Contact received from confirmed residents within Hertsmere's Bushey North Ward regarding use of Bushey & Oxhey Infants School as a Polling Place

1 - Correspondence between Hertsmere Borough resident A and Watford Electoral Services Office between 6/10/2023 and 11/10/2023

From: Sent: Friday, October 6, 2023 7:28 PM To: Elections (Watford) Subject: Bushey Infant school polling station

Dear Sir/madam As part of the consultation, please move the polling station from Bushey Infant school. Kind regards

On 9 Oct 2023, at 09:01, Gordon Amos, Electoral Services Manager wrote:

Morning **Exercise**, Further to your email below please could you provide me with your address to confirm your electoral registration details. Many thanks and best regards Electoral Services Manager Watford Borough Council

From: Sent: Wednesday, October 11, 2023 8:14 AM To: Gordon Amos Cc: Elections (Watford)

Subject: Re: Bushey Infant school polling station

Resident A - provided address to confirm residence (and registration check) via email above.

On 11 Oct 2023, at 10:29, Gordon Amos, Electoral Services Manager wrote:

Many thanks

The first thing I must advise is that as a Hertsmere BC resident, and I assume registered elector, you are (correctly) not registered as Watford Borough elector, nor currently an elector within the Watford Borough Parliamentary constituency.

As per statutory Regulations and detail in the public notice 'Notice of review of Watford's Polling Districts, Places and Stations 2024' published on 25 September 2023 –

Any elector registered in the Borough of Watford (or in the Watford Borough constituency) may make representations to Watford's Electoral Registration Officer.

And these are the necessary qualifications to qualify any formal representation made.

However, I can advise that I have noted your request, and on account of the pending inclusion of Hertsmere Borough Council's Bushey North Ward (which your address **Sector** is a part) into the Watford Borough constituency for, and with effect from the next UK Parliamentary elections I intend to include a note in the Review Report that will be prepared for consideration by Full Council in due course.

Best regards

Electoral Services Manager Watford Borough Council

2 - Correspondence between Hertsmere Borough resident B and Watford Electoral Services Office between 7/10/2023 and 26/10/2023

From: Sent: Saturday, October 7, 2023 7:24 AM To: Elections (Watford) Subject: Polling venue

Hello,

I hope you are well. Following from the school newsletter that we can voice our views on the polling venue, I'd like to share mine. My children go to school in Bushey, my younger is in Bushey and Oxhey Infant and my older is in Bushey Manor. With children who lost learning time during covid and still catching up with the basics. And a number of teachers strikes we had, I wouldn't want them to keep missing school and the opportunity to learn. Also it's difficult for working parents who can't take time off. The children aren't benefiting from being time off school. I'd like the polling station to be moved to another suitable alternative if possible i.e a church hall?

Kind regards

| | On | 26 | Oct | 2023, | at 4:50, | Gordon | Amos, | Electoral | Services | Manager | wrote: |
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To: Subject: RE: Polling venue Afternoon , Further to your email below please could you provide me with your address to confirm your electoral registration details. Many thanks and best regards Electoral Services Manager Watford Borough Council

Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:06 PM

To: Gordon Amos

Subject: Re: Polling venue

Resident B - provided address to confirm residence (and registration check) via email above.

On 26 Oct 2023, at 5:14, Gordon Amos, Electoral Services Manager wrote:

To: Subject: RE: Polling venue

Many thanks

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Electoral Services Manager Watford Borough Council

From: Sent: Thursday, October 26, 2023 5:45 PM To: Gordon Amos Subject: Re: Polling venue

Hi,

Thanks. School advised us to contact the council to express our views if we don't want it to be closed on polling day hence my original email. I think many families are affected.

Kind regards