
**POLLING PLACES FOR BOROUGH AND PARISH ELECTIONS AND THE
REFERENDUM ON THE VOTING SYSTEM FOR UK PARLIAMENTARY
ELECTIONS - 5TH MAY, 2011**

Responsible Cabinet Member(s) - Councillor John Williams, Leader

**Responsible Director(s) - Ada Burns, Chief Executive, Returning Officer and
Local Counting Officer**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of Report

1. To approve arrangements for polling places for the Local Elections and Referendum on the Voting System for the UK Parliamentary Elections in May 2011.

Summary

2. This report is to inform Members of the details of the polling places to be used for the above elections and Referendum on 5th May, 2011.

Recommendation

3. Members are asked to approve the arrangements for polling places as detailed in the **Appendix** attached to this report.

Reason

4. The recommendation is supported to ensure that Members are aware of and approve the polling places for the election.

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Chief Executive, Returning Officer and
Local Counting Officer**

Background Papers

No background papers were referred to in the compilation of this report.

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder.
Health and Well Being	This report has no implications to address Health and Well Being for the residents of Darlington.
Carbon Emissions	There are no direct implications to Carbon Emissions which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no direct implications to Diversity which this report needs to address.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected equally.
Groups Affected	All of the Electorate of the Borough
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	For the purpose of the 'call-in' procedure this does not represent an urgent matter.
One Darlington: Perfectly Placed	There are no links.
Efficiency	There are no efficiency proposals identified as part of this review.

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Polling places were last reviewed in December 2007 and a further full review will be held later in 2011 to meet the legislative timetable (four-yearly reviews).
6. All proposed polling places for the Local Elections and the Referendum on the Voting System for UK Parliamentary Elections have been inspected in an attempt to ensure high levels of voter participation. Access issues and compliance with the Disability Discrimination Act have also been taken into consideration.
7. Officers have also been liaising with head teachers in an attempt to keep schools open during the polls. It is the head teacher's decision, after undertaking a risk assessment, as to whether the school should remain open or close. Those schools remaining open on Election Day are detailed in the **Appendix**.

Polling Places

8. The venues, in the main, mirror those used for the Parliamentary election in May last year but there are some minor changes suggested. The list in the **Appendix** also shows any changes since the Parliamentary Election in 2010.
9. Where changes are suggested, the electorate will be notified of the new venue as part of their pre-poll information (either on the Poll Card or by a separate leaflet notification). When changes have been suggested Ward Members have been consulted.
10. Darlington Association on Disability has also been consulted on the proposals and is in agreement with the suggested locations.

Conclusion

11. This report asks Members to approve the polling places for the local elections and the Referendum on the Voting System for UK Parliamentary Elections scheduled for 5th May, 2011.

APPENDIX

Ward	Polling District	Polling Station
Hummersknott	AA	*Carmel R.C College, (John Caden Hall), The Headlands, Darlington
	AB	*Carmel R.C. College, (John Caden Hall), The Headlands, Darlington
Mowden	BA	Mowden Infant School, Bushel Hill Drive, Darlington
	BB	Mowden Infant School, Bushel Hill Drive, Darlington
College	CA	Abbey Junior School, Abbey Road, Darlington
	CB	Arts Centre (Club Room), Vane Terrace, Darlington
	CC	Holy Trinity Youth and Community Centre, Pierremont Road, Darlington
Pierremont	DA	Willow Road Community Centre, Willow Road, Darlington
	DB	*Reid Street Primary School, Reid Street, Darlington
	DC	Willow Road Community Centre, Willow Road, Darlington
Cockerton West	EA/ ED	Mount Pleasant Sure Start Children's Centre, Newton Lane, Darlington
	EB	Branksome Community Association, Eggleston View, Darlington
	EC	Cockerton Library, Woodland Road, Darlington
Cockerton East	FA	Mobile Library, The Brinkburn Public House Car Park, Lady Kathryn Grove, Darlington
	FB	Darlington R.A. Athletic Club, (Snooker Room). Brinkburn Road, Darlington
	FC	Holy Family R.C. (Aided) Primary School, Prior Street, Darlington
Faverdale	GA	**Alderman Leach Primary School, Alderman Leach Drive, Darlington
	GB	**Alderman Leach Primary School, Alderman Leach Drive, Darlington
Harrowgate Hill	HA	Harrowgate CIU Ltd, Salters Lane North, Darlington DL1 3DT
	HB	Harrowgate Hill Methodist Church Hall, Lawson Street, Darlington
	HC	D.S.R.M. Social Club, Longfield Road, Darlington
	HD	Whessoe Village Hall, Harrowgate Village Darlington
North Road	JA	St. Thomas Aquinas Church Hall, North Road, Darlington
	JB	*Northwood Primary School, Pendleton Road South, Darlington
	JC	*Northwood Primary School, Pendleton Road South, Darlington
	JD	The Phoenix Centre, Eldon Street, Darlington
Houghton West	KA	St. Bede's R.C. Primary School, Kingsway, Darlington
	KB	Education Village, Salters Lane South, Darlington This is a new location as the former Springfield School site is no longer available.
Houghton North	LA	Whinfield Primary School, Augusta Close, Darlington

