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Sent: 06 January 2023 09:39
To: Smith, Ben <Ben.Smith@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Interim Polling Place review - Ampton

Hi Ben,

Indeed there is very little in Ampton, Timworth and Little Livermere. My natural response for polling in these villages would be Gt. Livermere Village Hall as the more naturally associated village. Gt. Livermere also lies within the Pakenham Ward of these villages, whereas Ingham does not.

For these reasons, it would make sense to use Gt. Livermere Village Hall for Ampton, Timworth and Little Livermere.

Happy to chat through anything if that helps.

Best regards,
Simon

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From: Smith, Ben <Ben.Smith@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Sent: 19 December 2022 15:56
To: Brown, Simon <Simon.Brown@westsuffolk.gov.uk>
Subject: Interim Polling Place review - Ampton

Dear Cllr Brown,

I hope this email finds you well. As you know, we have recently undertaken an audit of all polling stations and at the Council meeting last Tuesday it was agreed that an interim review of polling places would be carried out for polling stations that do not provide electors with reasonable facilities for voting or are not accessible to electors who are disabled. Polling stations that are not available for the elections on 4 May

2023 are also included as part of this review. See item 10 of the agenda: [Agenda for Council on Tuesday 13 December 2022, 7.00 pm \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Agenda-for-Council-on-Tuesday-13-December-2022-7.00-pm)

With regard to the Ampton polling place, in Ampton, Little Livemere and Timworth parish, the feedback from the audit and site visit was that the Ampton Social Village social club is not used regularly and therefore neglected. It is not accessible due to the condition of the pathway to the building and external and internal steps. The building clerk advised that there are no plans to make the building accessible. We do not believe that an alternative facility is available in the village. It is therefore recommended that we combine with a polling station in a neighbouring polling district (Ingham). This will future-proof our polling arrangements and provide better accessibility for all electors.

We would welcome your feedback regarding this proposal and if there are any suggestions as to alternative locations where a polling station could be held in Ampton, then we would be pleased to receive details so that we could investigate this further.

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 deadline for responses to the consultation is Friday 27 January 2023 and the revised polling arrangements will be published on 10 February 2023. We will notify you of the outcome.

Comments and representations can be submitted in the following ways:

Email: elections@westsuffolk.gov.uk

Post: Electoral Services, West Suffolk Council, Western Way, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU

We have asked the parish for their views (by letter as we do not hold an email) and asked that they assist with publicising the review so that residents may make representations and suggest alternative venues too. Details of the review can be found on our website, see here: [Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2022 \(westsuffolk.gov.uk\)](https://www.westsuffolk.gov.uk/Review-of-Polling-Districts-and-Polling-Places-2022)

We will also share details of the review on our social media pages, sharing to local community pages where available.

Your local knowledge and input with this process will be gratefully received and if you would like to discuss or suggest solutions then I'm available and 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.

Kind regards

Ben

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