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Summary of Responses Received via Online Form

Current Polling Station	Are you satisfied ?	Do you have any comments or suggestions about where you currently vote?	Do you have any comments or suggestions about your polling district?	Do you have any comments or suggestions about any other polling places or polling districts in the borough?	General Comments
Flixton Primary School	Yes	It's close by, it's accessible and is well used. When we had to vote at Flixton House, I had to drive there, as it was too far for me to walk.	Keep it the same	There needs to be more in Lostock and Barton and the Canterbury Road estate	The polling station staff are great! Competent and friendly
Davyhulme Primary	Yes				
Keeps being changed, was the school then the library then the sports centre!	No	Stop changing it. I live in Urmston and now sent to Flixton to vote	Stop changing it		
Carrington Lane Methodist Church	Yes	It's nearby and accessible	Good to not have it at Townscroft Lodge anymore. Using the communal lounge where people live is a bit invasive	No	
St Annes	Yes	Schools would be easier			
Unitarian Church	Yes	No	Polling stations should have accessible parking	I object to polling stations in schools and the disruption this causes. Parents having to take time off out of holiday time to look after children etc	Accessible polling stations inside libraries and supermarkets
Unitarian Church	Yes				
Old Trafford Community Academy	No	It's way too far. I know people from my area who just don't vote because it's too far. I need to drive there.	No	No	Please open a new polling station closer to us. We feel isolated in my area, as we are inside an odd piece of land surrounded by Manchester and Salford boundaries

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Sale Moor Methodist	No	The current venue is fine and benefits from level access which I think is important	I think that the Council should reconsider the polling station for my postcode as there is a closer station at Sale Cricket Club on Dane Road. Currently, to get to Sale Methodist Church, I need to cross Old Hall Road and walk about 10mins to get to the venue. It would be much shorter walk to the Cricket Club and would have helped us when voting as we needed to take our baby with us.		
Lostock Library	Yes		Makes sense that we are no longer Gorse Hill as that's miles from the house		
Sale Rugby Football Club	Yes	Signage to the polling station at the SRFC Whitehall Road entrance needs improving because for a significant number of residents this provides the shortest route to the polling station. Every year the staff have to be reminded about this when they have posted a small poster at the side of the entrance gates	It is bizarre that Lydgate Road is in BLD yet Farley, Pulford and Pollen are in BLE. Lydgate residents must walk through BLE to get to SRFC because it is a cul de sac accessed only by Farley Road which is in BLE.		

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<p>Timperley North</p>	<p>Could we move the polling station for TNA from Heyes Lane School to the Bowling Green Hut on Riddings Road? This could be coupled with a change to the polling district boundary, moving the following streets (or parts thereof) from TNB into TNA:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Cheam ○ Heath ○ Greenway and Sylvan north of Cross Grove ○ Tabley ○ Eaton, Hodgeson and Radlet ○ Riddings Road north of Cheam Road junction <p>Moving these streets would mean that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ (a) The new Bowling Green polling station is within the district of TNA, and nobody is walking past it to reach a different one, nor living opposite it but having to walk elsewhere to vote; ○ (b) The huge disparity between the two polling districts A and B in terms of voters is evened out. <p>Finally, could we move Arcadia, Fairywell Drive and St Ives Crescent from TNA into TNC, so that they can vote at St John’s Church – otherwise the bowling green is even further away for them.</p>
<p>Manor</p>	<p>Looking at the map for Manor Ward, the size of MAA1 seems to have become very large. The inclusion of the area bounded by Cecil Ave – Moss Lane – Harboro Road has shifted the balance and left the residents in this area with a long trip to the polling station on Manor Avenue.</p> <p>Would it be possible to adjust the boundary so that the area described above could be included in MAB1 with the polling station at The Methodist Church.</p>
<p>Stretford & Humphrey Park</p>	<p>I am happy with the proposals. I appreciate we want to reduce the use of schools because of the disruption this causes but I am struggling to think of an alternative venue in SHC2. The proposed polling station for that district is very central and easy to access- the only alternatives I can think of would be the Sevenways Church Hall or if there’s an empty unit in the Barkway Road shops.</p>
<p>Hale</p>	<p>I was wondering about The Vine, Hale methodist church as an alternative to Stamford Park Primary.</p> <p>I don’t know if it would be big enough but you already use Altrincham methodist church which is part of the same circuit with the same contact details. It is close to the school and accessible but I don’t know your precise requirements.</p> <p>One point that I had made with regards to the school was concern about the step to get in, which has been an issue for people with mobility issues in previous years.</p>

