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**To:** Smith, Ben <Ben.Smith@westsuffolk.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** Re: Polling Place Review - Denham

Dear Sirs,

Please note that Kat Bowe resigned in the Summer of 2023 and we have a new Clerk (details below).

Whilst we appreciate that the deadline for responses has passed we would like to record our objections to the closure of Denham Polling Station.

We strongly object to the proposal to stop using St Mary's Church in Denham as a Polling Station and instead for Denham residents to in future use the Barrow Polling station for the following reasons:-

- Denham is a separate Village and a separate Parish from Barrow and therefore deserves it's own Polling Station
- St Marys' works perfectly well as a Polling Station. Denham has had the same Electoral Officers for a number of years and they repeatedly have told the Denham residents that they really enjoy presiding over St Mary's as it's such a unique Polling Station with a very high voter turnout
- The Denham Polling station always has a very high electoral voter turnout. This is due to the fact that it is very convenient for Denham Residents as it's in the very centre of the village. The Barrow Polling station is over 1.5 miles from the furthest Denham residences and there are no street lights or footpaths between Denham and Barrow. Therefore there would be some road hazard danger of Denham residents without there own transport having to walk to the Barrow Polling Station
- There is heating and lighting in St Mary's Church and although there is no toilet facilities, the Porta Loo provided serves adequately
- There is a disabled ramp that is used for any disabled voters. This is the same ramp that works perfectly well for disabled people attending Church Services at St Mary's

Overall we feel that withdrawing the Denham Polling station would very negatively affect Denham residents opportunities to express their democratic rights.

Yours sincerely

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