

**Appendix B – Submissions received from the Polling District and Polling Place Review 2019**

<b>WARD: May Bank</b>		
<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Existing Polling Station</b>	<b>Submissions Received</b>
<p>NNB, NNC, NND</p>	<p>May Bank Infants School</p> <p>Submission from: Timothy James Evans</p>	<p><b>Which ward does your submission relate to?</b> May Bank</p> <p><b>Which polling station(s) does your submission relate to?</b> May Bank Infants School</p> <p><b>Is the polling station easy to find? (Please tell us the name and address of your polling station.)</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Do you consider that the building is suitable to be used for voting purposes?</b> Yes</p> <p><b>Do you have a disability?</b> No</p> <p><b>Do you think there is a more suitable building within the same polling district? If so, please provide details here.</b> No</p>

**WARD: Westlands**

Polling District	Existing Polling Station	Submissions Received
NWA and NWH	<p>Co-op Academy Friarswood</p> <p>Submission from: Mrs Lindsey Wilmer Headteacher, Co-op Academy Friarswood</p>	<p>I would just like to email you regarding the continuing use of Co-op Academy Friarswood as a polling station.</p> <p>Due to safeguarding reasons, I have to close the school to children and staff each time the school is used. This creates a lot of frustration and anger with parents due to them having to take time off work or trying to find alternative childcare. On several occasions, we have used the polling day as an INSET day, but we can only do this if we haven't used our INSET days for specific training for staff.</p> <p>Over the last 20+ years, Friarswood has been used as a polling station. Each time this has caused issues within the school. Please could I ask that you consider another location for any further stations.</p> <p>As I have shown and explained to Chris Goodall, The Coppice have a centre behind Friarswood. No children are using the site and in the past 5 or 6 years, only a handful of children have used it. The Coppice main building / school has had extensive building work at their school so if children were ever to use the building behind Friarswood, they could easily be transferred to the main school for the day. There is a car park, staff room and toilets in the building and using this as a polling station would not cause any issues to the education of children and their parents.</p> <p>Please could I ask you to consider this request carefully as I really do believe that Friarswood has given more than its fair share of time to the electoral services. Surely, it's time for another venue to be found which wouldn't cause as much distress, anger and frustration to so many children and families.</p> <p>Many thanks for taking your time to read this.</p>
NWA and NWH	<p>Co-op Academy Friarswood</p> <p>Mark Holland, Councillor, Westlands Ward</p>	<p>I am grateful as always for the opportunity to talk about polling places.</p> <p>Polling districts NWA and NWH in the Westlands ward are served by a polling station at Friarswood Primary School (Now the Co-operative Academy Friarswood). As I have said before, it is a poor choice because the school cannot give over part of its estate on polling days without completely closing to pupils. It is not possible for the school effectively to safeguard children on site when the gate is open to electors.</p> <p>I would be grateful if alternatives could be considered. Why not The Coppice Academy? It's no distance at all</p>

		<p>from the current polling station and the authority can use the same statutory powers to expropriate a room at the school on polling days as it does Friarswood.</p> <p>Full disclosure: I am on the governing body at Friarswood. Many of the residents who complain to me about this are both electors served by the polling station in question and parents of pupils at the school: it is our own electors that we are disrupting here.</p>
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