

Parish / ward	Received by - Date Received.	Representation/Comments
Totnes / Bridgetown	Elector - 02/09/2024	Happy with St John's Church as very convenient for us
Buckland-Tout-Saints	County Councillor - 03/09/2024	I suggest you use the little church abutting the village of Goveton. This has become the community hub and also the venue for the Parish Council Meetings.
Harford	Elector - 05/09/2024	I would prefer the polling station to remain in Harford. However, if it has to be moved it would be better for us to move it to Ivybridge rather than Cornwood.
Harford	Elector - 05/09/2024	We very much like the current situation with our polling station being at Lukesland Harford. Should this have to change however, we would prefer Ivybridge to Cornwood as this would be a 10 minute walk as opposed to a 20 minute drive. If it moved to Cornwood I can see myself not voting, or at least not voting for minor elections, as it is not an easy drive from here.
Harford	Elector - 05/09/2024	Our present polling station at Lukesland is within walking distance of almost the whole electorate. The proposed relocation to Cornwood would require us to drive a very narrow road, which scares some older residents. It is not feasible to get to Cornwood by public transport: The nearest bus stop is on Cole Lane, just south of the railway line, and this offers no feasible connection to Cornwood. It does not seem right to insist voters have use of a car.
Dartington	Elector - 06/09/2024	Our local polling station - Dartington Village Hall - is ideal and eminently convenient. No change is necessary.
Ivybridge / West	Elector - 06/09/2024	Our local polling station is Ivybridge Leisure Centre <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do you think your local polling station is convenient? YES • Can you get to it easily walking, by car or public transport? YES • Can you suggest a better location? NO • Is there somewhere more accessible for those with disabilities? UNLIKELY
South Brent / Brentmoor	Elector - 07/09/2024	Our station at South Brent in the community hall is perfect and just as importantly always friendly It is easily accessible from Harbourneford where we live
All	Scope - 11/09/2024	Thank you for your email, but I'm very sorry, we won't be able to help you at this moment.
Ivybridge / Woodlands	District Councillor - 12/09/2024	Have suggested Dame Hannah's, there is the unused building in the cemetery or even a Marquee in Woodlands Park.
Kingswear / Hillhead	Clerk - Kingswear Parish Council - 13/09/2024	With regard to the Returning Officer's request for suggestions for a suitable alternative venue within the Kingswear parish ward of Hillhead, this was discussed at the recent Kingswear Parish Council meeting on the 11th September 2024. Unfortunately seeking advice from our Hillhead councillors, no suitable alternatives for a polling station at Hillhead could be proposed.
Cornworthy	Clerk - Cornworthy Parish Council - 17/09/2024	At last night's Cornworthy Parish Council meeting the Council confirmed that they are happy with the current polling station, Cornworthy Village Hall for the Parish
Thurlestone	Parish Councillor - 22/09/2024	Thurlestone Parish Hall serves as our Polling Station very satisfactorily, convenient position for all three villages of West Buckland, Bantham and Thurlestone and efficient no reason for change.
Littlehempston	Clerk – Littlehempston Parish Council - 23/09/2024	At our recent meeting Littlehempston Parish Council agreed that the current polling station in the village church works well for the village. It is central and convenient and known to all.
West Alvington	Elector - 25/09/2024	All good at West Alvington, Kingsbridge polling station at West Alvington Village hall particularly since it has been refurbished.
Newton & Noss / Noss Mayo	Elector - 27/09/2024	I am writing in response to the above consultation and to support the continuation of the village hall for election purposes. The village hall committee have worked hard to establish and maintain a valued village facility which also has access for those with mobility difficulties. I have voted at the hall over many years and support its continued use.

