Polling Station Consultation **Lowton East** Ward



What is your polling station?	polling district	Did you find the polling station accessible?	Do you think the polling station is suitable for voting purposes?	If you selected no, please let us know why it isn't suitable	Please tell us if you know of a more suitable building that could be used instead of your current building/polling station
St Mary community hall	LFA	Yes	Yes		I am happy it's not in a school hall I love it's in a community space I think there should be more like this
Gilded hollins primary	LFB	No	No	The school has to close to pupils for safeguarding reasons. There is no on site parking. Street parking is limited and if you can park, you have to walk down a side room and across school car park to enter the building. 200 yards away there is a fire station with a community room that I'm sure could be used instead of disrupting children's education. There is parking on site and nearby	Leigh Fire station community room

Gilded Hollins School	LFB	Yes	No	Wherever possible we should not be using schools as polling stations due to the disruption to children, parents etc who have to arrange childcare or try and get the me off work, which isn't always possible.  In the last two years my son's school (Lowton West) has been closed for local, general and European elections.	Could a room a at Leigh Fire Station be used - which was my
Lowton j&i	LFC	Yes	No	There are plenty of venues in the area, eg church halls, community centres, libraries etc. Why disrupt schools, education and families by using schools as polling stations, it doesn't make sense whatsoever	Church halls, libraries, community centres
lowton j&i school	LFC	Yes	No	It means that my children need to have a day off school. which results in me or my husband having an unnecessary days holiday at work. Also we are unable to take our children out of school for holidays. but since my children have been at school they have had at least 4 days where its been closed due to the school being used as a polling station. when next door is a community hall	the community hall next door to lowton j&i. i dont understand why we need 2 polling stations accross from each other. thw other is lowton social club
St Catharines	LFF	Yes	Yes	However it is at the detriment of children missing a day of school	I think if the church was used as an alternative it would benefit the community
St Luke's school Lowton	LFF	Yes	No	It's my daughters School and has a huge impact on her education, my job and the stress of trying to arrange someone to look after her.	St Luke's Church. If you leave a donation box so people could donate a little as they wanted to contribute the cost of lighting etc.

St Catherine's school	LFF	Yes	No	It's a school. Schools should not close for voting. There are plenty of other buildings to use.  My son attends lowton west and this closes for voting when there is a community centre a few 100 yards away. Madness!	Local community centre
St.catharines school. Schofield lane wigan	LFF		No	No. My son goes to this school and has to have days off everytime theres a polling day. Both me and my husband work and find it difficult to find babysitters.	
St Luke's church	LFF	Yes	Yes		I think no school should be used as a polling station as it disturbs learning
St Lukes C of E Primary School & St Catherine of Sienna	LFF	Yes	No	In an age where we have lots of suitable alternate polling stations it is absurd for an entire primary school to be closed for local election. The voters attending the station even in our area which has a high turn out in comparison with the other local areas is relatively low and a vast majority attend to poll either before or after school hours. The local authority needs to have a serious rethink as to whether primary schools continue to be viable and if so, whether a Class room/area can be isolated to safeguard children but allow the school to remain open.  School holidays are difficult and costly enough for working parents without additional closures for polling.	Lowton community centre slag lane Lowton Travelodge lowton @ at the Miller & carter Lowton. Community centre next to Lowton Junior & Infant primary school. All 3 venues are within the voting ward which would avoid the need for local schools to be closed.

Lowton St Lukes	LFF	Yes	No	It is a school and therefore should be used to	Lowton St Lukes community hall
school				teach children, not closed for the day to allow	
				it to be used as a polling station. There are lots	
				of other non school venues that should be	
				used.	
Lowton St Lukes	LFF	Yes	Yes		
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