

**LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006**

Details of proposals arising from the autumn consultation for which no “objections” were expressed.

Each such proposal was circulated to all consultees who had requested to be informed, so as to express their views. These consultees included MEP’s, 2006 candidates and agents, constituency parties from the 2005 general election, SCOPE, RNIB, RNID, the Returning Officer, town and parish councils (if any), The Yorkshire Local Councils Association, managers of current polling premises and any person so interested. Ward councillors and MP’s were included automatically in the consultation.

The enclosed are proposals for which no expression of objection were received. The format for each will be as follows:-

- Proposal reference and areas involved (inc. electorate);
- What the proposal is (eg. Merger, change of station, boundaries);
- Where the proposal is from;
- Further details (if any) of the proposal (inc. street allocations where necessary);
- Supporters of the proposal;
- Leeds City Council Officer views and comments on the suitability and feasibility with details of benefits and constraints.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: AR/4  
Polling District(s): ARG (ARI)  
Ward: Ardsley & Robin Hood  
Constituency (2006): Morley & Rothwell  
Constituency (next general): Morley & Outwood TBC  
Electorate(s): ARG – 2330 (ARI – 2500)

Proposal: Change of polling station from Blackgates School to West Ardsley (Tingley) Youth Centre.

From: Ward Councillors (Labour).

Details: Blackgates School, Smithy Lane was used for the first time in 2006 following the closure of the former Blackgates Infants School on Bradford Road. The music room was utilised and the school remained open. However, the room was some distance from the school entrance for both vehicles and pedestrians. Indeed it involved passing the polling station situated at West Ardsley (Tingley) Youth Centre serving polling district ARI hence the suggestion to have both polling districts at the one location.

Support From: Ward Councillors (Labour) and an anonymous consultee.

Leeds City Council Officer View: The proposal has much merit and does not involve any amendments to boundaries. The current polling districts would not be merged. Generally Leeds City Council does not have stations with more than one ballot box but would support such an arrangement providing the logistics of the building were compatible. As the Youth Centre has two halls this proposal could be achieved without major problems of access or egress which should cause no inconvenience to voters, involve less distance and allow the school to remain open.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: BR/4  
Polling District(s): BRG  
Ward: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
Constituency: Leeds Central  
Electorate(s): 826

Proposal: Change of polling station from portable building, Flax Place / Mill Street to Yorkshire Rider Social Club, Railway Street.

From: Thriving Communities Working Group

Details: Nothing further

Support From: 2006 Candidate – Labour  
Alderman\*  
Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat\*

\* Providing there is total separation for the voting process from the business of the social club.

Leeds City Council Officer View: Whilst the proposed premises are slightly less central to the polling district they are close to the current location, so voter inconvenience should be minimal. There would be improvements for voters with disabilities and in general better for voters, party workers and staff. However, the club's arrangements are such that the only suitable room would be the concert room which currently has permanent Thursday bookings.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: BR/6  
Polling District(s): BRA, BRF  
Ward: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
Constituency (2006): Leeds East  
Constituency (next general): Leeds Central TBC  
Electorate(s): BRA – 700 BRF – 680

Proposal: Merge the two polling districts to poll at Ebor Gardens Community Centre, Haslewood Drive.

From: Ward Councillors - Liberal Democrats

Details: The current arrangement was as a consequence of changes to the ward boundary in 1983.

Support From: 2006 Candidate – Labour  
Alderman  
Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat

Leeds City Council Officer View: There is no change for the electors in BRA but would require the electors for BRF to travel along Haslewood Drive approximately a quarter mile further than the current Appleton Court location. However, the electors for BRF have previously voted at the Haslewood Drive premises.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: BR/7

Polling District(s): BRB, BRO

Ward: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill

Constituency (2006): BRB Leeds East, BRO Leeds Central

Constituency (next general): Leeds Central TBC

Electorate(s): BRB – 780 BRO – 545

Proposal: Merge the two polling districts to poll at St Agnes' Church Hall, Shakespeare Close.

From: Ward Councillors - Liberal Democrats

Details: Due to the southerly location of Scargill Grange Community Centre for BRB voters many electors for this polling district actually reside closer to the BRO station at St Agnes' Church Hall.

Support From: 2006 Candidate – Labour  
Alderman  
Ward Councillor – Liberal Democrat

Leeds City Council Officer View: No change for electors for BRO. Electors at the southerly end of BRB would be required to travel further (and away from town). Logistical problems would occur in the event of Parliamentary Elections on the current constituency arrangements.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: BR/8  
Polling District(s): BRD, BRE  
Ward: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
Constituency (2006): Leeds East  
Constituency (next general): Leeds Central TBC  
Electorate(s): BRD – 1520 BRE – 575

Proposal: Merge the two polling districts to poll at Nowell Mount Community Centre, Nowell Mount.

From: Ward Councillors - Liberal Democrats

Details: The Nowell Mount Community Centre is central to both areas and for many electors in BRE actually nearer.

