Merton Council Standards and General Purposes Committee

7 November 2019 Supplementary Agenda 1

8 Review of Polling Places 1 - 2
(Enclosure 10 – Consultation Responses)



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_	Current polling place - 1 2019 polling place	polling station - Step free access	satisfaction with polling station - Parking	station - Public transpo links	rt polling station - Location	Current polling place - 3 Currentpollingplacecomments	Alternative venues for polling place 4 alternativevenueyesomo	s - Alternative venues for polling places - 5 alternativeaddress		Alternative venues for polling places - 6 Alternative type	Alternative venues for polling places - 7 Alternative owner		alternative	suitable - public transport links	accessible for	Alternative venues for polling places - 9 alternative other comments
	6165620 Pollards Hill Horizon	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Its great, because a school wasn't closed	lung.	NOT a SCHOOL Mitcham CR0 0AA	NOT A SCHOOL	other	N/s	step free access	parking	public transport	is accessible for	Do not close schools for elections
-	6165639 Endeavour Centre	Very satisfied	Dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Narrow entrance for wheelchair users when there are chairs in hallway	yes	Residents Centre Ashridge Way Morden SM4 4DG	NOT A SCHOOL	community building	Don't know	step free access	parking	illiks	disabled voters	BO HOL Close schools for elections
	6165724 Holy Trinity school	Very satisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or	Very satisfied		no									
-	6165728 Garfield Primary School on Garfield Road	Very satisfied Very satisfied	dissatisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	dissatisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied	V	no									
=	6165785 Emmanuel church stonecot hill 6165791 Moat Homes Ltd Montgomery Close	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied Satisfied	Very suitable venue and position	no									
				Neither satisfied or		Polling location is good except for the disruption it causes to those, including myself who are also parents of a child attending Hillcross School. An alternative to closing the entire school for each election, of which there have been numerous, and there are likely to be		Central Ward Residents Club Ashridge Way Morden SM-						public transport	is accessible for	This location is local to the current polling station (Hillcross Primary) and as
-	6165827 Hillcross Primary School	Very satisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or	dissatisfied Neither satisfied or	Very dissatisfied	more over the coming months.	yes	4ED Club on Trinity Road: would be good to use this instead of Holy Trinity Echael Alternatively, the Wimbledon	One is a club one a cafe	community building	Central Ward Residents Club	step free access	parking	links	is accessible for	a public venue must already comply with accessibility requirements.
-	6165871 Kohat Road church	Don't know	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Great that a church is used rather than a school as doesn't interfere with kids' education or make problems for working parents.	yes	of Holy Trinity School. Alternatively, the Wimbledon SW19 8LX	and one a church	other	You should be able to find out!	step free access	parking	links	disabled voters	Because it isn't a school and could be easily open all day
_	6165905 Links primary school	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	The polling station is also my child's school . As a working parent it is hugely inconvenient for the school to be closed , plus it is detrimental to my child's education . The European elections were particularly awkward as we had so little notice	yes	North east Mitcham community association Woodland way Mitcham CR4 2BF		community building	Community centre / council	step free access	parking	public transport links	is accessible for disabled voters	
	6166084 Hillcross Primary school	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	Very dissatisfied	Facilities are fine but no need to use a school	VPS	Central ward residents club Ashridge way Morden SM4 4FD		community building	linknown	step free access	narking	public transport	is accessible for disabled voters	As a public building it must already comply with access requirements. But as a member of the public - how would I know!
_	Time of Time o	Satisfica	Satisfied	Susmed	Tery dissensates	School is forced to close for day - even though the hall can be shut off from rest of school - safeguarding children/staff and maintaining	,,,			community contains	Vision Verri	Step nee deess	parking	public transport		as a member of the paster from wood I know.
-	6166366 Trinity ward - holy Trinity school	Very satisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	voting procedures still possible Easy access never too busy and works excellently. Local and easy location encourages voting. If have to travel far to polling station may	yes	Polka theatre 240 The broadway Wimbledon SW19 1SB		community building	Polka theatre	step free access		links	disabled voters	Public area
	6166369 St Mark's Church Halll Compton Road SW19	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	dissatisfied Dissatisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	put some voters off. No bike parking at Holy Cross Church Hall so have to get party workers to look after my bike when I vote. Otherwise a very convenient	no									
	6166431 Holy Cross Hall, Adela Avenue 6166945 St. Barnabas Church, Thirsk Road, Mitcham, CR4 2BD	Very satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied	no no	no									
	6167085 John nines park cricket pavilion.	Very satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied											
f	6167176 Cottenham park	Very satisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Neither satisfied or	Very satisfied	This location is very good for me. I literally walk passed it on my way to work so I'm always able to go in either on the way out or on my	no									
	6167178 Gorringe Park Primary School	Very satisfied	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	way home.	no						1			
	6167712 All Saints Church, Norman Road, South Wimbledon 6168274 St matthews school, cottenham park rd	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied Satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	I'm always surprised how many polling stations there are in the area. Do there need to be so many?	no no									
_	Ashridge way endeavour youth club 5 minute walk from hillcross Primary 6168647 school and the youth club is never packed on polling day!	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	No comments other than this polling station should be used for those using hillcross Primary school, I am a parent there and in this day and age a school should not be closed which is stopping children from learning!	yes	Central ward Ashridge club Ashridge way Monden SM4 4EL		community building	If the central ward club can not be used instead of the school then the new gates which shuts of the school off from the public in the day then the front of the school could still be used so we can leave the school open for puplis. The before and after school club could also be used and instead of shutting the whole school it would mean just the before and after school building which is not attached to the school could be closed. We have to stop shutting our school public public in the school could be closed. We have to stop shutting our school public publ	step free access	parking	public transport		It is better than shutting our local school! Or voters could walk and extra 5 minutes to the endeavour club!
