WARD	Where do you currently vote?	Are you satisfied with where you currently vote?	Why are you not satisfied with where you currently vote?	Do you find your current polling station accessible and suitable for voting purposes?	Please give more details why your current polling station is not accessible or suitable for voting purposes	Please tell us if you know of a more suitable building that could be used instead of your current polling station	Do you represent an organisation?	What organisation do you represent?	Do you have any further comments or suggestions on any polling stations or polling districts in the borough?
PEMBERTON	Lamberhead Green Academy Kershaw Street	Yes		Yes		None	No		It is possible that the Former Trinity Methodist Church, Fleet Street Pemberton will be reopening as a church later this year. It has been previously used as a polling station so maybe worth considering.
ABRAM	Spring View Independent Methodist Church	Yes		Yes		I think this location is perfect and the best place	No		

				to have the polling station in this area		
GOLBORNE	Golborne library	Yes	Yes	No suggestion	No	No
WIGAN WEST	ST Andrews J&I school	Yes	Yes	ST Andrews Parish centre, Woodhouse Lane	No	
NONE	Bar/restaurant	Yes	Yes	School buildings should not be used.	No	
WINSTANLEY	St Aidans Parish Church	Yes	Yes	None more suitable	No	No
NONE	Just moved to this address but previously voted at a local primary school	Yes	Yes	I don't think schools should be used as this means the school children are unable to attend. We have lots of community centres, churches and church halls which could be used instead	No	No

WIGAN WEST	7TH Wigan (All Saints) Scout Group Hq	Yes		Yes		None	No	No
ASTLEY	St marys primary school	No	Don't think polling stations should be in schools	No	No not suitable it a school that needs a closure for the day	Parish church, library, town centre. Leigh Sports Village etc	No	No
NONE	Previously was St John's school now the Church	Yes		Yes		Happy with the church. Better venue than closing schools for the day.	No	
HINDLEY	Hindley J & I Primary School	No	I feel community venues such as halls, community centres, churches and other places should be sought so children can go to school. Parents often have to take leave and children's education has been disrupted enough. On Argyle Street next to the school there are two church halls that communitu groups run from. Please try to keep stations out of schools. Thank you	Yes		Argyle Street Methodist Church Hall plus one other one either side of the school that are walked past to get to the venue	No	No
ATHERLEIGH	Westleigh St. Paul's primary school.	No	I cannot understand why you close this primary school every year and	Yes		Westleigh childrens centre	No	

			the children miss out on valuable learning after. Pandemic and so much work to catch up on. There's the church or the childrens centre that would cause less disruption		St. Paul's church. A portacabin Please stop shutting this school.		
WINSTANLEY	St Matthews Parish Hall	Yes		Yes	Really suitable,much better than when it was in school	No	No problems with as they are
DOUGLAS	Bramble House	No	Would like to vote nearer to where I live	Yes	Highfield cricket club	No	The Ravine, Belle View St.
?	sacred heart catholic club Hindsford	Yes		Yes	Tyldesley library. Stanley street tyldesley	No	avoid using schools as distrupting childrens education
LEIGH WEST	leigh c of e primary walmesley rd	Yes		Yes	none	No	no
WORSLEY MESNES	St. paul's School, Westleigh Lane, Leigh	Yes		Yes	No. But with ward boundary changes do not think this will be our	No	No

				polling station		
STANDISH	Standish Community Centre,	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
BRYN	Nicol Mere Primary School	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
LOWTON	St Mary's Community Hall, Lowton	Yes	Yes	N/A	No	Please use community venues rather than schools wherever possible
ASTLEY	Ellesmere Street scout hut	Yes	Yes	There are so few people using this polling station. I am sure most people could travel to another location in Astley	No	You could valise the Ellesmere Street polling Station and transfer thexrkectorate to another polling station in Astley
LEIGH EAST	All Saints church hall Kenwood avenue Leigh	Yes	Yes	No. This hall is perfect as a polling station	No	
ASTLEY	Astley Scout Headquarters	Yes	Yes	I don't. However, I understand that the Scouts	No	If the Scout Headquarters is sold a portable polling station

