CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED BY POST & EMAIL

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Mark Davies	ARO Lancaster & Wyre	Thank you for sending me your consultation document for the review of polling districts and polling places for Wyre Council for 2024/2025. I am happy with the proposal for the polling stations for the Lancaster and Wyre Constituency to remain as they are.	No response required.
Cllr Dulcie Atkins	Borough Councillor, Garstang ward	I have no problems with the Polling Stations in Garstang, Cabus and Nateby. All are central, and easy for disabled.	No response required.
Cllr Andrea Kay	Borough Councillor, Pheasant's Wood ward	Thornton House Assisted Living, Whimbrel Drive, Thornton Cleveleys, FY5 2LR. This is a Lancashire County council property. They have a day centre attached to their building. I have used the room previously for a community meeting and could be an alternative building for a polling station for the residents of Pheasant Wood area. There is a small car park and Mayfield Avenue for parking if required.	Teal Close Day Centre is at the rear of Thornton House with its' own entrance. Visit conducted and this is the new proposal for the Pheasant's Wood ward.
Andrew Snowden MP	Member of Parliament for the Fylde Constituency	My only comment regarding your polling district review would be a request that you consider renaming your polling districts to correspond with their Wyre Borough ward, as is done in most other Lancashire authorities. For example, Tithebarn's polling districts would become something like "TBA" and "TBB" rather than "WJA" and "WJB". I hope this a minor common sense tweak you would be amenable to considering.	These comments have been noted and this is something we will do in the near future.
Cat Smith MP	Member of Parliament for the Lancaster & Wyre Constituency	WSB (Claughton Village Hall): With the recent growth in housing in the Catterall area, I believe that there is a strong case for dividing the WSB Polling District in two to enable the residents of that Polling District who live in Catterall to vote closer to where they live. I believe there is a strong case for doing this as further housing has been approved for construction in this area, and locations here have been highlighted for potential development as part of the Wyre Local Plan Review process. A Polling Station could potentially be located at the small retail park built as part of the new housing development, off Westfield Road.	Time constraints as a direct result of the unscheduled general election prevent us from considering these suggestions at the present time. These comments have been noted and will be explored.
		WUA1 (Cabus Village Hall): The WUA1 Polling District covers the Parish of Cabus, which primarily covers a rural population to the north of Garstang. Included within this, is the part of Garstang which sits within Cabus Parish. I believe there is a strong case for splitting this Polling District to enable the residents in Garstang within Cabus Parish (north of Green Lane) to vote at a location closer to where they live. There is a precedent for this as the small part of Nateby Parish which is within the Garstang area votes at the Kepple Lane Scout Hut. I believe that the case for splitting WUA1 is particularly strong owing to the more elderly population of the residents living within this part of Cabus Parish, and that the residents do view themselves as living in Garstang. While the obvious place for this new potential Polling District to vote would be the Kepple Lane Scout Hut, if there is insufficient capacity for the entire town to vote there then potential Polling Station locations could include at Wyre Vale Park or Garstang Community Primary School – both more proximate than Cabus Village Hall. WZB (Forton Playing Field Pavilion): Again, owing to the construction of new housing, I believe there is a strong case for the WZB Polling District to be split. For residents living on the Forton side of the A6, around School Lane, the Playing Field Pavilion is an accessible Polling Station, but for residents living around Hollins Lane I believe a separate Polling Station would be optimal – especially in light of the population growth due to new housing. A potential location for this Polling Station could be the Hollins Lane Church. WUA1, WUC2: While I appreciate that this is outside the specific scope of this Review, I would like to put on my record my support for a Community Governance Review of the boundaries of Nateby Parish, owing to the odd boundaries on the western side of Garstang which has implications for the boundaries of the Polling Districts here. For example, all of the properties on Canterbury Way s	
Cllrs Roger Berry, Simon Bridge, Steve Nichols	Borough Councillors, Hardhorn with Highcross ward	We are concerned that there is no mention of a polling station for Normoss which is part of our ward. Up to the time of the Police and Crime Commissioner election in May there has been a polling place there for many years ie a portable cabin which was placed for any election on the grassed part of the crescent shaped lay by on Normoss Road close to Seniors. For some reason which was not fully explained we were told that for safety reasons the cabin could no longer be placed there. I complained at the time but was told it would be fully explained and looked into at this review. We do feel that there should be a polling station in Normoss which is a distinct community with a substantial number of residents many of whom particularly older and infirm persons will find it difficult to get to Baines School to vote given that it is some distance away and sections of the road are uphill. The obvious choice for the polling station is the one which was used for many years i.e. the portable cabin on the grassed area off the lay by. If this cannot be used then a portable cabin placed on either the frontage to the shops or in the car park of the Newton Arms pub opposite. Obviously consents would have to be obtained but we feel that it is worthwhile in the interests of democracy to consider every possibility.	Enquiries will continue to be made into the hire of a venue that meets the requirements of voters in the WH3 polling district. Enquiries have already been made but at the present time we are awaiting a response.
