

WORTHING POLLING STATION REVIEW - COMMENTS AND ACTIONS TAKEN AT END OF FIRST CONSULTATION

Polling District	Address	Number of Electors (as of 04/10/23)	PS Review comments so far	Returning Officer's comments	Action Taken	Recommendation
WA1, WA2	Broadwater Baptist Church, Dominion Road, Worthing, BN14 8JL	WA1 - 2365 WA2 - 2248		Request following election - Please can we paint the edges of the steps white to prevent tripping hazard	Will arrange a visit to check and discuss	Ongoing
WA3, WJ1	Worthing College, The Exhibition Hall, Sanditon Way, BN14 9FD	WA3 - 320 WJ1 - 3192	Hello, The above was a new venue last year and there were lots of disgruntled voters due to the change, especially those just down the road from the old venue. One theme also raised was having to cross the A27 to get to the new venue. Venue wise, the room is on the first floor, there is a lift and free parking, but again voters moaned about the distance from free parking to the venue, cant please everyone. As a venue it was clean, ample space and staff were happy to help where necessary. - comment received via email 20/10/23	New venue was trialled due to a large electorate and potential guidance was advised for maximum number by EC in the run up to May 2023 election. Notes following election - If used again, ensure parking is reserved. The only negative comment was the traffic at rush hour.		Ongoing

WA4 , WA5	Scout Headquarters, St Andrews Boys High School, Sackville Road, Worthing, BN14 9BQ	WA4 & WA5 - 1720				No change
WB1, WB3	St Richards Church, Collingwood Road, Worthing, BN12 6HZ	WB1 - 2345 WB3 - 1792	<p>Hello, I recently saw the press release about comments about polling stations - the Castle Ward polling stations are very close together - it would be helpful to have one nearer the eastern boundary such as Field Place or The Strand rather than both in and around Maybridge.</p> <p>Residents, particularly disabled residents, raised with me on polling day that it was difficult for them to walk the length of The Strand if they lived in these areas as it was a great distance from home. - comment received via email on 12/10/23</p>	Notes following election - This ramp needs to be purpose built and fit in width Tellers interfering with Voters and turning them away if they had no I.D. without them getting into the Polling station.	Field Place contacted as possible Polling Station, £720 including VAT for the day. Looking at St Mary's, Ilex Way, to see if suitable as a Polling Station	Ongoing
WB2	Palatine Park Football Centre, Palatine Road, Worthing, BN12 6JN	WB2 - 2583				No change

WC1, WC2	Worthing Library, Richmond Road, Worthing, BN11 1HD	WC1 - 2658 WC2 - 2658	<p>Firstly a great idea for a review, also giving the residents the opportunity to have their say.</p> <p>In general all the polling stations I have worked on have been great with excellent access for all voters, with the following exception.</p> <p>The Polling Station under the library in Worthing. The external lighting is very poor, so I had to arrange for additional external lights to be delivered in the evening. Also with this one the slope leading to the entrance is quite steep causing those that use additional mobility aids quite difficult. Within the station all is great with it being a good size, even though it is a multi station.</p> <p>I hope that helps. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any more information.</p> <p>Good luck with your review.</p> <p>Many thanks - comment received via email on 25/10/23</p>	Notes following election - We need an exterior lamp on the external ramp as it is very dark.	<p>Will look at alternative polling stations but options are limited for the Polling Districts.</p> <p>Will organise lighting for external ramp if venue used again</p>	Ongoing
WC3	Sidney Walter Centre, Sussex Road, Worthing, BN11 1DS	WC3 - 2321				No change
WD1, WD2, WI1, WI2	Durrington Community Centre, 2 Romany Road, Worthing, BN13 3FJ	WD1 - 1373 WD2 - 3082 WI1 - 3790 WI2 - 1339				No change
WE1, WE2	Offington Park Methodist Church, South Farm Road, Worthing, BN14 7TN	WE1 - 3316 WE2 - 3363				No change
WF1, WF3	The Barn, English Martyrs Church, Goring Way, Goring-by-Sea, BN12 4UE	WF1 - 2888 WF3 - 2560		Notes following election - ramp needs to fit	Will look at ramp options for future elections	Ongoing

WF2	Goring URC, Barrington Road, Worthing, BN12 4EA	WF2 - 1326				No change
WG1, WG2, WG3	Heene Community Centre, 122 Heene Road, Worthing, BN11 4PL	WG1 - 2399 WG2 - 1662 WG3 - 2112				No change
WH1, WH2	St. Johns Church Hall, Ripley Road, Worthing, BN11 5NQ	WH1 - 2802 WH2 - 3651	<p>I would like to give specific feedback for the Marine ward polling station arrangements. It is my view that the southern part of the ward is poorly served with polling station access. Additionally the current polling station has terrible parking access and the road is regularly clogged.</p> <p>When you look at the current location's on a map there is a significant lack of polling station access in the more coastal part of Marine ward, and to some extent Goring ward. Other wards have a more centrally placed polling station. I would suggest that Marine and Goring would benefit from an additional polling station at St Laurence's church in Sea Place. This could be shared and would add an easily accessible place for those living far away from Elm Grove. I would be interested to see voting turnout plotted on a map to see whether there is a correlation between proximity to polling stations and propensity to vote. If there were to be a demonstrable link, I would suggest that the local authority has a duty to place polling stations in locations that have lower turnout.</p> <p>Many thanks comment received via email 12/10/23</p> <p>—</p> <p>I believe the most appropriate station I have experienced is the church on the corner of Ripley Road. A large space with all the facilities needed plus a disabled ramp makes the location ideal and far superior than the preschool hall next door.</p> <p>Hope this helps comment received via email 20/10/23</p>		St Laurence contacted, unable to use it as Polling Station due to preschool sessions running daily through term time.	Ongoing

WJ2	Findon Valley Free Church, 1/11 Lime Tree Avenue, Worthing, BN14 0DJ	WJ2 - 3252	Good light, bright venue, good facilities (kitchen, toilets) - only thing is making sure the tea and coffee morning does not take place on the same day. This needs to be confirmed with manager - comment received via email 20/10/23	Ensure Coffee Bar is closed for the day & area cleared. We will be charged for the L.O.E. £100		
WK1, WK2	Function Room, The John Selden, Half Moon Lane, Worthing, BN13 2EN	WK1 - 2636 WK2 - 2480		Notes following election - Needs a ramp to fit. Sign informing Tellers not to enter Polling Station unless they are voting.		
WK3	St. Michaels Church, Hayling Rise, Worthing, BN13 3AL	WK3 - 1912				No change
WL1, WL2	East Worthing Community Centre, Pages Lane, Worthing, BN11 2NQ	WL1 - 3255 WL2 - 2603				No change
WM1 (Parliamentary only)	St Andrew's Church, Church Road, Worthing, BN13 1HQ			Only used at General elections or large referendums.		Ongoing
WM1, WM2	Tarring Priory Bowls Club, Church Road, Tarring, Worthing, BN13 1HQ	WM1 - 2916 WM2 - 3270			Ensure outside lights between church & bowls club are checked day before election	No change