dines Green Community Academy, Tudor Way, Dines Green WR2 5QH
St. Stephen	M1		Change polling district boundary to take out addresses currently in polling district M1 and include them in polling district M3 (see map)

St. Stephen	M2	Perdiswell Primary School, Bilford Road WR3 8QA	Alma Tavern, 74 Droitwich Road WR3 7HT
Warndon	N2	St Wulstan's Church Hall, Cranham Drive WR4 9PA	Cranham Primary School, Tetbury Drive WR4 9SL

I would be extremely grateful if you could bring this review and the proposals made to the attention of any disabled persons whom you support or represent. Your views, comments and suggestions and those of the people you represent are really important to the City Council in helping to ensure the accessibility for disabled persons of a polling place/station.

The closing date for making representations is Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019. Should you have a questions or require clarification on any of the existing and/or proposed changes please do not hesitate to contact me before this date. I am also happy to meet on site at any of the polling place/station locations if you feel that would be beneficial in any way.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

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Deputy Retuning Officer

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Dear All,

**Update on Progress : Polling Place Review**

The attached notice states that the City Council is extending the period of the Consultation Stage of the review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations that fall within the City of Worcester.

The Consultation Stage, which is due to finish on Thursday 10th October 2019, is being extended until 11.59pm on Wednesday 16th October 2019.

The reason for the extension is to provide sufficient time for people to make comments on further proposals that are as a result of ongoing assessments to determine the suitability of polling arrangements, comments received and considered to date.

The notice identifies those polling districts where further proposals for polling arrangements have been made.

Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me or the (Acting) Returning Officer, Shane Flynn.

Kind regards

Claire

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