

WYRE FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL

**POLLING PLACES AND POLLING
DISTRICTS CONSULTATION
FOR THE PARISH OF
KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN**

**Responses received for the consultation
period Monday 7 September 2015 to
Friday 30 October 2015**

***(Personal data in the responses has
been removed where it is connected to
an individual)***

Alison Braithwaite

Subject: Polling District and Polling Place Review - Kidderminster Foreign Parish

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 07 September 2015 18:27

To: Alison Braithwaite

Subject: Re: Polling District and Polling Place Review - Kidderminster Foreign Parish

Many thanks Alison.

I am sure it will be much appreciated by all electors off Northwood Lane and Hill Farm.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Resident of Hill Farm, Bewdley

From: Kidderminster Foreign Parish Clerk
Sent: 22 September 2015 11:26
To: Wyre Forest Electoral
Cc: Alison Braithwaite
Subject: Re: Polling Districts and Polling Places Consultation - Parish of Kidderminster Foreign

Thank you for consulting us in respect of proposed changes to the Polling Station provision for our parish - Kidderminster Foreign.

Whilst, logistically, it would seem to make sense for electors from the Northwood Lane area of our parish to be allocated as voters for our parish at the Wribbenhall polling station, we would make the following observations and request clarification:-

1) In the event of a by-election, we are concerned at the costs to be allocated to our parish for payment - viz - twice the number of premises, twice the staff, and with two venues - extra printing costs.

2) Even if not a by-election, the costs of an ordinary parish election alongside District, County or National elections will still be greater if our electorate is spread across more than one polling station.

3) We are one of only a couple of rural parishes which, following the former "rationalisation" exercise, now no longer have a polling station within our own parish area. As it is, all of our parishioners have to travel outside of our parish to vote. This came about when Wyre Forest decided to close the polling station allocation at Trimpley Village Hall. You are now asking us not only to carry on voting outside of the parish, but also increasing the cost to the parish to do so.

4) In light of the above facts, could Wyre Forest District please confirm that there will be no additional cost to Kidderminster Foreign Parish if some of the electorate for our parish are allocated to Wribbenhall polling station, and that this will apply, not only to ordinary elections, but also in the event of a bye-election?

Your response - particularly to 4) above - would be appreciated.

Regards
Elsie Whitehouse
Clerk to Kidderminster Foreign Parish

**FROM THE (ACTING) RETURNING OFFICER, WYRE FOREST PARLIAMENTARY
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7 October 2015

Dear Alison,

**CONSULTATION ON POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES - PARISH OF
KIDDERMINSTER FOREIGN**

Thank you for consulting me about this review. I am replying in my role as (Acting) Returning Officer for the Parliamentary constituency of Wyre Forest.

I agree with the proposal that a polling district should be created for the part of Kidderminster Foreign parish which lies along Northwood Lane, Bewdley and that electors from that area should vote at the Parish Rooms, Wribbenhall. There would be no impact on electors for the rest of Kidderminster Foreign, including Trimpley and Low Habberley, who would continue to vote at the Village Hall, Shatterford.

My views on the proposed polling districts are identified as follows:

Proposed polling district	Comment
WA-KF1 (former WR-B polling district covering Northwood Lane area of Kidderminster Foreign)	<p>I support the designation of the Parish Rooms at Wribbenhall as the polling place for this part of the Kidderminster Foreign Parish. Nearly 300 voters live along Northwood Lane. Those living at Hill Farm (at the far end of Northwood Lane) have a 15 mile round trip to their current polling place at Shatterford as there is no short, direct road route. They also have to pass the Parish Rooms at Wribbenhall en route to Shatterford which used to be the polling place for this group of electors, prior to the polling places and polling districts review in 2014. The Parish Rooms at Wribbenhall provide a suitable venue with good access and parking, and can easily accommodate additional voters from this part of Kidderminster Foreign. The road distance between the Parish Rooms and those voters living at the far end of Northwood Lane is 2.3 miles. Therefore for the majority of voters the distance will be less than 2 miles.</p> <p>I also support the creation of the new polling district (WA-K1) to underpin the proposed change to the polling place.</p>

WA-K2 (former WR-C and WR-D polling districts)	<p>I agree with the proposal not to change the current polling place of Shatterford Village Hall for the other electors within Kidderminster Foreign Parish including Trimpley and Low Habberley. Shatterford Village Hall has good access and parking. The arrangements for electors to use this polling place at the 2015 elections worked successfully, and help to make the polling station more cost effective. The road distance between the midpoint of the polling district and Shatterford Village Hall (via Trimpley Lane) is 1.8 miles.</p> <p>I also support that this polling district will now be known as WA-K2, due to the area in Northwood Lane forming a new polling district.</p>
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As required by the legislation, I set out information in the appendix about the location and numbers of polling stations that I would propose, if the polling places set out in the consultation paper were confirmed. I look forward to being notified on the Council's decisions about this review in due course.

Yours sincerely,



Ian Miller
(Acting) Returning Officer, Wyre Forest Parliamentary Constituency

Appendix

Polling District	Polling Place (As set out in the Council's Consultation Document)	Proposed Location and Number of Polling Stations
Wribbenhall & Arley		
WA-KF1 (former WR-B polling district covering Northwood Lane area of Kidderminster Foreign)	Wribbenhall Parish Rooms, Kidderminster, Bewdley	Suitable room in the polling place. One polling station. In order to provide the most cost effective arrangements, the polling station would not be solely for this polling district but would also serve other parts of the Wribbenhall & Arley ward.
WA-KF2 (former WR-C and WR-D polling districts)	Shatterford Village Hall, Arley Lane, Shatterford	Suitable room in the polling place. One polling station. In line with current arrangements, the polling station would also serve polling districts WA-UAS and WA-UAV.

Alison Braithwaite

Subject: Polling Districts and Polling Places Consultation - Parish of Kidderminster Foreign

From: Wolverley and Cookley Town clerk

Sent: 16 October 2015 11:32

To: Wyre Forest Electoral

Subject: Polling Districts and Polling Places Consultation - Parish of Kidderminster Foreign

At the last meeting of Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council the above consultation was discussed and the Parish Council were in support of the proposals.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Bev Drew

Clerk to Wolverley & Cookley Parish Council



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Wolverley and Cookley Town clerk



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