

ELECTORAL ADMINISTRATION ACT 2006

The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) 2006

I hereby give notice that a review will be held, commencing with the date of this notice, in accordance with Section 18C (1) of the Representation of the People Act, as inserted by Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

Any person or organisation wishing to make a representation in respect of the arrangement of polling districts and polling places within the boundary of Denbighshire County Council; or concerning the accessibility of polling stations, must write to:

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The deadline for receipt of public comments on the review is 9 August 2019.

The review will require submissions to be made by the Acting Returning Officer for the Vale of Clwyd Constituency and the parts of the Clwyd South and Clwyd West Constituencies within the Council area. These submissions will be available for inspection at County Hall, Ruthin between 30 August 2019 and 6 September 2019 during normal office hours (Monday to Friday only).

The closing date for comments on any proposals set out by the Acting Returning Officers' submissions is 6 September 2019. The Council will then consider the Acting Returning Officers' recommendations together with any other representations made.

Any submissions, correspondence, minutes and decisions relating to the review will be published on the Council's website as the review progresses. It is intended that the Council will publish its final proposals in October 2019.

1 July 2019

Background Information and Consultation Paper

1 Background to the Review

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places.

2 Definitions

A **polling district** is a geographical area created by the sub-division of an electoral area, ie a constituency, district ward or division into smaller parts. A **polling place** is a building or area in which polling stations will be located. A **polling station** is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place.

3 The Review Process

The Council publishes a notice of holding the review, and consults the Acting Returning Officer for each Parliamentary Constituency in the Council's area.

The Council then invites comments on the proposals. This consultation paper will be published on the Council's website, and will also be sent to Councillors, local Members of Parliament and the National Assembly for Wales, local political parties and any other interested groups or persons, including those who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

4 The Review Timetable

The timetable for the review is set out below in accordance with Schedule A1, Section 18C of the Electoral Administration Act 2006:

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| Publication of Notice of Review and Commencement of Review | 1 July 2019 |
| Deadline for receipt of public comments on the review | 9 August 2019 |
| Issue and publication of the Returning Officer's comments | 30 August 2019 |
| Deadline for receipt of public comments on the Returning Officer's comments and proposals | 6 September 2019 |
| Submission of final proposals to Council | 15 October 2019 |

5 The Aim of the Review

The document attached sets out details of the current polling districts and polling places for each of the 30 Electoral Divisions in Denbighshire. The Council appreciates the co-operation of privately owned premises in providing their buildings for the day so that electors have a convenient place to vote.

The current 67 polling districts and 65 polling places are well received year on year by the electorate with very few complaints regarding their location and accessibility.

The principles underlying the Council's approach to polling districts and polling places will be:

- (a) To retain the current network of polling districts, places and stations to ensure that as far as possible that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- (b) To ensure, as far as practicable, that polling places are accessible to people with disabilities.
- (c) Any proposed changes to the current structure shown in Appendix 1 should be able to demonstrate wide support within the polling district. For example, the support of at least 30 registered local government electors, in accordance with the aims outlined in subsection (b) of Section 18D of the Electoral Administration Act 2006.

6 Areas of Potential Change

We would be interested in receiving representations in respect of a possible change to the designated polling place for the following polling districts

| Polling District | BDB |
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| Current Polling Place | Ysgol Frongoch |
| City, Town or Community Area | Denbigh Town Council (Lower Ward) |
| Electoral Division | Denbigh Lower |
| Constituency | Vale of Clwyd |
| Question : | |
| Ysgol Frongoch remains open during polling hours, this remains a decision for the school governing body and not the returning officer at any given election. Should consideration be given to using any other accessible venues within the polling district? | |

| Polling District | BLA |
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| Current Polling Place | St Asaph City Council Meeting Room |
| City, Town or Community Area | St Asaph City Council (East Ward) |
| Electoral Division | St Asaph East |
| Constituency | Vale of Clwyd |
| Question : | |
| The polling place was relocated from St Asaph Youth Centre following the remodelling of the Ysgol Glan Clwyd campus. The meeting room at St Asaph Leisure Centre has now been changed into a leisure facility. Currently there are very few other alternatives within the polling district / ward for locating the polling place. Building 3 at the Ysgol Glan Clwyd / St Asaph Leisure Centre campus is currently empty and awaiting development by Denbighshire County Council. Once the development work has been completed and the building being suitable should the polling place be re-located back to the Ysgol Glan Clwyd campus if possible? | |

