

Section A: Responses to the consultation questions

Polling District	BDB
Current Polling Place	Ysgol Frongoch
City, Town or Community Area	Denbigh Town Council (Lower Ward)
Electoral Ward	Denbigh Lower
Constituency	Vale of Clwyd
Consultation Question :	
Ysgol Frongoch remains open during polling hours, this remains a decision for the school governing body and not the returning officer at any given election. Should consideration be given to using any other accessible venues within the polling district?	
Consultation responses	
1 This does not affect polling station.	
2 In my opinion, schools should not be used as polling stations. There is a leisure centre in Denbigh, which has ample parking and accessible for all.	
3 Yes	
4 Fron Chapel, Rhyl Road would be an ideal location it has a large vestry and kitchen facilities.	
5 Denbigh Town Council Response: Town councillors discussed the agenda item regarding the polling stations. The only suggested alternative if the school was not happy with the arrangements was Capel y Fron, Rhyl Road, Denbigh. This location has been used in the past.	
Electoral Services' Recommendations	
Lower Denbigh electoral ward is split into two polling districts at the junction of Rhyl Road and Ruthin Road.	

Polling District BDA which covers the Ruthin Road area (including Whitchurch Road, Trewen and Ystrad Areas) is served by a polling station located at Denbigh Leisure Centre with an electorate of 1800 electors. Polling District BDB covers the Rhyl Road area (including Colomendy, The Green, Mold Road and Lleweni areas) with an electorate of 1650 electors. The relocation of the polling station from Ysgol Frongoch to Denbigh Leisure Centre would not be more convenient to any electors within the BDB polling district.

Ysgol Frongoch is centrally situated in the polling district with ample off street parking at the adjacent car park next to the School Building at Llys Gwydyr. In 2003 / 2004 the polling station was moved temporarily to Fron Chapel Vestry whilst works were ongoing at the school. Fron Chapel Vestry has no associated parking and only limited on-street parking on Albert Road / Castle View.

For the reasons mentioned above and with no complaints having been received about the use of Ysgol Frongoch, Council is recommended to retain it as the polling place for this district. Being a county council-owned site means that firm arrangements can be made to use it as a polling station at short notice which also favours its retention as a polling station.

Polling District		BLA
Current Polling Place	St Asaph City Council Meeting Room	
City, Town or Community Area	St Asaph City Council (East Ward)	
Electoral Ward	St Asaph East	
Constituency	Vale of Clwyd	
Consultation Question :		
<p>The polling place was relocated from St Asaph Youth Centre following the remodelling of the Ysgol Glan Clwyd campus. The meeting room at St Asaph Leisure Centre has now been changed into a leisure facility. Currently there are very few other alternatives within the polling district / ward for locating the polling place. Building 3 at the Ysgol Glan Clwyd / St Asaph Leisure Centre campus is currently empty and awaiting development by Denbighshire County Council. Once the development work has been completed and the building being suitable should the polling place be re-located back to the Ysgol Glan Clwyd campus if possible.</p>		
Consultation responses		

1 Indeed it should. The Council Meeting Room was extremely hard to access. From the main road it is about quarter of a mile to have to walk. Luckily enough it wasn't raining on the day of the last election. As a disabled voter with no access to transport I was unable to vote as I wasn't sent a postal vote, which I should have been as I am registered for

2 Think polling would be safer at Glan Clwyd. Vehicular access at current polling station is poor and dangerous

Electoral Services' Recommendations

The current campus at Ysgol Glan Clwyd and St Asaph Leisure Centre does not offer any accommodation for use as a polling station. However, the redundant Building 3 located next to the Leisure Centre entrance may, once it has been re-modelled, offer suitable accommodation. It would be our intention to move the polling station to Building 3 in the future should it be suitable.

Polling District	BRB
Current Polling Place	Rhyl Leisure Centre Campus
City, Town or Community Area	Rhyl Town Council (Tynewydd Ward)
Electoral Ward	Rhyl South East
Constituency	Vale of Clwyd
Consultation Question :	
Since the last review took place the newly built Rhyl Rugby Clubhouse on Tynewydd Road has been completed. Should the Council look to relocate the polling place to Rhyl Rugby Club?	
Consultation responses	
1 Yes great idea. 2 Yes – <i>two responses saying this.</i>	
3 Most definitely Plenty of parking space.	
4 Don't know.	
5 Yes, if it would be a cheaper venue as I imagine the facilities and parking are as good.	