Harford	Chairman, Harford Parish Meeting - 01/10/2024	<p>The Harford Parish Meeting notes the proposal to stop using the polling station at Lukesland Gardens tea room and instead to use the village hall in Cornwood. We consider this to be inappropriate. The current location is right in the middle of the community and is always available for use in elections. Approximately half of the voters come on foot, making it highly sustainable, and there is easy, free car parking for others. It is fully wheelchair accessible and has disabled toilets. The voting turnout is consistently higher than average, showing that it is very strongly accepted by the local population. We cannot see any reason why it should not continue to be used. By contrast, Cornwood village hall is a minimum of five miles by road from the nearest part of the Harford community. This means a ten-mile round trip by car through very narrow, twisting lanes and crossing two seven-foot-wide bridges, which takes at least 30 minutes there and back. Harford and Cornwood may be neighbouring villages, but neither have any services and so no one from Harford has reason to be going to Cornwood for any other purpose. The nature of the connecting lane, with the inevitable need to reverse whenever you meet another vehicle, is such that older people do not drive along it. Cornwood village hall therefore fails completely to comply with the accessibility requirements that the current location fulfils so well. It may be that the intention is to reduce costs because Harford is a small parish. If so, then an alternative on the Harford (eastern) side of Ivybridge might be an option. Access and distance to Ivybridge are far better than Cornwood, along with the many other services in Ivybridge that would encourage people to make a car journey that includes a visit to the polling station. However, as there is no public transport available from Harford to Ivybridge or Cornwood, many residents will be unable to access the polling station outside of Harford. As many as 50% of the residents walk to the polling station in Harford, due to the proximity of the polling station to the dwellings in this Parish. The fundamental problem of accessibility between Harford and adjoining parts of the Cornwood and Bickleigh Ward is that the ward boundaries take no account of the access constraints between parishes on southern Dartmoor. For this reason, and as detailed above, the Harford Parish Meeting requests that the proposal to change its polling station be dropped.</p>
Buckland Tout Saints	Clerk, Buckland-Tout-Saints - 1/10/2024	<p>Buckland-Tout-Saints Parish Council brought up this topic at our last Full Meeting, Tuesday 17th September and at the moment the Parish Council have not made any decision to encourage a move of the Polling Station from Ledstone Farm due to its extremely convenient location i.e. for the older & infirm members of the community, those that are unable to drive etc. It was discussed that both heating and WC would be needed at the church in order to accommodate or perhaps a ramp and rails be installed at the entrance to the current location, Ledstone Farm. A MOP mentioned that it would be a good idea to make the move now as we couldn't rely on the kind hospitality from Ledstone continually and 'the road to East Allington is too poor' which was the other listed suggestion for a new Polling Station.</p>
Harford	ARO, South West Devon Constituency - 2/10/2024	<p>Lukesland Garden Tea Room – Proposal to move to the village hall of the neighbouring parish of Cornwood. 1. Although the registered number of electors for this polling district are under 100, the suggested alternative is a minimum of 3.6 miles away (14 min drive), whilst appreciating that deploying staff and associated resources for such a small number of electors could be a reason for the suggested change, we are mindful that there might be a slight inconvenience for the electors concerned, especially those with no access to personal transport. 2. Alternative venue of Cornwood Village Hall - Good size, with large car park directly next to building. Whilst there were no issues reported during the UKPGE for this venue, the ARO have concerns with two polling stations being both located in the same building. Appropriate segregation measures would have to be put in place with signage directing electors to the location both outside the venue and within the building itself.</p>
Ivybridge / Woodlands	ARO, South West Devon Constituency - 2/10/2024	<p>Ivybridge (Woodlands) – Woodlands Primary School - Suggestions for a suitable alternative venue within the Ivybridge town ward of Woodlands sought. With 3,572 electors in the polling district HAL attending at the two polling stations located at this venue the ARO has concerns as to the possibility of an appropriate alternative building being available and would be opposed to the electors being moved to Ivybridge Leisure Centre (closest alternative polling station) which already had 4 polling stations at the UKPGE. In relation to the July 2024 UKPGE – major accessibility issue was identified at Woodlands Primary School with a ramp and door stops having to be deployed by ARO staff. Such measures need to be addressed for all future elections if this venue continues to be utilised.</p>