

Appendix 3

Date Received	Wards Affected	Constituency	Brief Details	ERO Comments
08-Sep-11	All Wards	All Constituencies	I have had a look at the polling stations and there are none that are affected by our work around closures etc.	Noted.
02-Sep-11	Hetton	Houghton & Sunderland South	Considering the Hetton Ward covers a large geographical area the current provision of four polling Stations is below the amount provided within other wards. Hetton Lyons Primary School is in a good location and well used as a Polling Station, but the practise of locking the entrance gates for a period during school closing time could be a deterrent to voters.	At Hetton Lyons Primary School the school gates for vehicle access are closed from 3 - 3.30pm as safe guarding for the children. The gate for pedestrians remains open during this time so access to the building is not an issue.
07-Sep-11	Hetton	Houghton & Sunderland South	I was a teller at the Council Elections earlier this year, spending most of my time at the Hetton Centre Polling Station. Hetton centre houses many operations and businesses so it is impossible, when sitting outside the building to know who is going to, or who has been, voting. Polling staff agreed I could sit in the entrance hall where I had a fair view of the polling booths but the PSI ordered me outside and it was impossible to carry out my telling duties. I would like to request that these unsatisfactory rules are changed for those polling stations which are held within 'multi-function' buildings to allow tellers to do their job without hindrance and have full view of the entrance and exit to the polling booths.	Consideration will be given by the Returning Officer to remind Polling Station Staff and Polling Station Inspectors of the regulations concerning scrutineers or tellers at the entrance to Polling Stations.
05-Sep-11	Hetton	Houghton & Sunderland South	Member raised the issue that residents from Valley View and High Moorsley needed to travel to Hetton Centre to vote and perhaps another Polling Station located at the Nidderdale Centre could be utilised.	The residents of Valley View and High Moorsley make up the Polling District G04 which has Hetton Centre allocated as a Polling Station. There are 335 Electors in G04, 134 of which vote by post so therefore 201 Polling Station voters does not warrant enough electors to create a new Polling Station at the Nidderdale Centre.
05-Sep-11	St. Chads	Houghton & Sunderland South	I suggest the Polling Station is moved from the Jubilee Centre to the Farringdon Community Shop. The Jubilee Centre although satisfactory continues to miss a large number of voters who will not cross Allendale Road or walk from the shops to the Centre. The Farringdon Residents Association support the idea the Polling Station moves to their Community Shop and are willing to discuss the suggestion. Sighting the Polling Station in the Community Shop will undoubtedly increase the number of persons voting in all elections there is.	After making a site visit to Farringdon Community Shop, it would be an unsuitable building to use as a polling station as it is not accessible to disabled electors due to a step leading into the shop.
17-Sep-11	St. Chads	Houghton & Sunderland South	We are happy with the current polling stations in the ward.	Noted.

24-Sep-11	Barnes	Sunderland Central	<p>I would like to highlight some problems with the St Nicholas Church polling station and suggest a solution. There is very limited parking at the church and no on road parking, the entrance to the site is quite narrow and on a busy road and the exit to the site is even more difficult. In my view Richard Ave School would provide a much better location for the polling station. This is only about 100m from St Nicks. There is significantly less traffic at this site, there is ample on site parking at Richard Ave and also plenty of on street parking. I have spoke to the Head Teacher of the school and they would be happy for it to be relocated. I believe we may see an increase in voter participation particularly amongst the difficult to reach Bangladeshi community if the polling station was moved to Richard Avenue School.</p>	<p>The Electoral Registration Officer recommends that the Polling Place for A04 be moved to Richard Avenue Primary School, Richard Avenue Sunderland, SR4 7LQ and that the Polling Station be situated in the community room.</p>
21-Sep-11	Barnes	Sunderland Central	<p>I would like to share some thoughts and concerns re the Polling Station at St Nicholas' Church. The St Nicholas Polling Station is located on the opposite side of one of the busiest main roads in and out of Sunderland making access for some of the elderly and infirm residents of Cleveland Rd-Mount Rd-Queens Crescent etc more difficult than should be necessary. Similarly, with very limited parking at the Church and tricky access by car in and out of the car park (the entrance is directly onto Durham Rd, at the busiest point of the Barnes Roundabout section) - access to the Church by Road is a lot more difficult than would be expected. if there were an opportunity to reconsider the location of the polling stations serving Barnes Ward; it would seem far more appropriate to relocate the 'St Nicholas' station to Richard Avenue Primary School - which is in a far less busy location, ideal for pedestrians and drivers alike. The location of Richard Avenue is close enough to the existing Polling Station that no other area is significantly disadvantaged but far enough from the busy Barnes roundabout to make a difference.</p>	<p>The Electoral Registration Officer recommends that the Polling Place for A04 be moved to Richard Avenue Primary School, Richard Avenue Sunderland, SR4 7LQ and that the Polling Station be situated in the community room.</p>
22-Sep-11	Barnes	Sunderland Central	<p>St Nicholas' Church - The location, outside of the ward, is less than satisfactory. Located on Durham road, the turning when accessing the car park I am surprised has not caused an accident. There is no safe crossing opposite the entrance and I have witnessed people dashing across the road, narrowly avoiding being run over when going to vote. I would hope given these safety issues and the fact that the station is located out of the ward you would take note and consider moving the station to the safer and more accessible location of Richard Avenue Primary School. The school in the ward serves the local community and would in my opinion be a location which would boost voter turnout within the ward.</p>	<p>The Electoral Registration Officer recommends that the Polling Place for A04 be moved to Richard Avenue Primary School, Richard Avenue Sunderland, SR4 7LQ and that the Polling Station be situated in the community room.</p>

01-Sep-11	St. Michaels	Sunderland Central	I did receive a complaint about the polling station situated in the Alexandra public house in Grangetown. The objector points out that some people are unable to enter licensed premises for various reasons and therefore are disenfranchised if they do not agree with postal voting.	Noted.
14-Sep-11	Redhill	Washington & Sunderland West	Happy with the Polling Stations in Redhill.	Noted.
14-Sep-11	Washington Central	Washington & Sunderland West	We are fine with our stations.	Noted.
09-May-11	Washington South	Washington & Sunderland West	At Oxclose District Young Peoples Project Polling Station the lighting facilities are very poor and as a consequence of this the presiding officer suffered from a severe migraine. There was also several complaints on the day from electors about the poor lighting.	We have contacted all Cllr's in the Washington South Ward to see if they had any suggestions for a different Polling Station other than Oxclose District Young Peoples Project (ODYPP). A member has since had a meeting with the manager of ODYPP and he has confirmed that plans are in hand to have the lighting upgraded by early 2012.
15-Sep-11	Washington South	Washington & Sunderland West	I do not wish to make any representations on this review	Noted.
01-Sep-11	Washington West	Washington & Sunderland West	George Washington Primary School in Wellbank road is on the border with the Washington North Ward and although it services part of Usworth and the lower part of Donwell, a large part of Donwell residents living on the top edge of Donwell near to the Parsons trading estate have quite a journey down and back to the polling station. Although I believe the school needs to remain I think the only solution is to have another station at the top of Donwell to service those people.	It has not been possible to identify a permanent and suitable venue to accommodate the electors that the member refers to. However it has been agreed to monitor the situation for future elections.