

## **Representations from Westley residents – names and addresses redacted**

Dear Sirs

I am writing regarding the proposal to discontinue use of the Westley Club as a polling station for the village of Westley.

I support the case put by Westley Parish Council, in particular the following points:

- the fact that the proposed alternative is not in the electoral district
- the distance and access to the proposed alternative.

I have lived in the village for many years and value the opportunity to vote in the village. It's an important part of the community.

I support the Parish Council's plan to provide disabled access to the Club, which although not apparently an issue previously, is a welcome move forward.

Yours faithfully

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I am writing to you with an objection to the proposed change of the above and fully support the Westley Parish Council reasons as stated in their letter to you.

This proposed change could result in a significant reduction to the total number of votes cast within the Westley Parish for any future election which could be detrimental to candidates. I therefore request that this proposal is reconsidered again for a legally democratic process.

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As relatively new residents of Westley Village, we are writing in support of the Parish Council's objection to the proposed closure of Westley Club as a polling station for local and parliamentary elections.

Our understanding is that should this proposal be adopted, local villagers would be obliged to either drive, or walk a distance of up to a mile to register their vote at Westbury. This would inevitably reduce the numbers of votes cast at each election.

We believe that a principal reason for the proposal is that there are no disabled facilities at Westley. We also understand that an offer has been made to hold discussions between the Club and parish Council to rectify this position, and to explore the possible funding opportunities.

We are convinced that the local polling station should be retained at the club, and we fully support the objections expressed by the Parish Council.

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I am writing to support Westley Parish council in their opposition to the closure of Westley club as a polling station. This venue has been tried and tested for at least as long as we have lived here over (38 years) anyone needing any help to get there receives help. Moving the venue can only result in far fewer people attending.

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FAO: Electoral Services

W-WES - Westley

I do not agree that the residents of Westley Village should be asked to travel to a neighbouring polling district and station at Bury St Edmunds - Minden (Westbury) to take part in future elections. I support the details submitted by Westley Parish Council.

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At present my wife and I, residents of Westley, Suffolk are able to vote at the local Westley Club, which doubles as a polling station when required. If this facility were to be withdrawn we would be disenfranchised since my wife no longer drives and presumably I will be in the same position in the not too distant future.

Regards

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We write in support of Westley Parish Council in that we object to the proposal to move our polling station to Westbury. The current location in the Westley Club is central in the village and is easily reached by foot in all weathers and any light. Getting to Westbury polling station from Westley involves a trek across the field, not a good proposition in poor weather or in darkness. The public footpath is quite unsuitable for disabled access and there is no street lighting. If the process of polling is made difficult people will be deterred and turnout will be reduced. The alternative to walking is a car drive which should be discouraged.

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I see no reason why the current use of Westley village club cannot continue. It is easily accessible to all constituents and disabled access can be arranged if required.

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