Ward	Polling District	Polling Station
	LB	Whinfield Primary School, Augusta Close, Darlington
Haughton East	MA	St. Anne's Church Hall, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington
	MB	Red Hall Community Association, Headingley Crescent, Darlington
Lingfield	NA	Eastbourne Sports Complex, Bourne Avenue, (Off Hundens Lane) Darlington
	NB	*Heathfield Primary School, The Broadway, Darlington
	NC	St Herbert's Church Hall, Yarm Road, Darlington
Central	OA	***Gurney Pease Primary School, Dodsworth Street, Darlington
	OB	*Borough Road Nursery School, Borough Road, Darlington
	OC	St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Larchfield Street, Darlington
Eastbourne	PA	St Teresa's R.C (Aided) Primary School, Harris Street, Darlington
	PB	Firthmoor and District Community Association, Burnside Road, Darlington
	PC	Community Centre, Pilmoor Green, Darlington
Lascelles	QA	*St. John's C.E. Primary School, Fenby Avenue, Darlington
	QB	New Dodmire Children's Centre, Rydal Road, Darlington (The new Children's Centre)
Bank Top	RA	New Dodmire Children's Centre, Rydal Road, Darlington (The new Children's Centre)
	RB	Community Centre in King William Street, Darlington
	RC	St Teresa's R.C (Aided) Primary School, Harris Street, Darlington
	RD	Community Centre in Wesley Street, Darlington
Park East	SA	Skerne Park Children's Centre, Coleridge Gardens, Darlington
	SB/SC	St. Columba's Church and the Clifton Centre, Clifton Avenue, Darlington
	SD	St Augustine's R C (Aided) Primary, Beechwood Avenue, Darlington
Park West	TA	Abbey Infants School, Cleveland Terrace, Darlington
	TB	All Saint's Millennium Centre, Ravensdale Road, Darlington
	TC	Elm Ridge Methodist Church Hall, Carmel Road South, Darlington
Northgate	UA	**Corporation Road Community Primary School, Corporation Road, Darlington
	UB	**Corporation Road Community Primary School, Corporation Road, Darlington
	UC	*Reid Street Primary School, Reid Street, Darlington
Hurworth	VA	Hurworth Primary School, Westfield Drive, Hurworth on Tees
	VB	Linden Court, Linden Drive, Hurworth Place
	VC	Elm Ridge Methodist Church Hall, Carmel Road South, Darlington

Ward	Polling District	Polling Station
	VD/ VE	The Reading Room, Neasham
Middleton St. George	WA	Middleton St. George Community Centre
	WB1	Middleton St. George Community Centre
	WB2	Middleton St. George Community Centre
Sadberge and Whessoe	XA/ XB/ XC	St Anne's Church Hall, Welbeck Avenue, Darlington
	XD	Village Hall, Brafferton
	XE/ XF	Village Hall, Sadberge
	XG/ XH	Village Hall, Great Stainton
	XJ	Village Hall, Bishopton
	XK/ XL	Whessoe Village Hall, Harrowgate Village, Darlington
Heighington and Coniscliffe	YA	Village Hall, Heighington
Heighington and Coniscliffe	YB/ YC/ YG/ YK	Walworth Castle Hotel, Walworth
Heighington and Coniscliffe	YD/ YE	Church Hall, High Coniscliffe
	YF	Piercebridge Hall, Piercebridge
	YH YJ	Village Hall, Summerhouse

* The School will remain open on polling day

** Part of the School will remain open on polling day

*** Nursery will close but School will remain open