				Headquaters could be sold		wod seem the best option perhaps parked at Lancashire Mining Museum.
LOWTON EAST	Lowton St. Mary's Community Hall, Newton Road, Lowton, WA3 1EW	Yes	Yes	No I do not, as my current polling station has a good car park, disabled access, toilets and it light an airy. it is also very easy to locate.	1	I think councils should think very carefully about using education premises for polling stations. The last few years pupils/students have missed such a lot of education opportunities. Councils should have explain to the public why the education premises has been selected especially if there are other buildings in the

							locality which could made into polling stations.
LOWTON EAST	Church Lane Lowton Community centre	Yes	Yes	Don't kno	w No		No
LOWTON EAST	I vote at St Mary's Community Hall.	Yes	Yes	St Mary's Communi Hall is the perfect pl to vote. It a car park and is eas access.	ty ace has		I think it is wrong to close schools for elections as children need their education and usually loose a day if the school is closed for an election.
	St Aidans Parish Centre	Yes	Yes	The only advice I ca give for improven is to find premises have the same acco and automatio doors.	nent that ess	Wigan borough wide peer support group	All polling stations should be accessible to any kind of disability. This is important so that 21% of the population have the access to be heard. Not all disabilities are visible so when sending out polling information

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					you must ask
					the individual
					what their
					access
					requirements
					are. People
					with vision
					impairments
					are now
					struggling to
					have access
					because of the
					new rules the
					government
					have put in,
					but for more
					information
					please contact
					the RNIB local
					representative
					on this subject.
					All polling
					stations need
					to be
					accessible to all
					- its the law -
					and to ignore
					21% of the
					population
					(23% in Wigan)
					is blatant
					prejudice.
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							The Wigan access committee have more information on access.
							Thank you for this consultation, it would encourage others to speak up if you gave feedback as to how their participation made a positive difference.
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Millbrook primary school	No	Closure of school for polling is disruptive for both children and working parents who rely on children being on school to work. There is already a polling station at the library and plenty of other buildings in shevington would be suitable instead of	Yes	The library is already in use. There are 2 church halls and a youth centre in shevington which could be used instead and not cause disruption to	No	

			closing the school for polling.			children and parents.			
WORSLEY MESNES	By post or at St Pauls Primary School	Yes		Yes		The local school is perfect :-)	No		
WIGAN WEST	St Michael's church hall, Swinley, WIGAN central. Shaw st.	Yes		No	It has wheelchair ramp, but the doors are heavy and manual. This does not personally impact me as an individual. I am not a wheelchair user.	No	No		My neighbours were harassed by a member of the public this year. In a changing landscape of populism and opines, safety needs to be reconsidered. It's our right to feel free and safe to vote, and to have zero barriers impacting that.
NONE	Shevington Vale Primary School	No	I think the venue is perfectly suitable BUT: I don't agree with closing primary schools on polling days. This is a causing financial burden on working parents.	Yes		The Reading Cafe at Shevington Vale, The Wheatsheaf Pub (indoors or in the marquee outside), Golden Days	Yes	I am a councillor, for Wigan Council and Shevington Parish Council	I would like to see a temporary polling station erected in Shevington Moor – currently voters have to drive out of the

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children should not be	Centre (huge	and indeed the
penalised when polling	car park and	ward, to St
takes place. They	units	Marie's in
currently have to take a	available),	Standish.
day off work, either	Randall's	Standish.
unpaid or using a	Corner Cafe.	
precious day's holiday,	conter care.	
or have to work around		I feel this is OK
their children if they		for people who
work from home.		drive – but for
Alternatively, they have		people with
to rely on relatives or		accessibility
paid childcare to ensure		issues, non-
they can work. Single-		drivers, people
parent families rely		with children
largely on one income		etc this is more
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and and are particularly		
affected if they have to		inconvenience
miss a day's work or find		and could
childcare.		prevent them
		from voting on
		the day.
The care of young		
children or alternative		
childcare arrangements		If a temporary
tends to fall to mothers,		polling station
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more likely to work part-		erected in the
		district or
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		closer to it, for
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affected by the closure				car park of the
of schools.				Forester's or
				Charnley Arms
				pubs, or the
				Britannia Hotel
In addition, our children				(which I know
have missed enough				used to be
school in recent years –				used for
an extra day almost				polling, but is
annually is taken from				currently
their education,				housing
needlessly.				refugees),
				then people
				would be more
				willing to get
I would propose that				out and vote.
alternative provision is				
made for polling stations				
(across the Borough!) so				
that young families will				
be unaffected by polling				
from 2023 onwards.				
I would like to see				
alternative provision,				
either in the form of				
mobile polling stations				
or use of shops, garages,				
sheds etc, instead of				
primary schools being				
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used. Shevington Vale				