Support From: 2006 Candidate – Labour  
Alderman  
Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat

Leeds City Council Officer View: No change for electors from BRD and would only inconvenience voters at the southerly end of BRE. Would improve access for voters with disabilities and provide improved comfort for voters, political workers and staff alike.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: BR/9  
Polling District(s): BRI, BRM  
Ward: Burmantofts & Richmond Hill  
Constituency: Leeds Central  
Electorate(s): BRI – 1130 BRM – 920

Proposal: Merge the two polling districts, both currently polling at portable buildings, to poll at East End Park W.M. Club, Vinery View or a portable building, Raincliffe recreation ground.

From: Ward Councillors - Liberal Democrats

Details: Combining two polling stations currently closely located to one central location.

Support From: 2006 Candidate – Labour  
Alderman\*  
Ward Councillors\* – Liberal Democrat

NOTE: No preference on the choice of locations but \* would want permanent separation from any social area at the W.M. club

Leeds City Council Officer View: This would be an improvement to the current arrangement which has arisen from the closure of various education establishments. The W.M. club as a permanent facility would be preferred to retaining a portable building, providing a suitable room is available. Access to the club is ??

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: CF/2  
Polling District(s): CFH  
Ward: Calverley & Farsley  
Constituency: Pudsey  
Electorate(s): 910

Proposal: Change of polling station of Pudsey Primrose Hill School to Kingdom Hall, Primrose Hill.

From: Primrose Hill School

Details: Request to consider alternative location to avoid closure of the school.

Support From: MP – Labour  
2006 Agent - Labour

Leeds City Council Officer View: There would be no inconvenience on the proposed location which is only yards away and passed by electors going to the school by vehicle. Access to Kingdom Hall is ????



## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: CA/6  
Polling District(s): CAL  
Ward: Chapel Allerton  
Constituency: Leeds North East  
Electorate(s): 1060

Proposal: Change of polling station from a portable building in the car park of Sheepscar Club to the Club Room of the Club itself.

From: Thriving Communities Working Group.

Details: Re-location from a temporary facility to a permanent facility.

Support From: North East Leeds Conservatives.

Leeds City Council Officer View: Providing a room is available separate to the Club's social business this would be an improvement for all concerned.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: CH/9  
Polling District(s): CHB  
Ward: City & Hunslet  
Constituency: Leeds Central  
Electorate(s): 2485

Proposal: Change of polling station from Holy Spirit Church, Tempest Road to Hamara Living Centre, Tempest Road.

From: Presiding Officer for CHB at the 2006 elections

Details: Proposal arising to improve conditions for all involved.

Support From: Ward Councillors – Labour

Leeds City Council Officer View: The proposed alternative is adjacent to the current facility therefore, there is no inconvenience to the electorate. The improved conditions would benefit all. Full access is available.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: GS/2  
Polling District(s): GSC  
Ward: Garforth & Swillington  
Constituency (2006): Elmet  
Constituency (next general): Elmet & Rothwell TBC  
Electorate(s): 1435

Proposal: Change of station from a portable building at the former school, Barley Hill Road to the Garforth WMC adjacent.

From: Ward Councillors - Labour

Details: A portable building has operated since the closure of the education facility, which did cause problems in 2006 for contractors and electorate alike.

Support From: Ward Councillors – Labour  
Anonymous Consultee

Leeds City Council Officer View: This would improve arrangements for all concerned providing a separate room is available away from the Club's social business. Access is ????

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: GH/4A  
Polling District(s): GHE, GHL  
Ward: Gipton & Harehills  
Constituency: Leeds East  
Electorate(s): GHE – 2738 GHL – 1408

Proposal: Boundary amendment for part of GHE to merge with GHL.

From: Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrats

Details: The area concerned was that part of GHE bounded by Elford Grove, Roundhay Road and Harehills Road to be included in GHL and poll at the portable building, Bayswater Road and Edgware Row. Street allocation enclosed. Revised electorate(s) GHE 2038, GHL 2107.

Support From: Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat  
Liberal Democrat Group Office

Leeds City Council Officer View: This would probably inconvenience the majority of electors involved as they will have to travel further to a poorer facility in respect of access and general comfort.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: HW/2

Polling District(s): HWAX, HWAY, HWD, HWE, HWF, HWI

Ward: Hyde Park & Woodhouse

Constituency (2006): Leeds Central and Leeds North West

Constituency (next general): Leeds Central TBC

Electorate(s): HWAX – 1289 HWAY – 82 HWD – 1973 HWE – 1202  
HWF – 2165 HWI – 2012

Proposal: Amend boundaries

From: Ward Councillor - Liberal Democrat

Details: (1) HWAX split along Woodhouse Lane and Headingley Lane with part to HWI  
(2) HWAY part to HWI  
(3) HWAX extended southwards to include parts of HWD  
(4) Parts of HWD to HWAY, HWF and HWI

See street splits enclosed

Revised electorate(s) HWAX – 767 HWAY – 13 HWD – 1370 HWE – 1398 HWF – 2211  
HWIX – 1719 HWIY – 392