		Manual diametralia d	Many diametric Park	Manual disease and	Many disputished	This is my children's school and it is so appalling that the borough is unable to use other locations for polling which will not disrupt the										
=	6168652 Hillcross Primary School Morden 6168664 None	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Satisfied Satisfied	children's learning and cost us as working parents extra for childcare. Very very upsetting.	no									
Page	6168666 Hillicross Primary School 6168668 Hillicross Primary school	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Whilst this is my polling station it is also my son's school. The fact that the whole school is forced to close for the day each time the hall is required for polling is ludicrous. In recent times the school was closed twice in a month for polling IT his sends completely the wrong message about the importance of school attendance. As an immediately local alternative i would propose the residents close located opposet the school's Ahrlidge gate. In no local attendance has be found a propose the local authority supports the school financially to make arrangements that would enable the school to fully or partially open (e.g. using the building nearest the Althridge gate which is only used for breakfast and after school club and securing the remainder of the set from public access.) It is my child's school and while it's very convenient for voting, it's is hugely inconvenient because I had to take a day off work (loce a day's leave) to lock after him.	yes	Cental Ward Residents Club 35 Ashridge Way Morden SM4 4ED	Residents Club	other	Unknown		parking	public transport links	is accessible for disabled voters	Good replacement for Hillcross Primary School
ወ	6168674 Hillcross school 6168718 Eastway Day Centre	Very satisfied Satisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied Satisfied		no ves									
	6168761 Dundonald Road Primary School	Very satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very satisfied		no									
_						I don't think this should be used as a polling station every time and it should rotate around the schools or other venues should be										It is not compromising the children's education every time there is a voting day and is not discriminating against working parents who then have to
-	6168785 Hillcross primary school 6168904 vv	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Satisfied	sourced. It is hypocritical that the local authority think it is ok to keep closing the school for voting every time so my children's education loses out.	yes	Meditation Centre 1a Ashridge way Morden SM4 4EF		community building	Community centre	step free access	parking	links	is accessible for disabled voters	take a day off and have loss of earnings for that day just because the whole school has to close to be a voting station.
_	6169128 Holy Cross Church	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	It can take a while for the polling officers to get used to finding people on the voters list despite people having their poling cards with them showing their number.	no	Seaforth avenue Lighthouse church New malden KT3 6J	R							
	6169382 Martin Way, Endeavour Youth Club 6169495 St marys church hall, Merton park	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Don't know Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Couldn't be much more convenient to my home I'm happy with the currrent choice.	no no									
	6169569 Hillcross primary	Very dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Not suitable. Kadampa meditation centre far more suitable	ves	1a Ashridge Way Mirden London SM4 4EF		community building	Merton council	step free access	parking	public transport		Suitable size. Registered as a potential polling station. Local to the Hillcross school site. Far less disruption to school days
					Neither satisfied											
_	6169879 Taunton Ave 6169909 Hillcross School 6170284 Sutton library	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Don't know Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied Very satisfied	or dissatisfied Very satisfied Very satisfied	yes. It is easy for me to get to as I have mobility issues	no no									
=	6170345 Eastway	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	No	no									
-	6170346 Hillcross Primary School	Satisfied	Don't know	Satisfied	Very dissatisfied	This is my children's school and they missed out on two days of school last year which a) is pretty hypocritical given if if it aleen them out for two days just because it was convenient for me your rules say I could have been fined upwards of £500 in totall 8) no other school locally was losing days, my neighbous kids jos no polar and they did not get used as a poling station. C) this caused problems for me childrare-wise. D) it's an incredibly quiet polling station, I could practically run it from My living room. Please don't make schools polling stations. Use places like churches or even garden centres or whatever.	yes	Martin Way methodist church Buckleigh Avenue Morde SW20 9JZ	n	church hall	Church. If you can get to Hillcross school you can get to this church. It has a big hall and the church itself and an additional smaller room.	step free access	parking	public transport links	is accessible for disabled voters	Just as close as the school. Large hall. Better for public transport as right next to bus stops.