			Primary, for example, has a Reading Cafe outside with access to the car park, so the site could be secured to allow pupils to remain in school while polling takes place in the Reading Cafe.				
			Closing primary schools on polling day impacts on the lowest earners in our society and Wigan Council has the power to help such families. I hope the Council will consider these factors in its consultation.				
SHEVNGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Library	Yes		Yes	I'm happy with my polling station. I would prefer it my child's school - Shevington Vale was NOT used as a polling station as the	No	Please don't use schools. It means our children miss a day of school and parents have to arrange child care or take a days holiday.

					school has to shut for the day.		
NONE	Postal vote	Yes	No	My son	Try the village	No	
				attends	hall		
				Shevington			
				Vale			
				Primary and			
				they close			
				for polling			
				day which			
				causes a			
				massive			
				disruption			
				to childcare			
				and my			
				child's			
				education.			
				They have			
				already			
				missed vital			
				time due to			
				covid on			
				their			
				learning			
				years and			
				my child has			
				only done			
				one full			
				year in			
				school since			
				starting			

SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington vale primary school	No	School needing to close for voting means my child misses out on education. Also parking is terrible	Yes	CO	opley bridge mmunity ntre?	No	Na
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	At Shevington Polling station - the library.	Yes		Yes	cei co	o - this is ntral and nvenient r access.	No	n/a
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Mill took school	Yes		Yes		on't know any	No	None
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington vale	No	Hi, I'm not happy about the polling station being at Shevington vale primary school, My children go to the school and I think it's unacceptable to close the school as they have already had so much time off and it's hard to find childcare when you work. It would be better if you could use a near by church to do the polling, so children still get to go to school as	Yes	chi	cal urches and mmunity ntre.	No	

			they already have a lot of holidays off.					
NONE	I don't vote because I don't agree that schools should be used as polling stations, there are plenty of other buildings that could be used free of charge without having to use schools, examples being the library, parish halls	No	As described earlier	No	As described earlier	Library	No	Νο
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale school	No	Schools closing for voting needs reviewing. We're constantly told children's education is very important so why shut schools to facilitate voting. There are plenty of lesser used or indeed vacant venues. The council needs to review this instead of using the same places all the time	No	Not suitable because its a school and children are losing out	Churches. Community centres. Village halls	No	Dont use schools
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale Primary School	No	I don't think polling stations should be held in schools when there are plenty of village halls and community centres that could be used. Polling stations in	Yes		Shevington community centre, Appley Bridge village hall,	No	If you are going to close schools for polling then parents should be assisted with childcare.

			schools Disrupt the school week for children and also cause inconvenience for working parents who have to find child care due to the school being closed.			st. Anne's church hall shevington		
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale CP School	No	The school should not have to close for voting to take place. There are several other options available locally what would not disrupt the school	No	Limited parking in a small residential street	The 1st Shevington scout hall on forest fold	No	Schools should not be used for polling stations
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale	No	Causes too much disruption for the school	Yes		Community centre or Scout hut	No	
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale Primary School	No	My children attend this school and they've missed enough school with Covid, yet lose an extra day for polling. There are plenty of other places in Appley Bridge to use which will be empty and not disrupt childrens learning. The Village Hall, the	No	The same reason I gave previously.	The Village Hall The Scout Hut The Methodist Church Hall	No	

			scout hut to name a				
			couple.				
NONE	Online	Yes		Yes	For an	No	
					example		
					whilst driving		
					to work, in		
					Upholland		
					they use a		
					portacabin on		
					Ormskirk		
l					Road facing		
					the hall green		
					surgery. In		
					Appley Bridge		
					a portacabin		
					could be		
					placed on any		
					main road, or		
					maybe the		
					car park of		
					the		
					Wheatsheaf,		
					or even the		
					street facing		
					the green		
					space in the		
					centre of the		
					housing		
					estate,		
					Stockley		
					Drive. This		
					would mean		
l					the old		

