

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL
POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

NEW MILLS WEST WARD

REPORT

Polling Station	Newtown Primary School, Buxton Road, New Mills New Mills Town Hall, New Mills Hague Bar Primary School, Lower Hague, New Mills St George's Parish Hall, Church Lane, New Mills
Serving Polling Districts	NW1, NW2, NW3, NW5/1, NW5/2, NW4, SE5
Number of Polling Stations	6
Number of voters	3377 in total NW1 746, NW2 303, NW3 140, NW4 266, NW5 1922 (SE5 529)
Physical Accessibility	<p>Newtown Primary School – pathway is tarmac and in excellent condition. There is a car park at the front of the building, with no designated disabled parking. There is level access into the main hall or ramp access into a classroom.</p> <p>New Mills Town Hall – the pathway is flagged. There is designated car parking for people with disabilities. There is level access into the polling station.</p> <p>Hague Bar Primary School – pathway is tarmac and in excellent condition. The polling station entrance is on the car park which also has designated disabled parking. There is level access into the polling station.</p> <p>St George's Parish Hall – the pathway is in good condition. There is a car park at the front door, with no markings for disabled drivers.</p>
Adequacy of facilities for staff	<p>Newtown Primary School – all facilities are satisfactory</p> <p>New Mills Town Hall – all facilities are satisfactory</p> <p>Hague Bar Primary School – all facilities are satisfactory</p> <p>St George's Parish Hall – all facilities are satisfactory</p>
Is the location convenient to voters	<p>Newtown Primary School – the polling station is reasonably central within the polling district</p> <p>New Mills Town Hall – the polling station is located centrally for all three polling stations, and is situated in NW5</p> <p>Hague Bar Primary School – the polling station is convenient for voters, and serves both sides of the road</p>

	St George's Parish Hall – the polling station is central to the three polling districts and is located in NW2
Any recent major development	None
Any proposed development	None
Comments received as part of Consultation process	Comment received from Hague Bar Primary school requesting consideration be given to using a portacabin on a nearby business car park
DRO comments	As the school is in the correct location it is recommended that we continue with existing arrangements
Proposals for Change	None
Reasons for Change	None

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SIMMONDLEY WARD

REPORT

Polling Station	Simmondley Primary School, Pennine Road, Simmondley
Serving Polling Districts	S11, S12, S13, S14
Number of Polling Stations	3
Number of voters	3321 S11 697, S12 1273, S13 738, S14 613
Physical Accessibility	Simmondley Primary School – pathway is tarmac and in good condition. Car park at the side of the school no longer available for use as previously but adequate parking on the surrounding roads, no designated disabled parking. Level access into polling station.
Adequacy of facilities for staff	Simmondley Primary School – all facilities are satisfactory
Is the location convenient to voters	Simmondley Primary School – the polling station is very convenient for voters in S11 and S12, but further to travel for S13 & S14
Any recent major development	None
Any proposed development	None
Comments received as part of Consultation process	<p>Comments received as part of the consultation process from the Governors and Senior leadership team:</p> <p>“The proposed draft is incorrect for Simmondley S11-14, parking is not available at the polling station. Due to the safeguarding issues of having a polling station in a school hall that interconnects to a large portion of the classrooms the school cannot be kept open. As such the only way to mitigate against a loss of learning is to use the closed day as an inset meaning the car park will be used by staff and not available for polling</p>

	<p>This venue is not suitable for being used as a polling station because it causes the school to close which is unacceptable when other venues which are suitable are available in the local area. There is no option to keep the school open while polling takes place as the safeguarding risk would be too high. Closing the school for polling, often multiple times in an academic year causes inconvenience as well as financial loss to parents and a loss of learning to children.</p> <p>Dinting cricket club was used post COVID and by the parameters used in the draft proposal would also be suitable. It has a large room, with good heating and lighting, a large car park and is accessible. When we challenge the return of polling to the school the year after we were told it was because it is not a central location and the road was a bit bumpy. We find this to be incorrect as the cricket club is less than a mile from the school and the parking is better”</p>
DRO comments	<p>Continue with existing arrangements as the accessibility of the alternative suggestion at Dinting Cricket Club is not satisfactory.</p> <p>Comments received from electors to staff and the polling station inspectors and polling station staff confirmed that the road leading up to the polling station is full of pot holes, uneven and a trip hazard and it has inadequate lighting and is very dangerous in the dark.</p> <p>Dinting Cricket club is not central to the Simmondley Ward and the school is, the cricket club is located on the border with Dinting.</p>
Proposals for Change	None
Reasons for Change	None

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TINTWISTLE WARD

REPORT

Polling Station	Tintwistle Primary School, South Close, Tintwistle
Serving Polling Districts	T11, T12, T13
Number of Polling Stations	1
Number of voters	1744 (T11 1257, T12 21 T13 466)
Physical Accessibility	The pathway is in reasonable condition. Accessibility good
Adequacy of facilities for staff	Facilities are adequate for the staff
Is the location convenient to voters	The polling station is very convenient for T11 and T12, but not as convenient for T13 as have to travel up New Road.
Any recent major development	None
Any proposed development	None
Comments received as part of Consultation process	Comment received from the Parish Clerk regarding the possibility of returning to the Village Hall as it is currently still available for now.
DRO comments	Continue with existing arrangements at Tintwistle Primary School as this is available in the long term.
Proposals for Change	None

Reasons for Change	None