



Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023

Summary of Consultation Responses:

This review ran from Monday 2 October 2023 until Friday 10 November 2023.

18 responses were received online. The summary of those responses is collated below.

Background Information

Under the Representation of People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district for UK Parliamentary elections. It also has to keep these arrangements under review. The arrangements made for parliamentary elections are also used at other elections.

A list of Current Polling Districts and Polling Places is available to view on the website. An interactive map with existing district boundaries and polling place locations is available on the Councils' mapping portal. These layers can be turned on using the 'layers' icon on the menu.

Section 1

Form for Submission of Comments for Proposals

Whilst we cannot receive anonymous submissions, personal details of members of the public will not be made public. Submissions from representative bodies and persons such as Councils and Councillors, will be named within the report.

Questions 1 to 4 asked for personal details that will not be published as part of the results summary.

Q5 Please click below if you do **not** propose any changes to the existing arrangements.

18 Responded no changes.

Q6 I propose a change to the arrangements. Please add any comments in support of your view(s) for either a change or for no changes to be made. If you propose a

change, specify the nature of that change. Provide reasons and /or supporting evidence.

4 of the 18 left reasons:

The nearest polling station is easily accessible.

The usual polling station, Hannington Hall in Martinhoe, is near and adequate. It is not currently wheelchair accessible, but funds are being raised to change that.

The Polling Station at Knowle is at risk. There is only one available venue which is a public house known as the Ebrington Arms. During the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum Knowle residents were without a Polling Station as the public house was in the process of changes proprietors. The Parish Council would like to request if it would be possible to have portable polling station provided for the Ebrington Arms Car Park for future elections.

No change

Section 2

Equality Information

Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 applies to public sector organisations, whereby Local Authorities must have due regard to the 8 protected characteristics (age, disability, sex, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion/belief, sexual orientation (and marriage and civil partnership in employment) in its decision making.

Not all questions were answered – percentages based on number who did respond

What is your age?

- 19 and under 0
- 20 to 24 0
- 25 to 34 1
- 35 to 49 5
- 50 to 64 3
- 65 to 74 4
- 75 to 84 0
- 85 and over 0
- Prefer not to say 2

Do you consider yourself to have a disability (according to the Equality Act 2010)?

- No 13
- Yes 1

- Prefer not to say 2
- Left Blank 2

How would you describe your ethnicity?

- White 13
- Prefer not to say 3
- Left blank 2

What is your religion or belief?

- Christian 8
- No religion 6
- Prefer not to say 2
- Left blank 2

Sex

- Female 7
- Male 7
- Prefer not to say 2
- Left blank 2

Please confirm if this is the same as registered at birth

- No
- Yes 13
- Prefer not to say 3
- Left blank 2

Sexual orientation

- Straight/Heterosexual 12
- Bisexual 1
- Prefer not to say 3
- Left Blank 2

The results of the equality information responses will be considered alongside the census information for the North Devon Council area. Equality and diversity monitoring can help identify current and future needs, possible inequalities including problems accessing or using services and information, as well as checking that a cross-section of people have been reached and given their views. Results have been published in an anonymised way.