						residents don't have to travel too far and the school could remain open for children's learning.		
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington vale school	No	School has to close to children every polling day this is very disruptive as the children have random days off in the middle of a working week when parents are working and have to sort childcare.	No	Reasons as before I don't think school is an appt place to have a polling station.	The village hall at Appley bridge or the scout hut or Shevington library	No	
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vala Primary School	No	It affects the school education of my child because it closes the school for the day. Not only does my daughter miss a day of school we have to pay for childcare or take time off work	No	It isn't suitable for a polling station as it affects over a hundred children and their families	Scout hut on Appley Lane North or the Village Hall on Appley Lane North as this has parking facitilites	No	Stop taking schooling away from children when there are other places polling can take place
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington vale primary school.	No	It affects my daughters education and results in me and my wife paying for extra childcare due to work commitments.	No	Affects many childrens education and puts increased pressure on	Appley bridge village hall on Appley lane north.	No	Children should not be missing out on school for voting purposes when there are

					parents due to childcare issues.	Appley bridge scout hut on Appley lane north.		various locations that will not affect schools. It is a double standard to close a school for voting purposes but then fine parents if a child misses any school for a family holiday. How is one absence justified and the other
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale Primary school	No	My children attend the primary school and the school shuts on polling day. This impacts on their education and it costs us money in childcare. There are other locations in Appley Bridge that would be suitable.	No	It is a school and should not be shut for voting.	Appley Bridge village hall Appley Bridge scout hut Methodist church	No	isn't?? No
NONE	I have a postal vote	Yes		Yes		I think it is fine	No	
SHEVINGTON WITH	Shevington library	Yes		Yes		No . This is fine.	No	It would be great to avoid

LOWER GROUND						schools being polling stations unless they tie it in to an inset day. It's a waste of a days learning for the children otherwise and it means many parents have to sort out extra child care
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Postal vote or Shevington Library	Yes	Yes	A local community hall in Appley Bridge or Shevington	No	I don't agree that they use Shevington Vale school as a polling station. It means students are missing a day of their schooling because the school has to shut for polling day. I think Appley Bridge village hall or community centre are much more

							suitable with no distribution to anyone
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington vale cp school	No	It closes the school to current pupils. Other days they aren't allowed to miss days it means parents taking unpaid days off work for the sake of a building that can be moved easily to other spots in the village. Such as using booths coal yard, golden days garden centre, village hall, the community centre, any of the shops there are so many spaces that won't disrupt hundreds of families and childrens money and learning.	Yes	It closes the school to current pupils. Other days they aren't allowed to miss days it means parents taking unpaid days off work for the sake of a building that can be moved easily to other spots in the village. Such as using booths coal yard, golden days garden centre, village hall, the community centre, any of the shops there are so many spaces that won't	No	

					disrupt hundreds of families and childrens money and learning.			
NONE	Postal vote	Yes	Νο	Shevington Vale school should not be used as a polling station as this means the school has to close for the day. This is completely unnecessary when there are plenty of other locations in the village that can be used.	Booths coal yard, Golden Days garden centre, village hall, the community centre, any of the shops there are so many spaces that won't disrupt the school.	No		In general schools should not be used as polling stations. It's completely unnecessary when there are plenty library's, village halls etc. If people are unable to reach these places then they should accept a postal vote.
	I currently vote at the britannia Hotel.	Yes	Yes		Anywhere other than schools	No	Wri	The issue that we have is our children go to shevington vale primary school and that is also used as

		a polling station. We are not happy having the school used to vote.
		"It closes the school to current pupils. Other days they aren't allowed to miss school but every year closes for voting. This means parents taking unpaid days off work for the sake of a building that can be moved easily to other spots in the village. Such as using booths coal yard, golden days garden centre,

SHEVINGTON	Poolstock Lane Village	No	Shevington Vale Primary	Yes	Community	Νο	community centre, any of the shops there are so many spaces that won't disrupt hundreds of families and childrens money and learning. I think considering the importance of children's learning schools should not be used for this.
WITH LOWER GROUND	Hall WN3 5		School. There are alot of other premises within the village that can be utilised to avoid our children being at home when they should be learning. Families are being distrupted and taking		Gardens, parks, village halls.		

SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale Primary School	No	unpaid days off work due to this each year. Schools should not be an option. I am not satisfied the school has to close causing my children to miss a day's education. Especially where there are other buildings just as suitable.	No	I feel Appley Bridge village hall would be a more suitable option. There is a carpark and no steps to access.	Appley Bridge Village Hall	No	
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington library	Yes		Yes		Not at all, I believe we should STOP closing Shevington Vale Primary and use Shevington library more!!!	No	Stop using Shevington Vale Primary!! Kids shouldn't suffer a days learning!! Use library's, use church halls etc, STOP USING SCHOOLS
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Library	Yes		Yes		No	No	I would like Shevington Vale Community Primary, Runhaw

