

Consultation Responses to Polling Arrangements for Sherwood Ward

Consultation Response	Returning Officer Response
<p>25/01/21 Councillor Hugo Pound</p> <p>Obviously, I agree that a polling station should be set up on Skinners' Kent Primary School as I initiated the proposal.</p> <p>I would also suggest that, as soon as possible, a similar analysis of the location of the polling station for Sherwood South be determined. A better location would be the VIth Form Study Centre at Skinners' Kent Academy on Sandown Park. This location would provide much easier, safer access, with ample parking in Blackhurst Lane, for all residents at the southern end of Sherwood Road, Sandhurst Road, Fairmile Road, Bracken Road, Bracken Close and the separate areas of Blackhurst Lane, Sandown Park and Pembury Road.</p> <p>Then the TN2 site can be used for the 'central belt' of Sherwood North. St Philip's Church would not be required so there will be no greater pull on resources or cost.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>27/01/21 Ms C Dear Sir / Madam</p> <p>As a resident of Knights Wood, I object to the school becoming a polling station.</p> <p>I don't think that the estate has adequate parking, and I think spaces will be mis-used.</p> <p>I also have concerns in the current situation with excess visitors into a school rather than the Sherwood community centre.</p>	<p>Thank you for your consultation response.</p> <p>We have assessed the parking arrangements at the school and feel confident that there will be enough provision for electors on polling days.</p> <p>One of the reasons for establishing a new polling station in the area is that it will be much closer to voters, enabling them to walk or cycle to their polling station and we know from previous</p>

	<p>experience that this is often a preferable method of accessing a polling station for voters.</p> <p>Whilst the current pandemic does place extra risk management requirements on all our polling stations, we do not anticipate this to be a continuing issue for future elections.</p>
<p>27/01/21 Dr B Dear Sir/Madan,</p> <p>I write to support the proposal to site a new polling station at Knights Park as a local Sherwood resident and past candidate for the ward. The new housing estate is a long way from TN2 and it would make more sense to have an extra polling station for Knights Park serving that area, which should help boost election turnout too.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>27/01/21 Councillor Justine Rutland</p> <p>I would like to support the proposed new polling station in Sherwood. Anything that makes it easier for residents to participate in the electoral process is very welcome.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>29/01/21 Mr and Ms E</p> <p>We are in support of this polling station in Skinners Kent Primary School in Knights Wood. We have been using Greggs Wood but parking there is very difficult and there are lots of stairs to go up and down which is difficult for us.</p> <p>We think the school's parking area on the Avenue is very suitable for voters to use to park safely for those who do not live in Knights Wood.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>29/01/21 Mrs C</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>

<p>As a resident of the Knightswood ward, my husband and i are both very much in favour of a new polling station being allowed at the Skinners Kent Primary School.</p>	
<p>29/01/21 M & M D</p> <p>That is an excellent choice from our point of view I would just like to make our representations that my wife and myself.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>29/01/21 Councillor Frank Williams</p> <p>Thank you for your email. I have nothing to add to my comments at the General Purposes Committee meeting, endorsing the proposal fully.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>30/01/21 Ms P</p> <p>To whom it may concern I would welcome a new polling station at Skinners' Kent Primary School.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>30/01/21 Mr C</p> <p>I think given the current situation with the school closures and covid19, and hopefully the reopening in March, this is a very bad time to consider any additional days closure for the children's education. Whilst in a few years' time this proposal may be more acceptable, right now it is potentially ill judged and lacks empathy to our children, and the number of days already missed. Please only move forward with this if you can guarantee the school won't be closed.</p>	<p>Thank you for your consultation response.</p> <p>We have been advised by the school that there would not be a need to close to accommodate and election.</p>

<p>My son is in the reception class of Skinners Kent Primary School.</p>	
<p>30/01/21 Mr S and Ms B</p> <p>Having read the consultation documents and as a resident on the Knights Wood estate (Herald Gardens) I think the new polling station at Skinners Primary School makes perfect sense, and would reduce the burden on the current Sherwood polling station. It seems daft that the growing number of Knights Wood residents would have to travel on polling day to a location that is not easily accessible, and would no doubt cause congestion issues in the area.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>30-01-21 Mrs M</p> <p>We the residents of 23 Golding road, Tunbridge wells, TN2 3FN, would be happy to back the proposal of new polling station at Skinners Kent Primary School ,The Avenue,Royal Tunbridge wells,Kent TN2 3GS.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>30-01-21 Mr and Mrs A</p> <p>I hope this email finds you well and that you and your family are staying safe during these difficult times. I would like to respond to a letter that stated about the proposal of a new polling station at the Sherwood Ward at : Skinners Kent Primary School, The Avenue, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN23GS. I think that this proposal is a great idea and that it is very accessible for all of the residents living in the Knightswood area. This is because, us residents can walk to the school to take part in elections, whereas if there is not a polling station at the school, we would have to go out of our living area to go and vote, which for some people is not good as they might not be able to drive, giving the only option for a bus, which would cost us money to go to</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>

