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Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 5:59 PM
To: elections <elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Westgate

Dear Ben,

Have you tried the Westgate Primary School and if that's not possible. Then I believe we should go for the second booth at West End Home Guard Club.

Kind regards,

John.

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From: elections <elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, November 7, 2023 9:28 AM
To: Augustine, John <John.Augustine@westsuffolk.gov.uk>; Rout, Richard <Richard.Rout@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places - Westgate

Dear Cllr Augustine and Cllr Rout,

Further to my previous email regarding the polling place review, I am contacting you regarding the polling arrangements for Bury St Edmunds (Westgate 1) polling districts as they are likely to change as part of this review due to the closure of the Horringer Court Middle School.

We have undertaken a desktop assessment of the polling district and contacted two potential alternatives for polling. We contacted the Bannatyne Spa and they advised that a suitable space was not available for hire. We also contacted Glastonbury Court and they do not believe that it is suitable for polling due to car parking. We have followed up on this and requested a site meeting to discuss further and await a response.

If a suitable venue cannot be identified, then it is proposed that we have a second polling station at the West End Home Guard Club and we would welcome your feedback regarding this proposal. If it assists, a map of the Westgate ward, with the current polling district boundaries and polling stations identified, can be viewed here: [Map of Westgate ward with polling districts and polling stations \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk)

If there are any suggestions as to alternative locations where a polling station could be held in this part of Bury St Edmunds, then we would be pleased to receive details so that we could investigate this further. Your local knowledge and input with this process is very much appreciated and if you would like to discuss or suggest solutions then I would be happy to have a telephone call, teams discussion or meeting in person. I or a person from the team would also be willing to meet at an alternative facility if appropriate.

When making comments or suggesting alternative venues, please consider that whatever arrangements we make, they should be accessible to disabled electors and provide reasonable facilities both for electors and polling staff.

The revised polling arrangements will be considered at the meeting of West Suffolk Council on 19 December 2023.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me by email to elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk or telephone 01284 757101.

Kind regards

Ben

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