-	6170348 Hillcross School	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Yes, it is unsuitable because of the disruption to school. I am a local parent of 2 children at the school and find it appalling that the meed to use 1 connectation user 1 connectations of the whole school and disruption to all the children and families who have to displain a families who have to displain and its mattive childrene or take days of work. There are many alternatives - The Central Ward Residents Club, The Coppe Children centre (a part of Hillicross school if it didn't involved closing the whole thing), the Churches / Church halls on Martin Way, a portacabin on the grass by the road on Woodland Way / Ashridge Way or Hillicross Avenue.	yes	Between 55 and 57 Ashridge Way Buckleigh Avenue Morden 5M4 4ED		community building	Residents Members Club	step free access	parking	public transport links	is accessible for disabled voters	Will not disrupt 600 pupils and families just for the use of one room.
_	6170356 Hillcross Primary School	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	This is a primary school where children and families can be fined for not attending a school day, yet the inconvenience caused by the closure of this school in necent years by the various elections seems never to be taken into consideration. It interrupts the childrens learning, impact no the teachers titendable and what they are expected to deliber each and every day for the children, as well as government expectations. And then additional costs to families due to additional childcare needs that arise. A church, community hall or other should now be the revised pointing station for this area/community.	yes	Martin Way Methodist Church Buckleigh Avenue Morden SW20 91Z		church	Uncertain. There are other churches and venues that should be considered for these events, including the main council building in the centre of Morden. Is there not a meeting room there?	step free access	parking	public transport links		It ticks all of the above and remains very local to the area so will not impact on number of voters - may improve numbers?
_	6170365 Online	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	Very dissatisfied	I am not happy when school needs to be closed to be used as polling station.	no						1			
	6170372 Hillcross primary school	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	I think it's not ideal to close a school for polling day. The parents of the pupils find this very hard to arrange childcare. Surely a church/church hall would be much more suitable. The parking around the school is terrible as well so it's not easy for people to get to.	no									
	6170843 Hillcross	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Na	yes	9 cannon hill lane Merton KT66LL		church hall	Shshs		parking			Haha
	6171014 Hillicross Primary School 6171062 Eastways Day Centre, Morden	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Satisfied	Neither satisfied or dissatisfied Satisfied	Very dissatisfied Very satisfied	As a parent of children attending this school, I wish the council to find an alternative venue to be used instead of the school. This is because of the disruption to working families and the children since the school has been closed on 2 separate days so far in 2019, these were due to European elections and a local ward councillor by election, and the school may be start for a third day in 2019 if a general election is called. Multiple closure days have also occurred in previous years. It doesn't make sense to keep using this school in particular when many others are not affected at all. Can the council consider an alternative evenue, or consider re-defining the polling ward/district accordingly to redistribute the current allocation of voters to other polling station locations? For example: the Central Ward Residents Uson Ankring Way and the Day Centro on The Green in SMA. I walk to this polling station and it's very convenient, so the parking and public transport links are less relevant but 'm aware they are available and seems sufficient.	yes no	Central Ward Residents Club Between 55 & 57 Ashridge Way Monden SMA 4ED	Social and Sports club	other	Central Ward Residents Club		parking	public transport links		This senue is opposite the school and therefore makes a logical substitute with similar location, parking, and public transport links. This venue was reviewed and rejected by the council after a previous review, I believe due to issues of stape free cezes and lighting. This was serveral years ago and the venue should be reviewed again and issues discussed with the venue consider updating facilities for health and safety/equality compliance or using any necessary measures temporarily in order for the venue to be suitable for use as a polling station.
																My children go to hillcross primary school and it is very disruptive to have
								Central Ward Residents Club 55 Ashridge Way Morden						public transport	is accessible for	the school used as a polling station. They are missing days of school and working parents have to either take leave or pay for childcare on these days. Would be preferable to find somewhere else local, like the Central
-	6171078 Hillcross primary school	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied		yes	SM4 4BE		community building	Unsure	step free access	parking	links	disabled voters	Ward residents club across the road
_	6171171 Hillcross Primary 6171308 Holy Cross church	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Don't know Satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Given people work or have school runs, it would be preferable to remain at the school or very close by.	no		+				1	+	+	

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6171486 Link didnt work to the msp but used the Church on Crown Lane	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Good location	no								
		Neither satisfied or	Neither satisfied or											
6171529 Taunton Avenue Sports Ground Raynes Park	Satisfied	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	Satisfied	Better directional signage needed from Taunton Avenue, other than that perfectly happy.	no								
		Neither satisfied or	Neither satisfied or											
6171536 Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Edge Hill, London, SW19 4LP	Don't know	dissatisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied		no								
					It's a primary school. As a parent I would rather the school stays open and the polling station is moved to the nearby British Legion Hal	II .	British Legion Hall, 33 Newminister Road morden SM4					public transport		
6171551 Postal vote. My nearest polling station is Malmesbury primary school.	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	Don't know	just across the road.	yes	6HJ		community building	British Legion	step free access parking	links	disabled voters	Just in front of the present polling station. Accessible.