Edwina Parry	Garstang Town Council	The Town Council met on Monday evening, 18/11/24 and resolved the following:	As a result of the public consultation three

Parish Clerk		118(2024-25) Wyre Council, Polling district and polling place review, Clerk Resolved:	potential options have been suggested. These will
		The Council notes the correspondence relating to the Polling district and polling place review 2024-25. The Council itself asked if consideration could be given to a more central point for the polling station? For example: i) the YMCA building	be explored prior to the scheduled elections in May 2025.
		ii) St Thomas' Community hall and other central church halls	
		iii) the library.	
Wyre Labour Group	Borough Councillors	1. Mount Ward	No response required.
of Councillors		The proposal to move the WAC polling station from a mobile unit to the Three Lights is supported.	
		 2. Rossall Ward The proposal to move the WD2/WD3 polling station from a mobile unit to Fleetwood Cricket Club in neighbouring Park Ward is not supported for the following reasons: Residents in both WD2 and WD3 would have to travel up to 1.3 miles to the polling station. 	Mobile units are considered a last resort as the cost to the Council is significantly higher than hiring a community venue. The cost of mobile units (which includes hiring of furniture,
		 Having a Rossall Polling Station in Park ward would be confusing to Park ward voters and inevitably result in some wrongly going to the proposed venue. This is a scenario made even more likely by the advice on the polling card that voters don't need their cards to vote (it should advise it is preferable to take). It is worth noting that at the recent Marsh Mill by-election this instruction resulted in residents walking to Thornton Little Theatre with no means to check the location of the actual polling station as their polling card was at home. 2.1 Polling Station Proposals: 2.1.1 Fleetwood High School It is agreed that placing a mobile polling station on a new Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) is not the solution, but in line with many other wards the best solution would be to come to agreement with the school about providing a room within the school, or if that is not possible, placing the mobile polling station in the car park or on a grassed area at the front of the school. 2.1.2 Lighthouse View, Chatsworth If the Fleetwood High School option does not materialise then it is suggested that a response to option 5 (Lighthouse View) is followed up. 2.1.3 Current Mobile Polling Station Location If neither of the above are possible then the next best option is to use the mobile polling station location at the junction of Broadway and Chatsworth Avenue. 2.1.4 Park Ward Polling Stations If the 3 options above are exhausted, then rather than the Cricket Club it might be better to consider using one of the two Park Ward Polling Stations as a dual Park and Rossall Polling Station. 2.2 Polling District Possible Changes If WD2 and WD3 are sharing the same polling station the districts could be merged. All three districts are within the same County division and 	generators and chemical toilets) is in the region of £12,500 (gross) each year. When a polling venue is changed the venue is printed on the polling cards and as an extra measure signage is put up a the old venue advising of the new venue. Please see the updated Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places for further information.
		Parliamentary constituency so it would seem that only the number of polling stations is governing the number of districts. 3. Hardhorn with Highcross Ward The proposal to continue to have the WH3 polling station at Baines School is not supported due to residents in WH3 having to travel up to 1.5 miles to the polling station. With significant numbers of elderly residents living in WH3, many without means of transport to get to Baines School, continuing with the current arrangement will reduce turnout. 3.1 WLG Polling Station Proposals A building in the Normoss area should be found, but if it can't then the next best option is to use a mobile polling station, as was previously the case.	Enquiries will continue to be made into the hire of a venue that meets the requirements of voters in the WH3 polling district. Enquiries have already been made but at the present time we are awaiting a response.
		4. Pheasant Wood Ward	As part of the consultation a suggestion was made
		 Under the current plan, the proposal to move the Pheasant Wood WP Polling Station to Thornton Cleveleys Football Club into neighbouring Bourne ward is not supported: Residents in WP would have to travel up to 0.8 miles to the polling station. Having a Pheasant Wood Polling Station in Bourne Ward would be confusing to Bourne Ward voters, and inevitably result in some wrongly going to the proposed venue. This is a scenario made even more likely by the advice on the polling card that voters don't need their cards to vote (it should advise it is preferable to take). It is worth noting that at the recent Marsh Mill by-election this instruction resulted in residents walking to 	to look at Teal Close Day Centre, to the rear of Thornton House Assisted Living, which has its ow private entrance. A visit was conducted and this i the new proposal for the Pheasant's Wood ward. Please see the updated Schedule of Polling Districts and Polling Places for further
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	considering alongside WLG's Bourne Ward proposals. 5. Bourne Ward	Time constraints as a direct result of the
	The proposal to make no changes to the Bourne Ward is not supported for the following reasons:	unscheduled general election prevent us from
	In the last decade Hawley Gardens has been built and two new developments either side of Hawley along Bourne Road are being built.	considering these suggestions at the present time
	Residents in that northern end of WKA would have to travel up to 1.1 miles to the polling station at Heys Street.	These comments have been noted and will be
	A review of the districts is required (see 5.2)	explored.
