

Appendix B – Submissions received from the Polling District and Polling Place Review 2023/24

Ward:

Reference	Polling District/Ward	Current Polling Station	Submissions Recieved	Proposal	Action
NULBC_2024_1	NPB Silverdale	Meeting Hall The Brighton	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your current polling station: I am the ward councillor for Silverdale. Of the 5 polling stations in this ward I am concerned that 1. Meeting hall The Brightons ST5 6JS will no longer be suitable/usable because of the demolition of the bungalows at St.Luke`s Close and the meeting hall will no longer be in use, unless you have plans I do not know about, your `No change to polling station from last review` seems inappropriate. 2. The 5 stations are not spread out enough across the ward. There is no polling station on the east side of the ward after Sacred Heart ST5 6NG This means that a lot of housing, including new housing of Silverdale road, Ironbridge Drive etc is a long way from any polling station and people have to walk and cross a very busy junction to get into the village polling stations. Your proposed alternative polling station: Ideally the area that used to be the EastEnd working men`s club, but is now a residential home would be ideal to pick up the area above. However due to the lack of public 	Eastend Working Men`s Club Mobile Station situated at the layby at the top of Half way place adjacent to Silverdale road	<p>Polling district revisited, there are no suitable or alternative venues in the polling place area.</p> <p>After reviewing comments from the proposal, a mobile unit would be too costly and unsafe for the electorate to vote on a layby. A residential home formally known as Eastend Working Men`s Club would not be practicable to use as a polling station. Kent`s Lane Community Building is the nearest polling station (10 minute walk) from the Meeting Hall and is situated in the Silverdale ward. The venue is big enough to accommodate</p>

			<p>buildings in this part of the ward I would suggest a mobile polling station situated at the layby at the top of Half way place adjacent to Silverdale road. With notification beforehand, and I would do all I could as ward councillor to let people know. I would also promote postal voting for vulnerable residents.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments or feedback regarding your polling station, polling district or polling place: Other countries and regions have driven up voter turnout using a range of measures: compulsory voting, auto voter registration, weekend polling and the use of mobile polling stations. I have been informed by long serving councillors that mobile polling stations have been used in the past. If we are serious about democracy we should be looking at this 		<p>polling district NPB & NPD and will be used as a dual polling station for any future elections.</p>