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Dear Sarah

The Lichfield District Labour Group would like to make the following recommendations to the current review of polling districts and polling places:

Burntwood

All Saints Ward – as now.

Boney Hay Ward – polling district CE 1 - 1135 - disabled access to the mobile polling station is poor as the ramp is too steep. Access needs improvement or additional support provided to chaperone any electors who have to vote *outside* the station.

Chase Terrace Ward – polling district CJ 1 - 860 - as Park Rd, Spencer Drive, and Rugeley Rd (odds 109 - 151) and Melford Rise (inc Melford Grove) (polling district CH) move into the new Boney Hay & Central ward from Chase Terrace, we think they should vote at the nursery block at Chase Terrace Primary School as it is closer for most electors and keeps polling stations for the new ward closer together.

Chasetown Ward – polling district CL 1 - 568 - with the closure of the youth centre, provision (of eg a portacabin) must be made.

Chasetown Ward – polling district CP 1 - 1256 - we feel that the electors in Queen St and Pool Lane should go to the Old Mining College as it's nearer.

Summerfield Ward – as now.

Lichfield City

Curborough Ward – polling district RK - what was the St. Chad's Polling District - for the remainder of that old Polling District not transferred to Chadsmead, we would recommend that Dimbles Hill 2-50, Curborough Road 33-65 and Leyfields even numbers all transfer to Bloomfield Polling District (RH), voting at The Willows School

and that St. Chad's Road even numbers, St Chad's Close, Curborough Road 2-62 and Ponesfield Road even numbers 2-80 all transfer to Purcell Polling District (RJ), voting at Charnwood Primary School.

Chadsmead Ward - The part of the old Curborough St. Chad's Polling District (RK) transferred to Chadsmead should be a separate Polling District, with the suggested name of Gaia Polling District, with voting at St. Peter and Paul School on Dimbles Hill. This will be closer for most of the electorate. Also, the new north-westerly part of Chadsmead, Garrick Road Parish Ward, (currently polling district RL) should be a separate Polling District of Chadsmead Ward, with voting at Chadsmead Primary Academy (as per Grange Road, etc.) making it more accessible to the electorate.

Stowe Ward - New area for Stowe of Burton Old Road Parish Ward should be a new Polling District of Stowe Ward, with voting at 7th Scouts HQ at Ashgrove.

Boley Park Ward - Boley Park loses Burton Old Road Parish Ward to Stowe and gains Pentire Road Parish Ward, which should be a separate Polling District of Boley Park District Ward, voting at the mobile polling station in the Co-op Car Park.

St. John's Ward - Loses Pentire Road Parish Ward, but no need for any Polling District changes.

Leomansley Ward - loses Garrick Road Parish Ward, but no need for any Polling District changes.

North & South Rurals & Fazeley

We do not wish to recommend any changes to polling districts in Fazeley and the rural north and rural south wards as we feel that the current arrangements adequately meet the requirements of electors.

I would appreciate an acknowledgement of our submission.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Secretary of the Lichfield Labour Group

Pearce, Sarah

From: .Stanhope, Margaret Councillor
Sent: 24 November 2014 14:55
To: Pearce, Sarah
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts
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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the e-mail regarding future polling stations.

At the beginning of 2015 Alrewas Village Hall is about to be up-dated and extended so I am just giving a warning that the building may not be available for the May elections. If that is the situation we may have to use the Methodist Hall in Post Office Road which is in the centre of the village and a very good venue.

I do hope you are well and not getting too frazzled with all the pressure - my thoughts are with you !

Kind Regards,

Margaret S

From: Pearce, Sarah
Sent: Mon 24/11/2014 09:21
To: Group Mail - Councillors
Cc: Tilley, Diane; King, Richard
Subject: Review of Polling Places and Polling Districts

Dear Members

The Council is required to complete a review of all polling districts and polling places by 31 January 2015. Thereafter a further review must be completed at least every five years.

Formal notice relating to the review has been published at the Council offices and will appear on our website shortly here <https://www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/voicedit>. The review commenced on Friday 21st November 2014 and will end on 2nd January 2015.

By way of background a copy of the briefing paper prepared for the recent Regulatory and Licensing Meeting on 20th November is attached for your information, together with all the supporting information that will appear on our website.

The review will need to have regard to the outcome of the Local Government Boundary Commission's final recommendations that were announced last week on Tuesday 18th November. You will see that, to begin with, any supporting documents are relevant to our existing polling arrangements. This is because work is currently being undertaken to redraw the polling district boundaries where there have been changes made to the Ward boundaries and to identify where any new polling places are needed.

Details of the review will be sent to all potentially interested parties as well as Members, such as parish clerks and local political parties.

Any person or body which makes a comment has the right to suggest an alternative polling place / station and will be encouraged to give a reason for the alternative proposal so that it may be given appropriate consideration. To assist in this a proforma has been provided which indicates the criteria that have to be met (as closely as possible) when selecting polling stations.

Once the consultation period has ended on 2nd January 2015, the Council must produce final proposals for the new polling districts and places having taken into consideration all of the representations made.

Definition of terms

Parliamentary constituencies: these cannot be changed by the review. The division of these constituencies into polling districts and places is the subject of the review.

Polling district: the area created by the division of a constituency or ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

Polling place: the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

Polling station: the room or building where the poll takes place.

If you have any queries regarding the review, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards
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