<p>and from the nearest polling station if there is not one established at the school. Thank you for hearing my opinion on this, and i hope to hear the outcome of this very soon.</p>	
<p>31-01-21 A & P C We fully support a proposal for a new polling station for the Sherwood Ward to be positioned at Skinner's Kent Primary School, The Avenue, Tunbridge Wells.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>31-01-21 Mr W Excellent idea to use Skinners' Kent Primary School as a polling station for residents of Knightswood, it means less vehicle requirement as the majority of voters will be able to walk.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>01.02.21 Ms R Yes my partner and I would agree that there should be a new polling station in sherwood located in Knightswood</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>
<p>01/02/21 Mr C – Royal Tunbridge Wells and Area Access Group</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>

<p>NEW POLLING STATION IN SHERWOOD WARD (KNIGBHTS' WOOD)</p> <p>Firstly I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate you and your team on the attached consultation papers, including the photographs which provide an excellent illustration of the exterior and interior of the proposed polling station.</p> <p>POLLING STATION: One of my members did attend and was shown around the intended area and its facilities, which they considered to be excellent.</p> <p>CHANGE IN THE SIZE OF THE WARD: Clearly due to the increased building, part of the LDP, this exercise will be necessary throughout the parliamentary and local government electoral area as wards will need to be enlarged or altered. Our local member had no objections to the list of properties and streets being included within this new polling area or to the proposed changes in the size of the ward.</p> <p>Yours sincerely</p>	
<p>02.02.21 S D Thank you very much for your letter regarding the consultation for a new polling station at Skinners school TN2 3GS! I can confirm that I am against this proposal, as there is only one access road in & out of the development.I hope that this can be taken into consideration, please?</p>	<p>Thank you for your consultation response. We have assessed the polling station and feel that the access is suitable. We do not anticipate polling day generating large volumes of traffic, as it is within easy walking and cycling distance, and</p>

	we know this can often be the preferred method of travel for many voters.
<p>04/02/21 Joanne Gamage</p> <p>To whom this may concern,I would strongly support a new polling station at the above location. As our nearest polling station at the moment is out of the way for those who commute on the A21 & never has enough parking for those who vote after they come home from work. Sometime it is confusing that two different districts also vote in the same place, at the TN2 building.</p>	Noted, thank you.
<p>06/02/21 Mr H</p> <p>Knight's Park should have its own polling station but please don't use the school. Our children's education has been disrupted enough.</p>	<p>Thank you for your consultation response.</p> <p>We have been advised by the school that they would not need to close to accommodate polling days.</p>
<p>12/02/21 Mr N</p> <p>I have read the consultation documents on the above proposals and support the provision of an additional Polling Station at Skinners Kent Primary School, especially as I note that the School itself is in agreement. This will avoid the current, very circuitous route to the TN2 Centre.</p>	Noted, thank you.
<p>13/02/21 Ms J</p> <p>I think it would be a positive move to have a polling station for the residents of Knightswood at Skinners' Kent Primary rather than forcing residents to either get in their cars or walk through the woods to the polling station at Greggswood as I did at the last General Election.</p>	Noted, thank you.
<p>16/2/2021 Mr G</p> <p>I have received a letter asking for feedback on the proposed Knights Wood polling station at Skinner's Kent Primary School.</p>	Thank you for your consultation response.

<p>I am in favour of the proposal, however on polling day there would be to be continuous traffic and parking enforcement on The Avenue, as there is only one road entrance to Knights Wood for the 1600 residents. We find that those travelling to the primary school for events such as school fairs often park on the double yellows line on The Avenue opposite the school and at the bus stop. This has caused issues previously where emergency vehicles such as ambulances and fire engines have not been able to pass. The other alternative is not to issue polling cards for this proposed location to non-Knights Wood residents to avoid the need for anyone to travel by car to the proposed polling station.</p>	<p>We have assessed the polling station and do not anticipate an issue with large volumes of traffic to the site.</p> <p>One of the reasons for establishing this polling station is that it is much closer to residents, enabling them to walk or cycle to their polling station. Voters are also able to access the polling station from 7am until 10pm, which should help to spread out any traffic throughout the day.</p> <p>The list of roads allocated to this polling station is available at appendix F to this report. All of the roads are on the Knights Wood estate.</p> <p>However, we note the concerns around parking on double yellow lines near the school and will monitor the issue going forwards.</p>
<p>17/02/21 Mr S Appreciate this email comes a day late but Tunbridge Wells Labour Party would like to add its voice of support for this proposal for a polling station at Knights Wood. A polling station is needed to serve this community as a polling station located 2 miles away is unacceptable.</p>	<p>Noted, thank you.</p>