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	My other suggestion is Altrincham football club – they have a lot of available space. I don't know if you have considered there previously.
Gorse Hill & Cornbrook	As an alternative to Old Trafford Academy could we use the temple at the old Old Trafford Council Library, Building, Stretford Road.
Flixton	I strongly agree we should not disrupt schools unnecessarily. Therefore I propose that electors in FLC2 use Flixton House, if there is sufficient space there to accommodate 2 districts. It is very close to FLC2, and for voters who need to travel by car it is a simpler location to access.
Sale Moor	<p>We have 3 polling districts in Sale Moor, served by 3 polling stations one of which is located outside the ward in Brooklands. A quick look at the proposed stations across Trafford shows Sale Moor has the fewest stations noting two of which serve large number of residents. A comparison with our WSE neighbours, Sale Central has 4, Brooklands has 5.</p> <p>Earlier this year St Francis Church became unavailable to use as a polling station, a decision was made without consultation with us to direct this polling district to Sale Moor Community Centre. Whilst polling cards correctly identified this, Trafford's website continued to show St Francis as a polling station and as such we advised residents this was the case. We raised this with officers shortly before the election and Trafford issued a letter to residents in this polling district to clarify the situation—however given the tight timescales it arrived at many homes after polling day. We were given assurances that this situation would be reviewed in due course as such we hope the following suggestions will be considered as part of this review.</p> <p>Our suggestions;</p> <p>Polling District SMB3 needs to have a polling station located within it. Whilst there may not be a community building available a mobile unit could be located near the shops on Norris Road or our park / car park on Bramhall Close. Currently residents furthest away from Sale Moor Community Centre has a good 40 minute round trip on foot— there is no bus route that covers this. This is the part of the ward with the lowest rates of car ownership, in May we had to organise lifts for several people.</p> <p>Polling District SMA3— this area includes an estate previously located within Priory ward – Dane Road, Ravenstone Drive. Arnesby Ave, Oulton Ave. Stapleford, Vale Ave. Residents for some years have travelled to Sale Sports Club to cast their vote, short walk, lots of car parking. In May they were asked to go to Sale Methodist Church 40 minute walk round trip, no car parking. We would like residents on this estate previously in Priory ward to be able to revert back to using Sale Sports Club – we asked this in May and were told there were complications over sharing a polling station – not an issue elsewhere.</p> <p>Polling District SMA3— there are several roads off Northenden Road which are only— 2-10 minute walk from Sale Moor Methodist Church – who are currently being asked to walk 40 minute round trip on foot to Sale Moor Community Centre. We would like this polling district to be extended to cover Lindow St, Daresbury Close, St Anns Street, Lindow Ct, Ridley Grove, Sandford Road, and the associated properties on even side of Northenden Road.</p>

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Ashton upon Mersey	<p>Firstly, the information given by the Council on the website seems very unclear. Overall, I have concluded that the present consultation is regarding current polling places, as indicated in The Messenger, Trafford, 26/10/23, but parts of the information seem to say that opinions on proposed changes are being sought rather than on current arrangements. However I cannot find what these changes are or would be, so I imagine this could possibly be a reference to the next part of the consultation. Clarity of information would be helpful.</p> <p>I have limited mobility. I am responding because for several years, due to the difficulty and time involved in accessing the allocated polling station, I have been using a postal vote but taking it to the polling station near me by hand. The allocated polling station was changed recently, I think prior to the last local Election, from Fiona Gdns to the United Reformed Church in Whitefields Rd. This is better for me than Fiona Gdns which was a bad location due to lack of access except by the main entrance which involved a long walk round and then walking down a long drive for someone without transport. If side access had been available (as I understand it is for residents there,) it would have been a reasonable although fairly long walk but it was unreasonably long in my view to go to the front entrance. It should be taken into account that not everyone has transport available to them. Although the church on Whitefields Rd is nearer, it is still further than the very convenient polling station which I am not allowed to use, at St Mary Magdalene Church, cnr. Moss Lane and Harboro Rd.</p> <p>When I telephoned and asked about this originally, I understood that the boundary for polling stations lies along the middle of Ashton Lane. Consequently as I live the wrong side, I am not allowed to use St Mary Magdalene Church which is just down the road, but required to go a lot further. However I established that if I used a postal vote I would be allowed to hand it in at any polling station. I prefer to take it rather than post it, as one cannot necessarily rely on the post although in most cases the item would arrive. I would not consider I need a postal vote, although I have disabilities, for any other reason apart from the difficulty with the allocated polling station. My suggestion for change would therefore be more reasonable allocation so that when there is a polling station nearby one is able to use it.</p> <p>I cannot comment otherwise on the choice of the United Reformed Church, not having used it, except that it would seem preferable to Fiona Gdns as it is at least adjacent to the road. It seems good to give people shorter distances to go especially in the light of climate change and trying to encourage less use of vehicles, as many people like to walk to polling stations anyway if they are close. I do not think places with long driveways should be used. As well as difficulties for walkers they can cause congestion for car drivers at busy periods. There are various primary schools in this area currently not used, although I cannot comment on their general suitability. When I have used primary schools they have seemed to work well but specific ones could conceivably have issues. On the face of it I would have thought a school would be better than Fiona Gdns if that is still under consideration. There are schools which would be a lot closer for me.</p> <p>As I see that the polling stations are reviewed every 5 years by law, I do feel that when someone calls and makes a point like this, there should be a record kept of the call to help with decision making. I knew nothing about the review or that any reviews took place until I happened to see it in the newspaper and could easily have missed it, and I have probably been using the postal vote for this reason for over 5 years and I think I may have mentioned it in other calls, but I am not aware any record has ever been taken of this even when I called specifically to see if my polling station could be changed. I was not told then that this would ever be reviewed or that there would ever be a chance to contribute to such a review.</p> <p>As regards St Mary Magdalene Church, it seems to have all features mentioned to be an ideal polling place, as well as being conveniently close to me. It is a pity that the boundary seems to have been decided in rather an arbitrary fashion. However using the postal vote in this</p>
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	<p>way does work. I commend the change from Fiona Gdns as with my current mobility issues I think that would certainly have been a major problem for me.</p> <p>Unless one does have a postal vote, there is no choice as to the day of voting, so unless the time involved is kept short, people are going to be discouraged from casting their vote if they are otherwise occupied on the day.</p>
<p>Altrincham</p>	<p>An alternative to St Vincent's is tricky.</p> <p>The former vet's on Clarendon Avenue might serve temporarily as it is currently empty.</p> <p>Would the Leisure Centre be an option when it reopens? Tesco has a community room, but I don't know if they would permit use. There is also a room at the Counselling and Family Centre on Mayor's Road, but how suitable it would be I'm not certain.</p> <p>Looking slightly further afield, I'd suggest the Hub on Pownall Road, or Altrincham Football Club. But they may be too far away.</p>
<p>Hale Barns & Timperley South</p>	<p>I believe we are happy with proposals broadly.</p>