						Avenue in Appley Bridge to stop being used as a polling station as I struggle to get childcare for my children on polling day when I'm working.
PEMBERTON	St Francis Hall	Yes	Yes	No better suggestion	No	No
NONE	Church. I feel very strongly about closing schools to use as polling stations. There are more than enough council or other public access buildings available and schools should not be closed to facilitate voting. Makes a mockery of education and 'term time' holiday arguments if you can shut them 'when you want to.'	Yes	Yes	Not applicable for me. But where schools are currenty usedlook at pubs, churches, halls, pop ups, shops, surgeries etc	No	

LOWTON EAST	Lowton West Primary School	Yes	Yes	The current polling station is the most convenient for the area.	No	No
	Shevington Library	Yes	Yes	No	No	I'm using this opportunity to suggest that where there is an alternative to a primary school that it should be used. Libraries, church buildings, community buildings, commercial premises for example. Or mobile units should be considered. The small number of votors at some polling stations does not justify

		school closure which has an impact on children and families. As a school governor it
		gives me great concern.
		I know that schools have considered how they might remain open but it has not proved practical for primaries.
		In Shevington, the Library could have a greater voter catchment so that Millbrook Primary need not be used.
		In the Shevington Vale area, a

							mobile unit near to the shops would avoid the closure of Shevington Vale Primary School.
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	St Anne's primary school in Standish Lower Ground	Yes		Yes	N/a	No	No
LEIGH WEST	At Paul's school Westleigh	Yes		Yes	Will not be our polling station as boundary change	No	No
ASPULL NEW SPRINGS WHELLEY	Holy fami	Yes		Yes	No	No	I am happy with the present location
LOWTON EAST	Red Lion Conservatory, Lowton.	Yes		Yes	No	No	No
NONE	I currently use my postal vote. Have not attended a polling station for years.	Yes		Yes	None known.	No	
SHEVINGTON WITH LOWER GROUND	Shevington Vale primary school	No	The school has to close to accommodate the polling station. Given how much schooling has been missed over the	Yes	Scout hut Church Church Hall	No	

past 2 years it is village Hall have to lose yet another have to lose yet another day of learning just so that people can vote in that people can vote in the school hall. There are plenty of other venues that could be used e.g the Scout Hut, the various churches and church halls or a temporary portakabin could be placed somewhere like Heron's Wharf. I appreciate the importance of voting, however this shouldn't be at the expense of children's ability to learn.

Other Representations

Ward/Area	Comments/Representations
Astley Mosley	As Astley will be expanding, we need a polling station near Stour/Bodmin Road. Tyldesley Primary school woud be ideal but it is n
Common	academy.
	The scout hut on Ellesmere st Higher Green Lane is likely to be sold soon but it is ok for the time being. The only other venue would
	be the community club on Higher Gren Lane
Golborne &	The polling station arrangements in May were not satisfactory. In particular, the use of Golborne library instead of the Golborne
Lowton West	Primary School means that people now have a long way to go to vote and this discourages voters. There were only four points for all our voters to go this time. Parkside is a long distance for people living at the Ashton End of the ward, Heath St and the library are

	close together in the centre of the town so people living at the Edge Green Lane end have a long way to walk as well. The only areas
	well served by close-by stations are the Lowton West end, the town centre and those houses around Parkside.
	The library is also handy for people on Nook Lane and the estates off it.
	I don't know if there are better venues to use, such as the Church close to Kid Glove Road or anywhere closer to the Edge Green
	Lane or Ashton and Golborne Rd end but that would be useful.
	Can we use Legh Court? That would help.
Orrell	With only 4 Polling Stations in Orrell (and one of them in the Church Hall of the Church has a pay-and-display Car Park for visitors to
	the Church) Orrell Ward Polling stations need a good shake up as it is a ward that is 4 miles long and less than 1 mile wide at its
	widest point. This could well mean temporary polling stations in a couple or three places.
Leigh South	We moved Bedford High School across into The Rugby club which is actually in Leigh East and confuses people.
0	Is it at all possible to negotiate with the school to use it again?
Aspull New	We are losing the Standish part of our ward under the new proposals, which is the mobile polling station on Rectory Lane.
Springs &	
Whelley	The new proposals make it clear that Haigh Parish and Worthington Parish are fully within Aspull New Springs Whelley ward, and
	thus separate from the Standish/Rectory Lane area.
	I know you've had to have two boxes at the mobile polling station on Rectory Lane because of the Worthington Parish issue and the
	need for a separate polling district.
	I suggest you keep all of Aspull, New Springs and Whelley the same, which includes all of Haigh Parish voting at St David's.
	Although the part of Haigh Parish on Trevore Drive and Mayflower/Lakeside Cottages, have felt the Rectory Lane Box would have
	been a lot more convenient. I was always in favour of this, but realise the split along the Parish Council lines confuses this.
	Re Worthington Parish, which I believe was always a separate polling district at the Rectory Lane box, with them now being
	potentially distinctively separated between Standish/ANSW wards, I'd suggest a separate polling station, either at a Kilhey Court
	hotel, or at The Crown at Worthington pub on Platt Lane.
Winstanley	In respect of Winstanley ward, we are blessed with buildings that are available to the public and can therefore limit the impact on
	the use of local schools which would be my preference, given the pandemic and the loss of school time that many pupils have
	experienced over the past few years. It is my view that wherever possible we should limit the number of polling places located in
	schools to avoid them having to close.
	St Matthew's Parish Hall is a very suitable location for electors in the Highfield area of the ward.