	5.1 WLG Polling Station Proposals:	
	WLG would prefer to retain the mobile Polling Station within walking distance, but if this is rejected, then the Council's current proposal needs of	
	5.1.1 Fleetwood High School WKR and the adjaining WKA street (Conneciate Chaquera Creengate and Beasse) need to be moved into WKA or WKC depending on where	
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	The addition of hundreds of residents on new developments along Bourne Road warrants reconsideration of polling stations, potentially with consideration being given to those using Thornton Cleveleys Football Club for the northern part of Bourne. This would require WKA to be split up.	
	If Thornton Cleveleys Football Club is determined to be the best location for a new Bourne Ward Polling Station then this would provide a	
	better reason for Pheasant Wood Polling Station at the same location. That said, the preference for Pheasant Wood is to retain the mobile Polling Station.	
	5.2 Polling District Possible Changes	
	With the creation of Blackpool North & Fleetwood, there is seemingly no purpose to the WKB and WKC boundaries, previously required to split Wyre and Preston North from Blackpool North & Cleveleys.	
	The districts need to be reconsidered and based around proximity to the proposed polling stations. All 3 districts are within the same County	
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	6. Cleveleys Park Ward	As a result of the public consultation Cumberlar
	The proposal to continue to have the WL polling station at St John Southworth is not supported due to residents in WL having to travel up to 1 mile	Chapel has been suggested as a potential pollin
	to the polling station. The church is at the northern end of the Ward.	place. This option will be explored prior to the
	6.1 WLG Polling Station Proposals:	scheduled elections in May 2025.
	Cumberland Chapel is far more central and should be seriously considered. Could the owners of the chapel be contacted?	
	7. Marsh Mill Ward	Time constraints as a direct result of the
	The districts need to be reconsidered.	unscheduled general election prevent us from
	7.1 Polling District Possible Changes	considering these suggestions at the present tin These comments have been noted and will be
	WNA and WND are are in Thornton and Hambleton County Division. These districts could be merged given that they have the same polling station.	explored.
	8. Victoria & Norcross Ward	Mobile units are considered a last resort as the
	With residents in the south east of the ward having to travel up to 1.5 miles to the polling station, the proposal to make no changes to Victoria &	cost to the Council is significantly higher than
	Norcross ward is not supported.	hiring a community venue. The cost of mobile
	8.1 WLG Polling Station Proposals	units (which includes hiring of furniture,
	A building in the Norcross area should be found, but if it can't then the next best option is to use a mobile polling station, along Anchorsholme lane.	generators and chemical toilets) is in the region £12,500 (gross) each year. Voting for the Victori
	8.2 Polling District Possible Changes	& Norcross ward takes place at Cleveleys Citize Hall, Victoria Road West which is easy to reach
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f Poulton Branch	I would like to submit some comments on behalf of Poulton Branch Labour Party.	Enquiries will continue to be made into the hire of

	Labour Party	We have a specific concern that the review has not considered reintroducing a polling station at Normoss. For those without access to a car,	a venue that meets the requirements of voters in
		Baines School is not a short or easy walk. It is at least a mile, over a significant hill. This presents particular challenges for the elderly or disabled	the WH3 polling district. Enquiries have already
		people, but is inconvenient for everyone.	been made but at the present time we are
			awaiting a response.
		In the most recent election, our tellers noted few voters from WH3 attending Baines, and it seems that the removal of the previous polling station	
		arrangement may have effectively disenfranchised some voters in this area.	
		We believe that all electors should have easy access to the opportunity to vote. With less than a quarter of voters in WH3 having postal votes, a	
		more convenient option should at least have been considered. The mobile unit worked well for decades and would provide such an option.	
Mrs Irene Finch	Resident	I live in the polling ward of Hardhorn with Highcross in a area known as Normoss and object to the polling station which has been situated at 104	Enquiries will continue to be made into the hire of
		Normoss Road being changed to Baines School. There has always been one and only station in Normoss as long as I have lived here which is over	a venue that meets the requirements of voters in
		50 years. The polling station was first in Avenue Road and until 2023 at the above address. It was very accessible to the many voters in this distinct	the WH3 polling district. Enquiries have already
		community. The one proposed at Baines School is well over a mile away uphill on a busy road with mostly only a footpath on one side. I am elderly	been made but at the present time we are
		don't use computers and like to vote in person. I feel the polling station should remain in the Normoss area as there are lots of older people like	awaiting a response.
		myself living in this area. If they had known about this change before now I fell lots more people would object about the taking away of our voting	
		station.	
Lorraine Beavers MP	Blackpool North &	1. Mount Ward	No response required.
	Fleetwood Constituency	I support the proposal to move the WAC polling station from a mobile unit to the Three Lights.	
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