										I don't know but I think rather than use schools and not allow children to g				
	Neither satisfied or									to school for the day and parents to find alternative child care then use any	-			It would mean children can go to school on that day rather than the
6171563 Malmesbury school	dissatisfied	Very dissatisfied	Don't know	Very dissatisfied	I think it is disgusting that you use schools as a polling station	yes	St. Peter church Morden SM4 6BH		church	church/church hall.	parking	links	disabled voters	borough be off for a day
					I do think you should be looking at alternatives for polling stations and not using schools as we as parents are always being told every									
		Neither satisfied or			day matters. It is an incredible inconvenience to alot of parents and loses every child a day of learning when there are so mant other									
6171567 Malmesbury school	Very satisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	alernative buildings within the borough	no								
6171569 St Mary's church hall Merton SW19 3HJ	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Nice space with great facilities should they be needed	no								
6171591 Hall in Lower Morden Lane.	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied		no								
		Neither satisfied or					Central Ward Residents Club Between 55 & 57 Ashridge	Residents Members				public transport		
6171597 Endeavour Club	Very satisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied		ves	Way Morden SM4 4ED	Club	other	Central Ward Residents Club	step free access parking	links		
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					There is a planning application to redevelop the church. It may be unavailable for a period of time. Do you have a contingency in place	2								
6171608 Dundonald Church	Very satisfied	Very dissatisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	This should not be a school if alternative locations are available.	no								
6171610 Didn't vote but have previously used malsmbury school	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Satisfied	It's a school surely there are other options	ves								
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			Neither satisfied or	Neither caticfied	Would be better if it was in a venue other than a school necessitating children to have a forced day off and the ramifications for their							public transport	is accessible for	
6171613 Abbotsbury Primary School	Satisfied	Dissatisfied	dissatisfied		education, parents childcare provision etc	was	Farm Road Pavilion Morden SM4 6OW		community building	Don't know but think it's the local authority	step free access parking			Not a primary school
6171615 Hillcross primarily school	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	Dissatisfied	It's primarily school and it should be open for children	00	Turn node i dvilor morech sin v occiv		Commonty conting	DOIL CRIDE OUT THINK IT STILL TOCK DUCTIONLY	Step nee decess parking	illing.	disabica voters	Not a primary school
6171618 St Mary's Church Hall Merton Park	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	It's excellent	00						_		
0171018 3t Wally 3 Church Hall Metton Park	very satisfied	very satisfied	very satisfied	very satisfied	It's excellent	lio						_		
6171619 Abbotsbury Road, School	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	It is the ideal location. Schools are the ideal location for polling stations and should be kept as such as they have been for years.									
6171624 Lower Morden lane. Assembly Rooms	Don't know	Satisfied	Satisfied	Very satisfied	Seems an ideal venue.	00						_		
0171024 Lower Worden lane. Assembly Rooms	DOILEKIOW	Neither satisfied or	Jausiieu	very satisfied	Seems an ideal veride.	lio						_		
6171628 Morden Baptist Church	Very satisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied										
6171640 South mitcham community centre	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied Very satisfied	Very satisfied										
6171040 South mitcham community centre	very satisfied	very satisfied	very satisfied	very satisfied		no								
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					It serves its purpose, although this land has been earmarked as residential development. With this in mind a small Community space					L				Not a school so doesn't add to the 3000+ children denied education,
		Satisfied			should be included to be used as a polling station. Alternatively the hidden Scout hut at the end of Connaught Gardens could be used	"	British Legion Hall, 33 Newminister Road Morden SM4			Road 2 success (Vocational Training that allows their Croydon centre as a	1	public transport		teachers unable to teach, parents won't have to take day off work or
6171735 Portacabin, Gifford House (SLLP), St Helier Avenue, Morden	Very satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	Satisfied	enough signage put up to help residents locate it.	yes	IPHI		community building	polling station too)	step free access parking	links	disabled voters	child care
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		Neither satisfied or					Cricket Pavilion, John Innes Recreation Ground Cannon					public transport		
6171763 St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Path, London, SW19 3HJ	Very satisfied	dissatisfied	Very satisfied	Very satisfied	No.	lves	Hill Lane, London SW20 9ES	1	community building	I assume Merton Council		links	disabled voters	This is a polling station, closer to my house than the one I vote at.