

## **POLLING DISTRICT AND POLLING PLACE REVIEW – DROITWICH SPA TOWN COUNCIL TAGWELL WARD**

The polling and voting arrangements for the parish ward of Droitwich Spa - Tagwell are being reviewed and feedback is sought and welcomed.

### **Background**

Tagwell is a ward of Droitwich Spa Town Council, situated in the south east of the council area. It also comprises part of Droitwich South East district ward and Droitwich East county division. In recent years there has never been a suitable building for use as a polling place within the town ward. A portacabin has had to be hired – placed originally in the car park of the Mulberry Tree pub (now the site of Droitwich Mews Care Home) in Tagwell, and currently in the Red Lion car park in the neighbouring ward of Copcut. N.B. Copcut ward also has a separate portacabin in the same car park as there are similarly no suitable buildings. This situation is not part of this review and will remain the arrangement for now.

### **The Review**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 Wychavon District Council to carry out a review of Droitwich Tagwell polling district and polling place. It is currently a specially hired portacabin on the car park of the Red Lion pub in Worcester Road in Copcut ward.

Electors within the area may make a representation. We invite comments from all electors regarding the convenience of voting at the polling station currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The Council would also welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability.

Anybody making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

<b>By post</b>	Electoral Services, Wychavon District Council, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Persore WR10 1PT
<b>By email</b>	elections@wychavon.gov.uk

**All representations must be made by no later than January 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. The outcome of the review will be published by the Council later in 2024 and will be available for inspection on the Council's website or by application.**

Anybody making representations should be aware that, upon completion of the review, all correspondence and representations received must, by law, also be published.

**Possible Options:**

1. Remain using the portacabin at the Red Lion pub car park. However, this is a very expensive and logistically difficult option for one day. It is also not very accessible for disabled voters and is not situated in Tagwell ward.
2. Use Woodlands View Care Home in Woodlands Way in the newly built part of Tagwell – the home has excellent parking and accessibility and a large room suitable as a venue for voting.
3. Other options could be possible and can be suggested as part of this review.

**Glossary:**

- “Polling districts” are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
- “Polling places” are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
- “Polling stations” are the number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

Dated: 15 November 2023

**Vic Allison**

Chief Executive

Wychavon District Council