| Polling District | BRB |
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| Current Polling Place | Rhyl Leisure Centre Campus |
| City, Town or Community Area | Rhyl Town Council (Tynewydd Ward) |
| Electoral Division | Rhyl South East |
| Constituency | Vale of Clwyd |
| Question : | |
| Since the last review took place the newly built Rhyl Rugby Clubhouse on Tynewydd Road has been completed. Should the Council look to relocate the polling place to Rhyl Rugby Club ? | |

| Polling District | CAA |
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| Current Polling Place | Canolfan Awelon |
| City, Town or Community Area | Ruthin Town Council |
| Electoral Division | Ruthin |
| Constituency | Clwyd West |
| Question : | |
| <p>Awelon & Canolfan Awelon are being re-developed as part of the Ruthin extra care housing project and Canolfan Awelon will not be operational from March 2020.</p> <p>Electoral services staff have identified possible suitable locations within the polling district for the re-location of the polling place :-</p> <p>County Hall, Wynnstay Road – would available space at County Hall be suitable for use as a polling place?</p> <p>Ruthin Town Hall, Market Street – ground floor hall / marriage room owned by Denbighshire County Council with disabled access.</p> <p>The Old Courthouse, St Peter’s Square – the old Natwest bank has now been purchased by Ruthin Town Council for the purpose of a Civic & Community Hub. Staff visited the site as part of the Town Council’s open day and the property does seem to be a suitable location.</p> | |

7 Making comments

Any elector may make representations. Where someone suggests a change of polling place, we would encourage them to give the reasons for this, and to suggest alternative polling places to allow for further consultation.

Any representations must be received by 9 August 2019. All representations should be addressed to:

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LIST OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES WITHIN DENBIGHSHIRE

