ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION ACT 2006

Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts & Polling Places June 2011

Report of the Returning Officer concerning existing polling arrangements in the Exeter Constituency

Polling District	Polling place	Station	Comments	Proposals
AA	<u>Alphington</u>	St Andrews Church Hall, Alphington Road	Satisfactory	None
AB	Alphington	Exeter Sea Cadet HQ, Canal Banks	Satisfactory	None
AC	Alphington	Westexe Technology College, Hatherleigh Road	Satisfactory	None
AD	Alphington	Alphington Sports Club, Church Road	Satisfactory	None
AE	Alphington	Alphington Village Hall, Ide Lane	Satisfactory	None
ВА	Cowick	Buddle Lane Youth Centre, Merrivale Road	Satisfactory	None
BB	Cowick	Bowhill, Dunsford Road	Satisfactory	None
CA	Duryard	University of Exeter, Common Room, Lopes Hall, St Germans Road	Not an ideal polling station, but no readily available alternatives	None
СВ	Duryard	University of Exeter, Common Room, Moberly House, Lwr Argyle Rd	Not an ideal polling station, but no readily available alternatives	None
DA	Exwick	Redhills Primary School, Landhayes Road	Satisfactory	None
DB	Exwick	Exeter Civil Service Club, Exwick Road	Satisfactory	None
DC	Exwick	Exwick Community Hall, Kinnerton Way	Satisfactory	None
EA	Heavitree	Scout Hut, South Lawn Terrace *	Satisfactory	None
EB	Heavitree	South West Baptist Assoc, Wonford Street	Satisfactory polling station but is not centrally located. Currently no viable alternatives	None
FA	Mincinglake	Beacon Heath Church, King Arthur's Road	Satisfactory.	None
FB	Mincinglake	Whipton Community Hall, Pinhoe Road	Satisfactory	None
FC	Mincinglake	Knight Club, Beacon Lane	Satisfactory	None
GA	Newtown	Belmont Chapel, Western Way	Satisfactory	None

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GB	Newtown	School of Education, College Road (St Luke's)	Satisfactory polling station, but situated a long way from main college entrance. No viable alternative	None
GC	Newtown	Fountain Community Education Centre, St James Road	Satisfactory polling station, but situated just outside Ward	None
НА	Pennsylvania	Stoke Hill First School, Stoke Hill*	Satisfactory but the school have expressed dissatisfaction at the use of their premises as a polling station. However, the two possible alternate premises, at St. James's Church and Toronto House, are much less satisfactory in terms of accessibility and size of accommodation respectively.	Propose to retain existing polling station arrangements.
НВ	Pennsylvania	Sylvania Community Hall, Mincinglake Valley Park	Satisfactory	None
JA	Pinhoe	Mobile Station, Orwell Garth	Unsatisfactory. Mobile station used, numerous complaints received from candidates, agents, electors and staff. No disabled access. Currently no viable alternative situated within Ward	Whilst the use of a mobile station is not ideal, the site it is situated upon is conveniently located. Possible consideration could be given to moving to Willowbrook School, but this is much less conveniently located.
JB	Pinhoe	Trinity Community Centre, Arena Park, Beacon Heath	Satisfactory	None
JC	Pinhoe	The Hall Church, Main Road, Pinhoe	Satisfactory	None
JD	Pinhoe	Pinhoe C of E Primary School, Harrington Lane	Satisfactory	None
KA	Polsloe	The Parent Room, Ladysmith Junior School, Pretoria Road	Satisfactory but disabled access could be improved	Consider improvement of disabled access as circumstances allows
KB	Polsloe	St Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Avenue	Satisfactory	None
KC	Polsloe	Baptist Church, Pinhoe Road	Satisfactory	None

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LA	<u>Priory</u>	100 Club, Wear Barton Road	Satisfactory	None
LB	Priory	St Luke's Church Rooms, School Lane	Satisfactory but disabled access could be improved	Consider improvement of disabled access as circumstances allow.
LC	Priory	Wonford Methodist Church Hall, Burnthouse Lane	Satisfactory	None
LD	Priory	Wynstream Primary School, Burnthouse Lane	Satisfactory	None
MA	St. Davids	Community Room, 66 Weaver's Court, Shilhay	Satisfactory	None
MB	St. Davids	Lecture Room, Mint Methodist Church, Fore Street	Satisfactory	None
MC	St. Davids	St. David's Church, Queen's Terrace	Satisfactory polling station, some access difficulties.	<u>None</u>
NA	St. James	St. Sidwell's C of E Primary School, York Road *	Satisfactory	None
NB	St. James	Community Room, York House, Longbrook Street	Satisfactory polling station, but location could be improved however no known viable alternatives in this polling district	None
PA	St. Leonard's	Abbeville Community Room, Abbeville Close	Satisfactory	None
РВ	St. Leonard's	Church Hall, Roberts Road	Satisfactory	None
PC	St. Leonard's	St Leonards Church Centre, Topsham Road	Satisfactory	None
PD	St. Leonard's	Victoria Park Tennis Club, Lyndhurst Road	Satisfactory but some issues with access for wheelchair users	None
QA	St. Loye's	The South West MS Centre, West Grange, Clyst Heath	Satisfactory polling station but relatively small number of electors (661)	Consider merging this polling station with QD (Clyst Heath Nursery School).
QB	St. Loye's	Walter Daw Primary School, Woodwater Lane	Satisfactory	None
QC	St. Loye's	St. Peter's High School, Quarry Lane	Satisfactory	None

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QD	St. Loye's	Clyst Heath Nursery & Primary School, Royal Crescent	Satisfactory	None
RA	St. Thomas	Montgomery Primary School, Manor Road	Satisfactory but school advise that new school building will not allow polling station use without closing the school on the day.	Consider alternative premises if possible
RB	St. Thomas	Exeter Karate Centre, Church Road	Satisfactory	None
RC	St. Thomas	West Exe Children's Centre, Cowick Street	Satisfactory	None
SA	Topsham	Matthews Hall, Fore Street †	Satisfactory but there has been significant growth in population on the site of the old Navy Stores and this area is some distance from the current polling station. A new polling district based around this area should be strongly considered.	A new polling district should be created using the ward boundaries north and south and the Motorway and Rydon Lane, east and west. The facilities at Topsham FC should be investigated as a polling station premises pending any future development of community buildings within this proposed new polling district.
SB	Topsham	Community Room, Grandisson Court	Satisfactory	None
TA	Whipton Barton	Hamlin House, Hamlin Gardens	Satisfactory	None
ТВ	Whipton Barton	Community Centre, Bodley Close	Satisfactory	None
TC	Whipton Barton	Community Room, Russet House, Russet Avenue	Satisfactory	None
TD	Whipton Barton	Community Room, Rennes House, Vaughan Road	Satisfactory but the room used as a polling station is a tight squeeze at elections with a reasonably high turnout, especially Parliamentary elections.	Consider investigation of additional venue to serve as an additional station/district in the east of the current polling district.

- * Double station at Parliamentary election.
- † Double station at all elections

N.B. Comments regarding polling districts/places and polling stations located in St. Loye's Ward (QA, QB, QC, QD) and Topsham Ward (SA, SB) are made with regard to local government elections.

Comments received from (Acting) Returning Officer East Devon Constituency:

'East Devon District Council has no comments regarding the current Polling Station Review beyond the fact that we have noted the comments regarding St Loye's and Topsham Wards and support the observations and comments made'.

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