6 Yes, it has adequate room and parking facilities and probably more accessible for people to 'walk up' as well.

Electoral Services' Recommendations

We agree that the Rhyl Rugby Club's new location is more central within the BRB polling district (the district incorporates the triangular area south of the railway line and north of Grange Road / Dyserth Road up to and including Maes Y Gog, up to the Town Council external boundary). We will explore this further and should Rhyl Rugby Club be accommodating then we would recommend relocating the polling station here. Rhyl Leisure Centre will remain available if needed.

Polling District	CAA
Current Polling Place	Canolfan Awelon
City, Town or Community Area	Ruthin Town Council
Electoral Ward	Ruthin
Constituency	Clwyd West
Consultation Question :	
<p>Awelon and Canolfan Awelon are being re-developed as part of the Ruthin extra care housing project and Canolfan Awelon will not be operational from March 2020.</p> <p>Electoral Services staff have identified potentially suitable locations within the polling district for the re-location of the polling place. These are:</p> <p>County Hall, Wynnstay Road – would available space at County Hall be suitable for use as a polling place?</p> <p>Ruthin Town Hall, Market Street – ground floor hall / marriage room owned by Denbighshire County Council with disabled access.</p> <p>The Old Courthouse, St Peter's Square – the old Natwest bank has now been purchased by Ruthin Town Council for the purpose of a Civic and Community Hub. Staff visited the site as part of the Town Council's open day and the property does seem to be a suitable location.</p>	

Consultation responses

1 As chair of the Old Courthouse working group we believe that it would make a suitable polling station in a central and visible location to serve Ruthin. Disabled access does not involve a lift or separate entrance to the main entrance. It would be in accordance with our ambition for the building to be a community hub in the heart of the town.

2 Any of these options

3 The Old Courthouse would be a good central location

4 Not good parking at former Natwest - especially for disabled people. County Hall would seem the most appropriate.

5 Ruthin Town Hall would be the most suitable as older people would be able to park outside with blue badges as opposed to on the town square.

6 The Old Courthouse would be my favoured site

7 Where is the question I'm being asked? If I'm being asked for my preference, it would be the Old Courthouse but it would have been better if that was made clear that that was the purpose of Q5.

8 The old courthouse is a good idea.

9 All have no free parking.

Electoral Services' Recommendations

Most online responses favoured using the new Ruthin Town Council Community Hub at the Old Courthouse on St Peter's Square. The working group at the Old Courthouse is also supportive of this. We therefore recommend that following the closure of Awelon that the Polling Station for Polling District CAA is relocated to the Old Courthouse.

Section B: Additional responses relating to specific polling places

Polling District	CI
Current Polling Place	Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd Village Hall
City, Town or Community Area	Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd Community Council
Electoral Ward	Llanbedr Dyffryn Clwyd / Llangynhafal
Constituency	Clwyd West
Consultation responses :	
1 Located in village hall suits the villagers.	

Polling District	CKB
Current Polling Place	The Raven Inn, Llanarmon yn îâl
City, Town or Community Area	Llanarmon yn îâl Community Council
Electoral Ward	Llanarmon yn îâl / Llandegla
Constituency	Clwyd West
Consultation responses :	
1 Hapus iawn gyda Tafarn y Raven yn Llanarmon yn îâl fel ein man pleidleisio (<i>very happy with the Raven Inn in Llanarmon yn îâl as our polling place</i>)	

Polling District	CP
Current Polling Place	The Parish Room, Bryneglwys
City, Town or Community Area	Bryneglwys Community Council
Electoral Ward	Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd / Gwyddelwern
Constituency	Clwyd West
Consultation responses :	
1 Many villagers feel that the shop is not a suitable place as it's not private enough. Hopefully the old school can be used in the future – once the dry rot has been sorted out! – as it's DDA compliant and much more private.	

Section C: General responses

Miscellaneous Consultation responses

1 I would simply ask that multi member wards be abolished (at least until the Single Transferable Vote system is introduced). It would be perfectly possible to divide e.g. Ruthin into several single member wards.

2 What is currently provided should not change.