

APPENDIX A: POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACES REVIEW 2019

No.	Polling Station	Comment
1	Urmston Primary School	The continued use of Urmston Primary School as a polling station is inappropriate and causes considerable disruption to the school, parents and pupils especially when there is a viable alternate solution. My proposal is that the meeting area of Urmston Library is used as the polling station for polling district 2URC. The separate meeting area meets all of the criteria outlined in your supporting information. There is a large car park close by, disabled access, adequate toilet facilities, including for the disabled. The suggested area would be separate from the library meaning that the library would not need to be disrupted and the suggested polling station is within the 2URC polling district. The other Urmston polling stations, 2URA, 2URB and 2URD are all in buildings that meet the requirements and do not disrupt any school functions and therefore it is inappropriate to continue to use Urmston Primary School as a polling station. -
2	Willows Primary School	The closure of the school for a Polling Station is unnecessary, disruptive and hugely costly for parents in terms of childcare and loss of holidays. I have been made aware of the reasons why the school is used, however there are other suitable alternatives to provide the necessary provision or utilise the external grounds of the school would allow such facilities, with relevant WC's that would allow some of all of the school to remain open. -
3	Willows Primary School	I would like a review of the Willows Timperley being used as a polling station. On polling day (2 this academic year) the whole school closes. In a culture where as parents are fined for taking children on 'holiday' for 1 days absence it baffles me that it is ok for children to miss this vital education for polling day. The frustration the 2 polling days causes for many of the willows parents was huge this year as the majority of us are working parents. As a working teacher (at a school that remains open on polling day) and with no alternative childcare meant that not only did my son miss out on days where he needed to be in school (baring in mind these are weeks before the phonics screening test) but my whole class were left with no class teacher as I had to stay at home with my child instead. Using schools as polling stations is having a detrimental effect on children's education and adding more pressure and financial strain on parents. If being off school wasn't affecting children's education we wouldn't be fined for taking children on holiday would we? As a parent it is very worrying that my child has not received the 190 days expected education this academic year. I'd like to suggest a few options for alternatives: -A porter caning being in place in the ward similar to the one used in Hall Ave or new haven home on moss lane. This may also help elderly resident who can vote more easily with less travel. -

4	Willows Primary School	<p>I am getting in touch having read about the Polling station review taking place in Trafford. My two children attend Willows Primary School on Victoria Rd in Timperley. As this building is used for polling my children have had many days off school. This academic year there have been 2 polling days and my eldest daughter, who has been at the school for 5 years, has had a day off every year since starting school. This clearly has an impact on their learning, and it is also very difficult for working parents. I work as a teacher but the school where I work is not used for polling, and obviously as a teacher I cannot take a day off work. It would perhaps be acceptable if polling days took place every 3-4 years but as they are much more frequent than that it really is detrimental to learning. Surely there must be an alternative building that can be used in the locality? Church hall, sports club, playgroup, etc. - Sarah Joseph</p>
5	Willows Primary School	<p>Please, please, please can you stop using the Willows school in timperley. They have to close the whole school and it is so difficult for working parents. Especially in Trafford where I have three children in three different schools due to the grammar school system. This means I need to cover even more days off with the different holidays and inset days. There are surely other buildings that could be used in timperley village which would not have such a detrimental impact on family life. The larkhill, the Methodist church could be possible? As with most people at the Willows I use the fantastic after school and holiday club, but this is not available on election days either. It must also impact on their business, although you do have a pay for a portion of your sessions, even if then paying for childcare elsewhere. I would really appreciate your consideration of less disruptive options.</p>
6		<p>Please stop using local schools as polling stations. Parents aren't allowed to take their children out of school during term time without a fine but the council has no issue in repeatedly closing the schools for elections. It seems totally hypocritical and wrong.</p>

7	Elmridge Primary School	<p>I am vice-chair of the local governing body for Elmridge Primary School in the Hale Barns ward.</p> <p>The staff at the school office have given me your details as the point of contact for polling stations and I am trying to ascertain how we get the school's position as the default polling station for the ward reviewed?</p> <p>The numbers continue to drop whilst the disruption to the school and the children's education is substantial. We feel as a governing body that there are far more suitable resources that could be used for a polling station in the ward with significantly less disruption to the local community.</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you.</p> <p>Kind regards</p>
8	Davyhulme West	<p>are happy with where the polling stations are based in Davyhulme West.</p> <p>Best wishes</p>
9	Joanne Roney OBE ,Chief Executive, Manchester Council	<p>As the (Acting) Returning Officer for the Wythenshawe and Sale East Constituency, I have no specific comments to make about the polling districts or polling places.</p> <p>However, for the next Parliamentary General Election, which is scheduled to take place on 5 May 2022, and would be combined with local polls, I anticipate significant public interest and turnout to be high. I would therefore request that the polling places in Brooklands, Priory and Sale Moor wards have the capacity to accommodate double polling stations, where the number of electors in person is over 2,000. This request applies equally if circumstances lead to an 'early' Parliamentary General Election taking place before 2022.</p> <p>In both 2015 and 2017, Polling Station Inspectors (PSIs) from Manchester worked closely with PSIs from Trafford to provide effective management and oversight of polling stations on the ground, within the relevant wards, as part of wider command and control arrangements. A similar approach will be in put in place for the next Parliamentary General Election.</p>