

**SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT FOR
CABINET
Thursday, 10 December 2015 at 7.30 pm
Council Chamber, Civic Centre**

The attached document is due to be considered at the meeting listed above and was unavailable for circulation when the agenda for the meeting was published. The agenda item to which the document relates is noted below.

16. Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2015 (Pages 2 - 3)

APPENDIX 1

Polling District	Current Polling Station	Comment Received	Comment Received
BA - Church Langley East	Henry Moore School	Robert Halfon MP	The continued use of Henry Moore school in Church Langley is noted, but I am aware of the concerns by the ward councillors of access issues. In the interest of voters and residents, I hope this issue can be resolved.
BA - Church Langley East	Henry Moore School	Cllr Simon Carter	<p>As you know there has been an ongoing issue with Henry Moore school in Church Langley about the use of the school (a publicly owned building for the benefit of the public) as a polling station, because of the disruption to parents. So whilst we welcome its retention as a polling station, we still have grave concerns and reservations at the school shutting the main gate, not allowing any parking and making voters walk several hundred yards into the site through a tortuous route requiring heavy signage. It is extremely difficult for people with disabilities, such as walking infirmities or the visually handicapped, to attend the polling station. This is in clear breach of the public sector duty under the Equality Act 2010 and cannot be justified or condoned.</p> <p>They know years in advance when polling day is going to be and does not require a great deal of thought to manage their way round it, providing parents with plenty of notice as to when a closure will occur and therefore does not require the defensive and unreasonable arrangements that the school establishes to deter voters from attending the polling station.</p> <p>The school is the only public building within the polling district that can be used, as is the case elsewhere not just in Harlow but across the country.</p> <p>We find the school's approach to its use as a polling station totally unacceptable under the Equality Act 2010 and access must be</p>

			improved.
BA - Church Langley East	Henry Moore School	Lorraine Perry	<p>The School is not fit for purpose as a Polling Station as it has insufficient parking, no disabled access and causes disruption to school children.</p> <p>Church Langley Community is a better alternative as it has ample parking, is easily accessible with minimal disruption to any school and local residents.</p>
EA- Little Parndon & Hare Street East	Little Parndon School	Robert Halfon MP	The building proposed, was of course, the location of the polling station for decades, either as a school or the adult education centre so this is a welcome move, particularly for the new development in Fifth Avenue.
EA- Little Parndon & Hare Street East	Little Parndon School	Cllr Jean Clark	I am pleased that the old Rivermill site will be available again, hopefully with newer facilities and access. The ward is very large and the electorate at the end won't have so far to go to vote.
EA- Little Parndon & Hare Street East	Little Parndon School	Deborah Newman	Closing the school will be disruptive to children's learning. Why can't the council owned Fold Croft Centre could be used?
FA – Mark Hall North	Tany's Dell Community Primary School	Robert Halfon MP	I understand the transition to the museum went smoothly this year – I have not heard any complaints – and that you intend to retain it. There have been changes to the location of the polling station in the area over the years and some permanence is welcome.
FA - Mark Hall North	Tany's Dell Community Primary School	Mrs Bev Ingram School Business Manager	Governors and parents will be extremely pleased to see that the intention is to use Harlow Museum as the polling place for Mark Hall for future elections.