



**Exeter City Council**

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Councillor for Duryard Ward

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Date: 6th June 2011

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Polling stations.

Dear Chief Executive,

I refer to your letter re the above dated 26th May.

Duryard.

Moberly. This year the front door was obstructed by a car. It belonged to a student who was unaware of the election. It caused an obstruction to all users let alone the infirm etc for three and a half hours until I located a security officer to find the driver.

The University should make provisions ( bollards etc) to keep the front clear the previous night.

Pennsylvania ' County Ward comments)

I note the concerns of the schools and of the two choices the Church seems the natural choice re accessibility and parking. These two facilities I would suggest are not ideal at Toronto House.

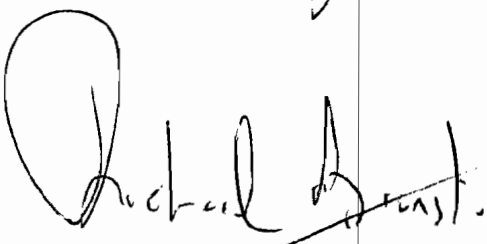
Yours sincerely,



✓ MR Chait

re the letter on polling station  
the St Lutes recent site is a real  
issue for elderly + disabled. The request  
is to go back to the previous room on the  
site which is near the car park at the  
entrance to MANSION A.)

Kind regards

Councillor 

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From: Gill Tippins [REDACTED]  
Sent: 14 June 2011 15:17  
To: Electoral Services  
Subject: REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS

Dear Mr Bostock

The only comment I would like to make is that the person doing the Telling on behalf of the various parties Wynstream School was seated outside with little shelter during the May elections and were pretty chilly and damp.

I am unsure if this will come under your jurisdiction, Is there any possibility of an inside position for the Tellers

Kindest Regards

Cll Gill Tippins

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**Chalk, Jeff**

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**From:** MacThomas, Gillian on behalf of Electoral Services  
**Sent:** 21 June 2011 10:24  
**To:** Chalk, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: polling stations

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**From:** CLLR Shiel, Norman\_Redirect  
**Sent:** 20 June 2011 21:07  
**To:** Electoral Services  
**Subject:** polling stations

re recent review I am happy with the situation in St Leonards and see no need for any changes.  
c/lr Norman Shiel

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**From:** MacThomas, Gillian on behalf of Electoral Services  
**Sent:** 22 June 2011 08:39  
**To:** Chalk, Jeff  
**Subject:** FW: Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations

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**From:** Yvonne Pope [mailto:yvonne.pope@livingoptions.org]  
**Sent:** 21 June 2011 16:35  
**To:** Electoral Services  
**Subject:** Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations

Dear Sir

Thank you for inviting Living Options Devon to comment on access to polling stations for disabled people. Unfortunately in view of the short timescale available Living Options does not feel able to comment effectively.

It is noted that the review is carried out every four years, in the circumstances it seems unrealistic for this to have to be actioned in such a limited period. Given more time this is something LOD users could be consulted on and/or the sites in question visited in order to provide meaningful feedback.

Please can you let me know whether ECC is able to consider extending the review time and whether there would be any funding available to investigate/consult on access for disabled people.

Yours faithfully

Yvonne

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**From:** Jan Shadbolt [jan.shadbolt@devon.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 23 June 2011 12:23  
**To:** Chalk, Jeff  
**Cc:** Rob Hooper  
**Subject:** Polling Station Review

Jeff

I refer to our conversation and would make the following points:

4. Pennsylvania Ward

Either would be ok Toronto House though an ECC home.

6. Whipton Barton Ward

Have you thought of Ellen Tinkenham School

7. Topsham Ward

You say that the 100 Club already used and Countess Wear out of area so we thought maybe the Golf & Country Club.

Hope this helps

Jan

Received from Returning Officer, Devon County Council.

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**From:** Philip Seccombe [PSeccombe@eastdevon.gov.uk]  
**Sent:** 24 June 2011 10:26  
**To:** Chalk, Jeff  
**Subject:** Polling Station Review - UNCLASSIFIED:

Jeff

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

Philip

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**From:** CLLR Macdonald, Moira  
**Sent:** 01 July 2011 13:34  
**To:** Chalk, Jeff  
**Cc:** CLLR Edwards, Peter  
**Subject:** JA Polling Station location - was Orwell Garth in Mobile Station  
**Attachments:** polling station at SeeAbility housing block for blind and partially sighted - r.jpg

Dear Jeff,  
attached is a photograph of the very central, very accessible building belonging to SeeAbility in Willow Way in JA Polling District.

See the website details here  
[http://www.seeability.org/our\\_services/support\\_services/devon\\_support\\_service\\_exeter.asp](http://www.seeability.org/our_services/support_services/devon_support_service_exeter.asp)  
and see also the attached photograph.

