

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS DISTRICT COUNCIL
POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW

FORSBROOK WARD

REPORT

Polling Stations	Forsbrook Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Forsbrook The William Amory Primary School, Stallington Road, Blythe Bridge
Serving Polling Districts	NA, NB
Number of Polling Stations	4
Number of voters	4215 (Total) NA (1332), NB (2883)
Physical Accessibility	<u>Forsbrook Methodist Church</u> – Adequate parking <u>The William Amory Primary School</u> - Off street parking available. Access for disabled users on ground floor via side entrance.
Adequacy of facilities for staff	All facilities are satisfactory.
Is the location convenient to voters	Both polling places are in the centre of the concentrated population within the polling district.
Any recent major development	No
Any proposed development	No
Alternatives	<u>Alternatives suggested;</u> - Methodist Church Uttoxeter Road - Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall - Blythe Bridge Library - St Peter's Church Hall
Comments received as part of Consultation process	The necessity of closing The William Amory Primary School on voting days when there are community buildings in the area. Suggested alternatives - Methodist Church Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall

	Blythe Bridge Library St Peter's Church Hall
Presiding Officer or Polling Station Supervisor comments	None
DRO comments	Methodist Church – very poor access with limited car parking available <u>Blythe Bridge Library</u> – not suitable for voting <u>St Peter's Church Hall</u> – small step into the hall and no guarantee that the room will be available as required
Proposals for Change	After investigating the suggested locations it is proposed to move voting to Blythe Bridge and Forsbrook Village Hall. The Village Hall has good parking facilities with good access on the level and good facilities for staff. The Hall has a sufficient room to accommodate the electorate and three polling stations
Reasons for Change	The necessity of closing The William Amory Primary School on polling day