	Similarly, The Grange Centre on Highfield Grange Ave is easily accessible for electors in the Goose Green area.
	St Aidans Social Centre is accessible and located and serves the existing and recent new build estates in the ward.
Shevington with Lower Ground	I think the venue is perfectly suitable BUT: I don't agree with closing primary schools on polling days. This is a causing financial burden on working parents.
	Parents of young children should not be penalised when polling takes place. They currently have to take a day off work, either unpaid or using a precious day's holiday, or have to work around their children if they work from home. Alternatively, they have to rely on relatives or paid childcare to ensure they can work. Single-parent families rely largely on one income and and are particularly affected if they have to miss a day's work or find childcare.
	The care of young children or alternative childcare arrangements tends to fall to mothers, as they are statistically more likely to work part-time or earn less money than men. So women are disproportionately affected by the closure of schools.
	In addition, our children have missed enough school in recent years – an extra day almost annually is taken from their education, needlessly.
	I would propose that alternative provision is made for polling stations (across the Borough!) so that young families will be unaffected by polling from 2023 onwards.
	I would like to see alternative provision, either in the form of mobile polling stations or use of shops, garages, sheds etc, instead of primary schools being used. Shevington Vale Primary, for example, has a Reading Cafe outside with access to the car park, so the site could be secured to allow pupils to remain in school while polling takes place in the Reading Cafe.
	Closing primary schools on polling day impacts on the lowest earners in our society and Wigan Council has the power to help such families. I hope the Council will consider these factors in its consultation.
	I would also like to see a temporary polling station erected in Shevington Moor – currently voters have to drive out of the polling district, and indeed the ward, to St Marie's in Standish.
	I feel this is OK for people who drive – but for people with accessibility issues, non-drivers, people with children etc this is more of an inconvenience and could prevent them from voting on the day.

	If a temporary polling station could be erected in the district or closer to it, for example on the car park of the Forester's or Charnley Arms pubs, or the Britannia Hotel (which I know used to be used for polling, but is currently housing refugees), then people would be more willing to get out and vote.
Pemberton	In response to your Interim review of Polling Stations query. In my opinion as there have been no boundary changes to the Pemberton ward I am satisfied with the present Polling Station arrangements.
Wigan Central	The residents from in and around the Spring garden/ Wigan town centre area having to travel up to St Michaels church hall, Shaw street, Swinely.
	My colleagues and I have looked at the voting levels in and around these areas and we found that the propensity to vote was lower than the average.
	We believe it is a result of the nearest voting station being located in Swinley and the distance being a problem.
	I would like you to consider locating a polling station in the Unite the union office, Transport house located in Richmond street, Wigan.
Wigan West	Wigan West ward has not been changed in the boundary, it is staying the same. St Annes Church Hall on Beech Hill Avenue. Scout headquarters in Delph Street. St Andrews School Mort Street.
Leigh Constituency	St John Fisher school will be going through refurbishment so they amalgamate with St Annes Church Hall as they did this yearFirstly, polling stations should be moved from schools if possible, unless that school is capable of remaining open whilst hosting a polling station. This has proven extremely popular in Lowton, where it has already been implemented.
	Secondly, in Lowton East specifically, the polling stations work very well, but I would suggest merging the polling districts that share the same polling station for the sake of administrative simplicity, namely:
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