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Subject: Review of polling station

I would like to highlight one of the Haverhill East Polling stations and the very low turnout of 11% at the New Croft compared to the other Haverhill East Polling Station at the Community Centre Strasbourg Square, at the last local West Suffolk District Council election in May 2023.

One of the candidates reminded the New Croft owners to turn off the car number plate recognition cameras so that people can vote without being fined just before the election took place, many people know about the number plate recognition cameras, but didn't know they would be turned off.

The New Croft is a busy venue and parking was at a premium especially in the evening when I went to the Polling Station.

I feel Samuel Ward Academy with good car parking would be a better venue, but a little further away from the Chalkstone and Bird Estate's voters.

Kind regards

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