

Table of Representations – Appendix C

1	<p>I just wanted to comment that I am happy that Ashfield District Council and Ashfield Independents are looking at reviewing polling stations especially those that are held at Schools. This makes total sense given the anger around the fact that school are fining parents for taking their children out of school for holidays etc. This will aid with child care, as well as, hopefully people visiting centres in the community that they may not have been aware of, or indeed visited before i.e. Catholic Club at Kirkby. This will hopefully in turn increase the support for these local businesses. I know in my particular Ward we use The Junction Pub and it is lovely to see people 'popping' in for a drinks be that soft or alcoholic drinks from the local area during their visit to the Polling Station.</p> <p>As far as I am concern this is a positive move for all concerned (well except teachers who get an additional day off during elections)!</p>
2	<p>I wish to object to the proposed changes to the location of KWY2 and 4 polling station. I fully understand that using a school is never ideal, however, I believe moving the polling station much, much further away from the residents who would usually use Kingsway Primary is not good for democracy. In a world where less people seem to be voting we should be making it a simple as possible, not more difficult. In my experience voters will often walk to vote and therefore are unlikely to want to more than double, in many cases, the distance they have to travel.</p> <p>Again I'm aware of the difficulty in securing a suitable nearby polling station and that Kingsway public house is not large enough, as it is already a PS for KXP4, perhaps the answer, if you are adamant in not using the Primary School, is to have a temporary station, perhaps stationed behind the shops on the estate; or is Kirkland's Care Home available/accessible?</p> <p>Will you directly canvass those voters who will be affected to see what their thoughts are, rather than relying on ADC website and social media? I believe this would be an important approach.</p>
3	<p>As a governor of Morven Park Primary and Nursery school, I would like to voice my displeasure of you using the school as a polling station and placing my vote firmly behind using the Catholic club as the new polling station.</p>