

Polling station – evaluation checklist

Part A – Current polling place details		
Community House, Dovedale Close, Hammersley Hayes, Cheadle, Staffordshire ST10 2ET		
Polling place identifier	EC – Cheadle North East	
Polling place name	Hammersley Hayes Community House	
Polling place address	Dovedale Close Hammersley Hayes Cheadle Staffordshire ST10 2ET	
Number of electors	Number of electors EC - 2700	
Building proposed	Daisy Bank House Business Centre 17-19 Leek Road Cheadle Stoke-on-Trent Staffordshire ST10 1JE	
Polling place check		
Check	v	Comment
• Are there suitable transport links?	Yes	
• Are there any access issues regarding main/busy roads, railways, rivers, etc.?	No	The building is situated on a busy main road
• Is the polling place capable of accommodating more than one polling station together with the necessary staff and equipment? If so, could it accommodate all allocated voters going in and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?	Yes	There is a separate entrance to accommodate any disabled electors. There is car parking for staff
• Is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections?	Yes	
• Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development?	No	None known

Identify any comments

The Electoral Services Section have been informed that Hammersley Hayes Community House is no longer available for any forthcoming elections as the building has now been closed.

Part B – External areas access and facilities

Check	(v)	Comments
• Are there good public transport links to the polling place?	yes	
• Is the approach to the building safe and free from obstructions and does it have a dropped kerb?	yes	
• Is the building clearly identifiable?	yes	
• Is additional signage required between street and entrance?	yes	
• Is there the facility to put up the required signage for polling day?	yes	
• Are there parking facilities for disabled people?	yes	Car parking at side and rear
• Are there parking facilities for polling staff?	yes	Car parking at side and rear
• Does the approach to the building have external lighting?	yes	
• Does the building have level access? Yes/No. If no –Has a purpose built ramp been installed? • If so, does it have a handrail? • Does the ramp have a gentle slope? • Does the building require a temporary ramp or is there an alternative disabled access?	yes	
• Is the entrance door wide enough for a disabled person using a motorised wheelchair?	yes	
• Are the doors light enough for frail/elderly voters to open?	yes	
• Can the 'Guidance for voters' notice be clearly displayed outside the premises, as required by the election rules?	yes	
• Are there any external security concerns?	no	
• Can tellers be accommodated outside the building?	yes	

Part C – Internal areas access and facilities

Check	(v)	Comments
• Are all doors easy to open (including by wheelchair users) or do they need to be permanently locked back?	yes	
• Are there any internal steps or obstructions/hazards?	no	
• Are any doormats level with the floor?	n/a	
• Is the floor covering non-slip (including in wet weather)?	yes	
• Are there any corridors that may cause access problems?	no	
• Is there adequate lighting in the corridors?	n/a	
• Are there toilet facilities?	yes	
• Is there a kitchen that staff can use?	yes	
• Is the area adequately lit for day and night time?	yes	
• Is there adequate space for signage?	yes	
• How many polling stations can the building accommodate?	2	
• Does the building have a telephone available (land line) in the event of mobile network problems?	yes	

Part D – The polling station(s)

Check	(v)	Comments
• Is there sufficient space to accommodate and manage the flow of a high volume of electors in the case of a high turnout of electors?	yes	
• If multiple polling stations need to be provided, are there other rooms available, or can the space be clearly divided to provide adequate room for more than one polling station?	yes	
• Is there sufficient space inside the polling station to comfortably accommodate staff, voters, polling agents and observers?	yes	
• Could ballot booths be positioned in a way that would preserve the secrecy of the ballot, even where there may be a high volume of electors?	yes	

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there adequate lighting for day and night time?	yes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there suitable furniture (tables and chairs) available for all types of election for polling staff and for those voters who may need to rest?	yes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Could motorised wheelchairs be accommodated?	yes	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can the official notices be clearly displayed, including the large-print version of the ballot paper(s)?	yes	