

Timetable for Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

DATES	ACTION / EVENT
Thursday, 14th July 2022	Report to the Ordinary Meeting of the Council requesting endorsement of the process for the Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.
Monday, 18th July 2022	<p>Publication of Notice advising of commencement of Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations. The Notice will state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the local authority is conducting an Interim Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations; • That the Returning Officer will make comment on existing and proposed Polling Districts and Polling Places; • That electors within the local authority area, or the UK Parliamentary constituencies of Darlington and Sedgefield, may make a representation; • That the local authority would welcome any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to make representation or to comment on the authority’s existing proposals, the Returning Officer’s representation, or any other related matter; • That persons or bodies making representations should, if possible, suggest alternative places that may be used as Polling Places; • The postal address, e-mail address and website address at which documents can be inspected and representations made; and • An indication of the timetable of the Interim Review, and a deadline for representations. <p>The Notice will be displayed at the local authority’s office, in at least one conspicuous place within the authority, and placed on the Council’s website.</p>
Monday, 18th July 2022 to	<p>Consultation period on existing and pre-identified potential alternatives for Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations. Consultation should include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Officer; • MPs; • All Ward Councillors;

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parish Councils; • Darlington Association on Disability; • GOLD; • BME Community Groups; • Presiding Officers; • Head Teachers and School Governors; and • Polling Station Inspectors. <p>Consultation will invite consultees and Members of the Public to suggest alternative places that may be used as Polling Places.</p>
<p>Within 30 calendar days of the receipt (by Saturday, 13th August 2022)</p>	<p>Publish the Returning Officer’s comments on existing and pre-identified potential alternatives within 30 calendar days of receipt.</p>
<p>5pm, Friday, 2nd September 2022</p>	<p>Close of initial consultation period on existing and pre-identified potential alternatives for Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.</p>
<p>Monday, 5th September 2022 to Friday, 16th September 2022</p>	<p>Finalised proposals drafted taking into consideration premise inspections; consideration of any suggested alternative places submitted; the comments of the Returning Officer, etc.</p>
<p>Monday, 19th September 2022 to 5pm, Friday, 28th October 2022</p>	<p>Consultation period on finalised proposals for Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations. Consultation should again include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Returning Officer; • MPs; • All Ward Councillors; • Parish Councils; • Darlington Association on Disability; • GOLD; • BME Community Groups; • Presiding Officers; • Head Teachers and School Governors; and

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Polling Station Inspectors.
Friday, 28th October 2022	Close of Final Consultation Period
Monday, 31st October 2022 to Tuesday, 15th November 2022	Finalise proposals for Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations for submission to the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.
Thursday, 24th November 2022	Submission of Final Proposals to the Ordinary Meeting of the Council.