Support From: Liberal Democrat Group

Leeds City Council Officer View: There are significant benefits for many electors in avoiding the need to cross busy roads. However, the revised splits are complicated due to the current Parliamentary boundary cutting through the area. There are no new polling stations under this scheme.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: HW/3  
Polling District(s): HWE, HWJ  
Ward: Hyde Park & Woodhouse  
Constituency: Leeds Central  
Electorate(s): HWE – 1198 HWJ – 621

Proposal: new boundaries for HWE, HWJ

From: Ward Councillor – Liberal Democrat

Details: Transfer of various streets from HWJ to HWE. See street allocation enclosed.  
Revised electorates HWE – 1398 HWJ – 418

Support From: Liberal Democrat Group

Leeds City Council Officer View: Whilst the area of the proposed transfer is separate from other parts of HWJ and adjacent to developments in HWE the distances from the polling stations would be similar for most electors.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: PS/2  
Polling District(s): PSF  
Ward: Pudsey  
Constituency: Pudsey  
Electorate(s): 2470

Proposal: Change of polling station from a portable building in Kent Road to an adjacent permanent building.

From: RO/ERO

Details: Recent availability of training centre for which the portable building is currently located outside.

Support From: RO/ERO only

Leeds City Council Officer View: Improved arrangements for all.

The training centre was previously used for polling purposes prior to being closed for Health & Safety reasons. The building has level access. However, the Electoral Services Office has been informed that there is no accommodation available that is suitable as a polling station at this time.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: RL/1  
Polling District(s): RLE, RLI  
Ward: Rothwell  
Constituency (2006): Morley & Rothwell  
Constituency (next general): Elmet & Rothwell TBC  
Electorate(s): RLE – 1190 RLI – 940

Proposal: To merge the polling districts to poll at the Institute, Quarry Hill.

From: Presiding Officer for RLI – 2006 elections

Details: The Methodist Church facility on Aberford Road is in a poor condition and only 50 yards from the Institute.

Support From: Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat  
2006 Agent – Labour  
Liberal Democrat Group

Leeds City Council Officer View: The proposal has much merit and the inconvenience for RLI voters would be minimal. Although slightly further improvements would be gained with superior facilities, especially parking.



## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: RO/2  
Polling District(s): ROA, ROB, ROC  
Ward: Roundhay  
Constituency: Leeds North East  
Electorate(s): ROA – 1570, ROB – 590, ROC – 3130

Proposal: Boundaries of ROA, ROB and part of ROC and change of station.

From: North East Leeds Conservatives

Details: Merge ROA and ROB with part of ROC to poll at Gledhow Primary School. See street allocation enclosed.

Support From: Conservative Group  
North East Leeds Conservatives

Leeds City Council Officer View: The proposal has much merit in finding a polling station location centrally placed for ROA, ROB and part of ROC, and removing the need of one portable building. However, many properties closest to Gledhow Primary School are still polling at St Edmund's on Lidgett Park Road. An arrangement of ROA with part of ROC (south) and ROB with part of ROC (north) could be more applicable.

NOTE: Any decision to progress this (conservative) proposal would require the rejection of proposal RO/3 following.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: RO/3  
Polling District(s): ROA, ROB  
Ward: Roundhay  
Constituency: Leeds North East  
Electorate(s): ROA – 1570          ROB – 590

Proposal: Merge the two polling districts to poll at a Gledhow Lane location or Gledhow School.

From: North East Leeds Conservatives

Details: Nothing further

Support From: North East Leeds Conservatives

Leeds City Council Officer View: This has many of the problems of proposal RO/2 (previous) and few of the benefits.

NOTE: Any decision to progress this (Conservative) proposal would require the rejection of proposal RO/2, previous.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: RO/4  
Polling District(s): ROE, ROF  
Ward: Roundhay  
Constituency: Leeds North East  
Electorate(s): ROE – 1100 ROF – 2505

Proposal: Amend the boundaries of ROF with part to ROE, and change of polling station for ROE.

From: North East Leeds Conservatives

Details: Various streets from ROF to ROE to poll at St John's Primary School, North Lane. See street allocation enclosed.

Revised electorates ROE – 1808 ROF – 1796

Support From: North East Leeds Conservatives

Leeds City Council Officer View: This proposal has much merit as the current polling station for ROE, Braim Wood School closed down in 2006, which always was somewhat remote for some of the electorate.

## LEEDS CITY COUNCIL POLLING REVIEW 2006

Proposal Reference: WE/2  
Polling District(s): WEE  
Ward: Weetwood  
Constituency: Leeds North West  
Electorate(s): 4275

Proposal: The creation of a new polling district (WEH) to include the campus of Bodington Hall.

From: Liberal Democrat Group

Details: Revised electorates WEE – 3200 WEH – 1075

Support From: Ward Councillors – Liberal Democrat  
Liberal Democrat Group

Leeds City Council Officer View: This proposal has considerable benefits particularly as it reduces the electorate at the Lawnswood High School polling station, amongst the highest in the area, as well as providing the students with a facility on their campus. Subject to the consent of the Administration Office for the campus and suitable accommodation being available.