

Appendix 3 – Summary of Polling Places

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Review of Polling District and Polling Place – Proposed New Venue for Polling District VA

Venue	Disabled Access	On-site Parking	Bus Route	Facilities for staff & electors	Polling District Code & Ward Name	Alternative Room Available	Comments
(a) – Whitby Mission & Seafarers' Centre, Hagersgate	Y	N	N	Y	XA Whitby West Cliff Ward	N	Venue located in Whitby West Cliff Ward. Nearest venue outside the polling district Large room more than adequate for a polling station Car Park at rear of Poundland very near the Centre Advised bus stop nearby. Inspected by Electoral Staff in February 2016
(b) The Coliseum, Victoria Place	Y	N	Y	Y	XA Whitby West Cliff Ward	Y	Venue located Whitby West Cliff Ward Furthest venue away from Polling District VA Adjacent to the bus station The theatre would be the preferred polling station which is spacious with retractable seating. If Theatre booked would have to use Ingrid Flute room (on first floor) eg by-elections at short notice. Dimensions 36m ² Likely to be parking for polling staff but not electors Inspected by Electoral Staff November 2016.
(c) St Hilda's Business Centre, The Ropery	Y	Y	N	Y	VA Streonshalh Ward	Y	Previously used as a polling station but unit subsequently let. Units are available but availability changes as tenants move in and out therefore cannot allocate a specific unit as a permanent polling station. Some units are accessed by long corridors with doorways. There is a communal area which could be screened off so that tenants were not walking through the area to access their units. One unit is accessed directly from the communal area. Located in lower ground floor, no natural daylight. Dimensions 3.3m x 4.8m. There is a Board Room accessed via Reception. It is separated from Reception by a glass partition. Dimensions 2.7 m x 4.2 m Access - The Ropery is up a steep hill, there is no bus service. There is a large car park. Has good facilities for staff and electors. Inspected by Electoral Staff November 2016.

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(d) Whitby Library, Windsor Terrace	Y	Y	N	Y	VC Streonshalh Ward	N	Located a short walk from bus station on an incline 1 car parking space for electoral staff. Disabled car parking directly opposite. No parking for electors. Disabled access lifts. Access to meeting room (which would be the polling station) via library. Library would remain open on polling day Inspected by Electoral Service staff November 2016
(e) Green Lane Centre, Green Lane, Whitby	Y	Y	N	Y	VA Streonshalh Ward	N	Allocated as a polling station in 2009. Discontinued use in 2010 due to comments from Polling Station Inspector, polling staff and candidates survey that venue situated at the top of a steep hill, on the edge of the polling district and too far away for majority of elderly residents. There is no bus service on Green Lane.
(f) Captain Cook Museum, Grape Lane, Whitby	Y	N	Y	Y	VA Streonshalh Ward	N	Operations Manager of the Museum confirmed did not consider venue to be suitable for use as a polling station while remaining open and would be unwilling to close for the whole day.
(g) The Board Room, Merchant Seamans' Hospital Houses, Church Street	N	N	Y	N	VA Streonshalh Ward	N	The Chairman confirmed that the venue was not suitable for use as a polling station. There are no kitchen or toilet facilities for staff. Access issues as step into Board Room.
(h) Whitby Friendship Rowing Club, Church Street	N	N	Y	Y	VA Streonshalh Ward	N	The venue is on a narrow cobbled street. There is no disabled access. In 2010 discussions were held with NYCC who advised the cost of providing a temporary tarmac ramp for one day would be £250 with SBC meeting the costs of coning off the area. Once in the premises access to the function room is via a long corridor, which is narrow in places. Complaints were received that this was unsuitable for use as a polling station. Inspected by Electoral Services staff November 2016.

