

Cannock Chase Constituency Review of Parliamentary Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations, 2019

(Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act, 1983; and Electoral Administration Act, 2006, as amended by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act, 2013)

Interim Report of the (Acting) Returning Officer for the Cannock Chase Parliamentary Constituency

The (Acting) Returning Officer for the Cannock Chase Parliamentary Constituency and the Cannock Chase District Council has undertaken a review in accordance with the above legislation. This has included consultation with, amongst others: elected representatives; disability groups; other stakeholders; polling station staff at elections; and members of the public. Comments received have been considered by the (Acting) Returning Officer and his initial recommendations, taking account of all circumstances, are detailed below.

Whilst every effort is made to ensure that polling stations are accessible and convenient to all electors; unfortunately, premises that are entirely suitable in every regard are not always available in the required area, and a location that is 'generally satisfactory' may need to suffice instead. Nonetheless, the situation is monitored on an ongoing basis and, in the event that better alternative facilities become available, the Returning Officer will consider and determine their suitability for future use. **Any comments on the initial recommendations should be submitted to: Polling Review, Electoral Services, Cannock Chase District Council, Civic Centre, Beecroft Road, Cannock WS11 1BG or by email to: ElectionsOffice@cannockchasedc.gov.uk by 15 November, 2019.**

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AG1	1	Rugeley Leisure Centre, Burnthill Lane, Rugeley WS15 2HZ	3 positive comments received. Polling station considered easy to find and facilities, access etc. good.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
AG2	2, 3	Pear Tree W.M.C., Concert Room, Hardie Avenue, Rugeley WS15 1NT	40 positive comments received. Polling station considered easy to find and facilities, access etc. good.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
AG3	4	Chase View C P School, Hillary Crest, Rugeley WS15 1NE	11 generally positive comments received. Polling station considered easy to find. Some concerns about access to (i) car park; (ii) room used as polling station.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements but approach school about raising car park barrier and availability of more accessible room.
BR1	5, 6	Redbrook Hayes School, Talbot Road, Brereton, Rugeley WS15 2YP	27 positive comments received. Polling station considered easy to find and facilities, access etc. good. However, 6 of these also suggested moving in order to not disrupt school.	Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Hall Brereton Library	Investigate practicality of alternatives
BR3	7	Hob Hill School, Armitage Lane, Brereton, Rugeley WS15 1ED	29 positive comments received; 1 negative (not explained). Polling station considered easy to find and facilities, access etc. good. 1 suggestion that polling station be moved in order to not disrupt school.	Brereton & Ravenhill Parish Hall.	Investigate practicality of alternatives

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BR4	8	St Joseph's School, Newman Grove, Rugeley WS15 1BN	19 positive comments received. Polling station considered easy to find and facilities, access etc. good. Various alternatives suggested in order to not disrupt school.	Brereton Community Hub B&R Parish Hall Brereton Town FC Redbrook Park Community Centre 'Portable on a green area' Wharf Road Judo Club	Investigate practicality of alternatives
BR5	9	Brereton Community Hub, Armitage Road, Brereton, Rugeley WS15 1DF	10 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CE1	10	Cannock Community Fire Station, Old Hednesford Road, Cannock WS11 6LD	12 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CE2	11, 12	Chadsmoor J M School, Burns Street, Chadsmoor, Cannock WS11 6DR	59 positive comments received; 1 partially negative (not convenient to elector if they didn't have transport). Polling station otherwise considered convenient and easy to find. 1 suggestion that polling station be moved in order to not disrupt school.	Coniston Hall Cannock Chase High Chadsmoor Prog WMC (from Cllr.) Chadsmoor Baptist Church Hall (from Cllr.)	Investigate practicality of alternatives
CE3 CE4	13 14	St Chad's Church Hall, Cannock Road, Chadsmoor, Cannock WS11 5TA	12 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CE5	15	Highfields Centre, 21 Smalley Close, Hightown, Cannock WS11 5TY	30 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CN1	16	Bevan Lee Community Centre, 28 Bevan Lee Road, Cannock WS11 4PS	8 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CN2	17, 18	St. Aidan's Church Hall, Albert Street, Cannock WS11 5JA	30 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CN3	19, 20	Moorhill C.P. School, Moorland Road, Cannock WS11 4NX	40 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. School Manager would like us to find somewhere else.	Chase Baptist Church (also suggested by 2 Cllrs) School Mgr suggested consideration of: 'portable classroom' Festival Stadium St. Josephs Church	Investigate practicality of alternatives
CN4	21	West Chadsmoor Family Centre, 98-100 Princess St., Chadsmoor, Cannock WS11 5JT	5 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements

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CS1 CS2	22	Bridgtown Primary School, North Street, Bridgtown, Cannock WS11 0AZ	3 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CS3	23, 24	Longford Primary School, Ascot Drive, Cannock WS11 1PD	40 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	St. Stephen's Church	Investigate practicality of alternatives
CS4	25	St. Barnabas Church Hall, Mosswood Street, Cannock WS11 0AT	27 generally positive comments received (1 person said it is 'quite a way' from their house and they 'can never find it' but otherwise good).. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CS5	26	Salvation Army Hall, Walhouse Street, Cannock WS11 0DY	4 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CW1	27	St.Stephen's Church Hall, Bideford Way, Cannock WS11 1QD	11 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CW2	28	Meeting Room, Cannock Park Golf Club, Rear of Chase Leisure Centre, Stafford Road, Cannock WS11 2AL	No comments received.	N/A	Maintain current arrangements
CW3	29, 30	St. Luke's Primary School, New Penkridge Road, Cannock WS11 1HN	49 positive comments received; 1 partially negative (individual finds stairs difficult). Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. Headmaster would like us to find somewhere else.	St. Lukes Church Hall Cannock Library Church of JC of Latter Day Saints (Head's suggestion)	Investigate practicality of alternatives
CW4	31	Cannock Chase High School, Hednesford Road, Cannock WS11 1JT	11 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
CW5	32	Cardinal Griffin R.C. School, Cardinal Way, off Stafford Road, Cannock WS11 4AW	3 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
EH1	33, 34	Western Springs C.P. School, School Road, Rugeley WS15 2PD	27 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
EH2	35	Etching Hill Primary School, Penk Drive North, Etching Hill, Rugeley WS15 2XY	30 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	Etchinghill Tennis Club Community Church, Fernwood Dr./Green Lane	Investigate practicality of alternatives
EH3	36, 37	Etching Hill Primary School, Penk Drive North, Etching Hill, Rugeley WS15 2XY	40 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. Some suggestions that polling station be moved in order to not disrupt school.	Etchinghill Village Hall	Investigate practicality of alternatives
EH4	38	Slitting Mill Village Hall, Slitting Mill, Rugeley WS15 2UR	12 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements

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EH5	39	Slitting Mill Village Hall, Slitting Mill, Rugeley WS15 2UR	3 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
GH1	40, 41	Staffordshire University Academy, View Street Entrance, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4JH	14 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. School would like us to find somewhere else for 'safeguarding reasons'.	Poppyfield Primary Academy, Bishop St. (opens Sep., 2019) Belt Rd. WMC (Suggested by school)	Investigate practicality of alternatives
GH2	42, 43	Pye Green Valley C P School, Rose Hill, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4RT	40 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	West Hill School Pye Green Community Centre (from Cllr.)	Investigate practicality of alternatives
HG1	44	Hayes Green Community Centre, Hayes Way, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 5YT	26 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HG2	45	Hayes Green Community Centre, Hayes Way, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 5YT	7 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. (1 commented that they were 'pleased that a school was not being used when HGCC available')	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HG3	46, 47	Hayes Green Community Centre, Hayes Way, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 5YT	46 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	Heath Hayes Library	Investigate practicality of alternatives
HH1	48	Heath Hayes Academy, Wimblebury Road, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 2EP	14 positive comments received; 1 negative (car park too far from polling station; ramp not suitable for wheelchair user). Otherwise, polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	Heath Hayes Library	Investigate practicality of alternatives
HH2	49, 50	Five Ways J M School, Langholm Drive, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 2EZ	3 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. School would like us to find somewhere else for 'safeguarding reasons' but no specific suggestions	'Portacabin' or 'Church Hall'	Investigate practicality of alternatives
HH3	51	Bourne Methodist, Chapel Street, Heath Hayes, Cannock WS12 3HE	30 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. NB Cllr. Has advised that Church is to close and we will need to find alternative.	Heath Hayes Library (from Cllr)	Investigate practicality of alternatives
HH4	52	Wimblebury Community Centre, John Street, Wimblebury, Cannock WS12 2RJ	35 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HN1	53	Aquarius Ballroom (Pisces Suite), Victoria Shopping Park, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1BT	8 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements

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HN2	54	The Scout Hut, Mavis Road, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4BS	No comments received. Known that access ramp is a bit steep and tight turn for wheelchair users. No evidence though that this manifested as a problem.	N/A	Maintain current arrangements
HN3	55	Portable Polling Station, Adj. to Midland Heart, School Court, Station Road, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4UA	10 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HN4	56, 57	Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Pye Green, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4EP	12 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HN5	58	Portable Polling Station, Car park opp. 79 Brindley Heath Road, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 4DR	No comments received.	N/A	Maintain current arrangements
HS1	59, 60	St Peter's Church Hall, Church Hill, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1BD	2 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HS2	61	St Joseph's R C School, Hill Top, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1DE	20 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find. 2 comments re parking: (i) 'long walk across road if you have mobility issues'; (ii) 'not good for large vehicles'	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
HS3	62, 63	St Joseph's R C School, Hill Top, Hednesford, Cannock WS12 1DE	29 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	Our Lady of Lourdes Church Hall (also from Cllr.)	Maintain current arrangements
NC1	64	Jerome CP School, Hussey Road, Norton Canes, Cannock WS11 9TP	25 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
NC2	65, 66	Norton Canes Methodist Church Hall, Poplar Street, Norton Canes, Cannock WS11 9SG	No comments received.	N/A	Maintain current arrangements
NC3	67, 68	Norton Canes Community Centre, Brownhills Road, Norton Canes, Cannock WS11 9SF	2 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
RR1	69	Portable Polling Station, Beaudesert View, Rawnsley WS12 1LA	7 generally positive comments received; 3 negative (access ramp – too steep; too narrow; difficult to get wheelchair onto it) . Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	Cannock & Rugeley Cricket Club	Investigate practicality of alternatives
RR2	70	Hazel Slade C P School, Cannock Wood Street, Hazel Slade, Cannock WS12 0PN	30 positive comments received. Polling station generally considered convenient and easy to find. Some suggestions that polling station be moved in order to not disrupt school.	Non-specific: 'Pub, library, supermarket';	Investigate if there are any feasible alternatives

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RR3	71	Cannock Wood & Gentleshaw Village Hall, Buds Road, Cannock Wood, Rugeley WS15 4AW	11 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
RR4	72	Prospect Village Hall, Williamson Avenue, Prospect Village, Cannock WS12 0QF	No comments received.	N/A	Maintain current arrangements
WS1	73	Methodist Rooms, Lichfield Street, Rugeley WS15 2EH	30 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
WS2	74, 75	Rugeley Rose Theatre & Community Hall, Taylors Lane, Rugeley WS15 2AA	18 positive comments received. 2 pointed out steps as potential trip hazard. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	1 suggested 'Pub' (didn't specify which)	Maintain current arrangements
WS3	76	Western Springs C.P. School, School Road, Rugeley WS15 2PD	10 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements
WS4	77	The Bungalow, The Hart School,, Penkrige Bank Road, Rugeley WS15 2UE	1 positive comments received. Polling station considered convenient and easy to find.	None suggested	Maintain current arrangements

Key to Polling Districts

AG	Hagley	CW	Cannock West	HN	Hednesford North
BR	Brereton & Ravenhill	EH	Etching Hill & The Heath	HS	Hednesford South
CE	Cannock East	GH	Hednesford Green Heath	NC	Norton Canes
CN	Cannock North	HG	Hawks Green	RR	Rawnsley
CS	Cannock South	HH	Heath Hayes East & Wimblebury	WS	Western springs