I am totally opposed to the polling station for JA being anywhere but within the JA Polling District.

The residents at this building have individually securable flats and there must surely be ways that Polling Station Staff can ensure that the presence of city officers and voters has minimal impact.

Presumably, in these cash-strapped times, the SeeAbility organisation might even be appreciative of any financial compensation for a small part of their building being used on one day a year.

I assume it will also help their residents exercise their democratic right to vote should any of them wish to.

Regards,  
Moira

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Dear Jeff,

Enclosed are the Exeter Labour Party's recommendations to be included in the consultation reviewing the Polling Districts and Polling Places/Stations 2011.

Overall we are happy with the current layout but have responded to two of the issues which are highlighted as 'Particular Known Concerns' in the Information Sheet provided. These issues being the relocation of the polling station for Pinhoe Polling District JA and the possible creation of a further polling district and polling station in Whipton Barton Ward.

Regards,

Dominic Collins

Election Agent  
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## Whipton Barton Ward

While acknowledging that the current arrangements are not ideal, the proposal of an additional polling district/polling station on the eastern side of Vaughan Road being created would not solve the problems. Rennes House has only been used as a Polling Station for the Polling District of TD since quite recently with the previous location being the Whipton Barton School on Vaughan Road.

The location of Rennes House does not appear to be an issue as, looking at the location of dwellings within the TD, Rennes House is located centrally. The main problem appears to be one of capacity. If the City Council felt that a move back to the previous location of Whipton Barton School, which would have an increased capacity due to the use of multiple classrooms, this solution would be acceptable.

If this solution is not viable then we propose the retention of the Rennes House Polling Station but a reworking of the TA and TD boundaries.

That the group of roads around Honeylands Way, including Honeylands Drive, Lamacraft Drive, The Panney, Hayne Close, Conybeare Close and Staddon Close are in addition to the Pinhoe Road properties (from the point where it joins Whipton Barton Ward, approximately house number 189b, to house number 335 which is opposite the junction where Hill Lane meets Pinhoe Road.<sup>1</sup>) added to polling District TA.

This would mean an additional 310 (Approx.<sup>2</sup>) electors added to TA which currently is undersized with 626 electors. This change results in TA becoming a polling district of 936, while polling District TD loses 310 electors and its electorate falls from 2346 to 2036. TD would remain the largest of the four polling districts but would be considerably smaller relieving the pressure on Rennes House Polling station.

### Benefits of this proposal.

1. It would negate the need to find a new polling station as the reduction in the size of TD would allow the Rennes House polling station to remain in use.
2. Removes the potential disruption to electors a relocation would cause.
3. Remove the need to find another polling station location to the east of Vaughan Road – where?
4. The distances that electors especially in the Honeylands Road Group and the western end of Pinhoe Road would have to travel to the polling station would not be noticeably different to that at present.

I acknowledge that the number of properties that are included from Pinhoe Road would need to be looked at in detail. As you move east along Pinhoe Road the properties close to the junction of Hill Lane/Pinhoe Road are closer to the Rennes House Polling Station. This proposal would increase the distance that they would need to travel to vote. However due to the approximate nature of the calculations presented here the exact number of houses included along Pinhoe Road needn't be as far as the proposal suggests.

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<sup>1</sup> From these houses we have, using the multiplier of the organisational density of voters, which for TD is averaged at 1.79 voters per household, come to an estimate that there are approximately 131 voters in the highlighted households along Pinhoe Road.

<sup>2</sup> This number is dependent on the above calculation (Footnote 1). There are according to our current records 179 electors in the Honeylands Way Road Grouping. When totalled, this gives us 310 electors in the cluster of roads.

Pinhoe Ward

The current arrangement for the JA polling station on Orwell Garth does cause problems which are highlighted as particular known concerns in the Information Sheet. The logistical and accessibility problems can be reconciled without the need to move the Polling Station as solutions already exist within the rules, while moving the polling station out of the polling district and ward creates a problem of its own.

By moving the polling station for JA to Willowbrook School on Summer Lane the distance that the residents will have to travel will be increased dramatically. The Orwell Garth position is central to the polling district allowing residents to exercise their right to vote without being inconvenienced by travel. The logistical problems caused by Orwell Garth being a cul-de-sac and the inherent parking and car problems are an issue but due to its location most residents are able to walk to the polling station.

The accessibility problems for the disabled can be dealt with through the rules which allow presiding officers to bring the ballot to the disabled voter if they are unable to enter the polling station. I understand that this would present increased problems when an election turnout is high and there is increased pressure on the polling station staff.

Finally by using Willowbrook school as the polling station would mean that it is used every year as a polling station increasing the annual inconvenience this causes to teachers and parents.

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