

Polling District and Polling Places Review 2008

Wyre Forest District Council has recently conducted a review of two of its polling districts in accordance with Section 16 of the Representation of the People Act 1983.

The polling districts involved are Kidderminster Broadwaters No. 4 (BR-D) and Kidderminster Broadwaters No. 3 (BR-C). This involves moving the whole of Batham Road, Harriers Green, Highfield Road, James Road, Turton Street and Vine Street and numbers 102 to 169 inclusive Hurcott Road from BR-D to BR-C. These electors would then vote at St Oswald's Church Centre, Broadwaters Drive, Kidderminster.

Councillors, local political parties, residents and views from such persons who have a particular expertise in relation to access to premises were invited to submit their representations.

Polling Districts are the areas allocated to a polling place/polling station. Polling districts form the building blocks of the wards, electoral areas and constituencies, and any changes can only be made within these boundaries.

The review will not affect ward boundaries. A summary of current electoral arrangements, polling stations and maps of current boundaries can be inspected by contacting the Electoral Registration Section at the Civic Centre, Stourport on Severn.

Whilst conducting the review the Council has considered the following:

- * Seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
- * Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places we are responsible for are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons

The consultation period ran until Friday 25th January, 2008.

The Council's final decisions will be published on the 3rd March 2008 along with all correspondence or minutes in connection with the review.

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