| Polling Place | Polling District | Parliamentary Constituency | Polling Place | Polling District | Parliamentary Constituency |
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| Chapel Vestry, Henllan, LL16 5AR | BA | Vale of Clwyd | Seion Centre, Denbigh, LL16 3PE | BB | Vale of Clwyd |
| Eirianfa, Denbigh, LL16 3TS | BC | Vale of Clwyd | Denbigh Leisure Centre Campus, LL16 3EX | BDA | Vale of Clwyd |
| Ysgol Frongoch, Denbigh, LL16 3DP | BDB | Vale of Clwyd | Waen Chapel Vestry, Waen, Bodfari, LL16 4BT | BE | Vale of Clwyd |
| Cocoa Rooms, Llandyrnog, LL16 4HG | BF | Vale of Clwyd | Rhewl Pavilion, Rhewl, LL15 1TH | BG | Vale of Clwyd |
| Neuadd Owen, Cefn Meiriadog, LL17 0EY | BH | Vale of Clwyd | Village Hall, Trefnant, LL16 5UG | BI | Vale of Clwyd |
| Ysgol Bodfari, LL16 4DA | BJ | Vale of Clwyd | The Old School, Tremeirchion, LL17 0UN | BKA | Vale of Clwyd |
| Parish Hall, Waen, St Asaph, LL17 0AN | BKB & BKD | Vale of Clwyd | The Old School, Cwm, LL18 5SG | BKC | Vale of Clwyd |
| St Asaph City Council Meeting Room, Roe Park Meadow, St Asaph, LL17 0RD | BLA | Vale of Clwyd | St Asaph Cricket Club Pavilion, LL17 0LU | BLB | Vale of Clwyd |
| Village Hall, Ronaldsway, Bodelwyddan, LL18 5TE | BM | Vale of Clwyd | Rhuddlan Town Community Centre, Parliament Street, Rhuddlan, LL18 5AW | BN | Vale of Clwyd |
| Paterson Hall, High St, Dyserth, LL18 6AA | BO | Vale of Clwyd | The Alive Church, 200 Victoria Road, Prestatyn, LL19 7TL | BPA | Vale of Clwyd |
| Jubilee Community Centre, LL19 7PP | BPB & BPC | Vale of Clwyd | Deva Church, Ffordd Pantycelyn, Prestatyn, LL19 8YE | BPD | Vale of Clwyd |
| Kings Hall, Kings Ave, Prestatyn, LL19 9AA | BPE | Vale of Clwyd | Prestatyn Leisure Centre Campus, LL19 8RS | BPF | Vale of Clwyd |
| Caradog House Community Centre, Caradog Road, LL19 7PF | BPG | Vale of Clwyd | Prestatyn Parish Church Hall, LL19 9AF | BPH | Vale of Clwyd |
| Meliden Community Centre, LL19 8LA | BPI | Vale of Clwyd | Ysgol Dewi Sant, Rhyl, LL18 2RE | BRA | Vale of Clwyd |
| Rhyl Leisure Centre Campus, Grange Road, Rhyl, LL18 4BY | BRB | Vale of Clwyd | Ysgol Llewelyn, Rhyl, LL18 4EU | BRC | Vale of Clwyd |
| Botanical Gardens Cafe, Grange Road, Rhyl, LL18 4DA | BRD | Vale of Clwyd | Ffordlas Community Centre, Rhyl, LL18 2HH | BRE | Vale of Clwyd |
| Rhyl United Reformed Church, LL18 3ST | BRF | Vale of Clwyd | Maes Emlyn Community Rooms, LL18 3SF | BRG | Vale of Clwyd |
| Wellington Community Centre, Rhyl, LL18 1LE | BRH | Vale of Clwyd | Rhyl Town Hall, Wellington Road, LL18 1AB | BRI | Vale of Clwyd |
| Awelon Centre, Ruthin, LL15 1BL | CAA | Clwyd West | Llanfrog Community Centre, LL15 1LE | CAB | Clwyd West |
| Clocaenog Church Hall, LL15 2AT | CB | Clwyd West | Canolfan Cae Cymro, Clawddnewydd, LL15 2ND | CCA | Clwyd West |
| Derwen Chapel Vestry, LL21 9SG | CCB | Clwyd West | Pwllglas Village Hall, LL15 2PB | CD | Clwyd West |
| Melin y Wig Community Centre, LL21 9RE | CE | Clwyd West | Salem Chapel Vestry, Cyffylliog, LL15 2DN | CF | Clwyd West |
| Canolfan Addysg Bro Cinmeirch, Llanhaeadr, LL16 4NL | CGA | Clwyd West | Caban Y Plwyf / Ysgol Pant Pastynog, Prion, LL16 4SG | CGB | Clwyd West |
| Church House, Nantglyn, LL16 5PL | CH | Clwyd West | Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd Village Hall, LL15 1UP | CI | Clwyd West |
| Gellifor Chapel Vestry, LL15 1SF | CJ | Clwyd West | St Davids Centre, Eryrys, CH7 4BX | CKA | Clwyd West |

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| The Raven Inn, Llanarmon-yn-Ial, CH7 4QE | CKB | Clwyd West | Llanferres Village Hall, CH7 5SP | CL | Clwyd West |
| Llandegla Memorial Hall, LL11 3AW | CM | Clwyd West | Neuadd Eleanor, Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd, LL15 2RU | CNA | Clwyd West |
| Bethel Chapel Vestry, Pentrecelyn, LL15 2HE | CNB | Clwyd West | Llanelidan Village Hall, LL15 2PT | CO | Clwyd West |
| Bryneglwys Parish Room, LL21 9LP | CP | Clwyd West | Gwyddelwern Community Centre, LL21 9DH | CQ | Clwyd West |
| Llangollen Town Hall, LL20 8PW | CR | Clwyd South | The Conquering Hero Community Centre, Rhewl, Llangollen, LL20 7YT | CS | Clwyd South |
| Corwen Sports Pavilion (The Rec), LL21 0DN | CTA | Clwyd South | Carrog Community Centre, LL21 9AS | CTB | Clwyd South |
| Owain Glyndwr Memorial Hall, Glyndyfrdwy, LL21 8HA | CTC | Clwyd South | Yr Ysgol Isaf, Cynwyd, Corwen, LL21 0HR | CU | Clwyd South |
| Y Ganolfan, Llandrillo, Corwen, LL21 0TG | CV | Clwyd South | | | |