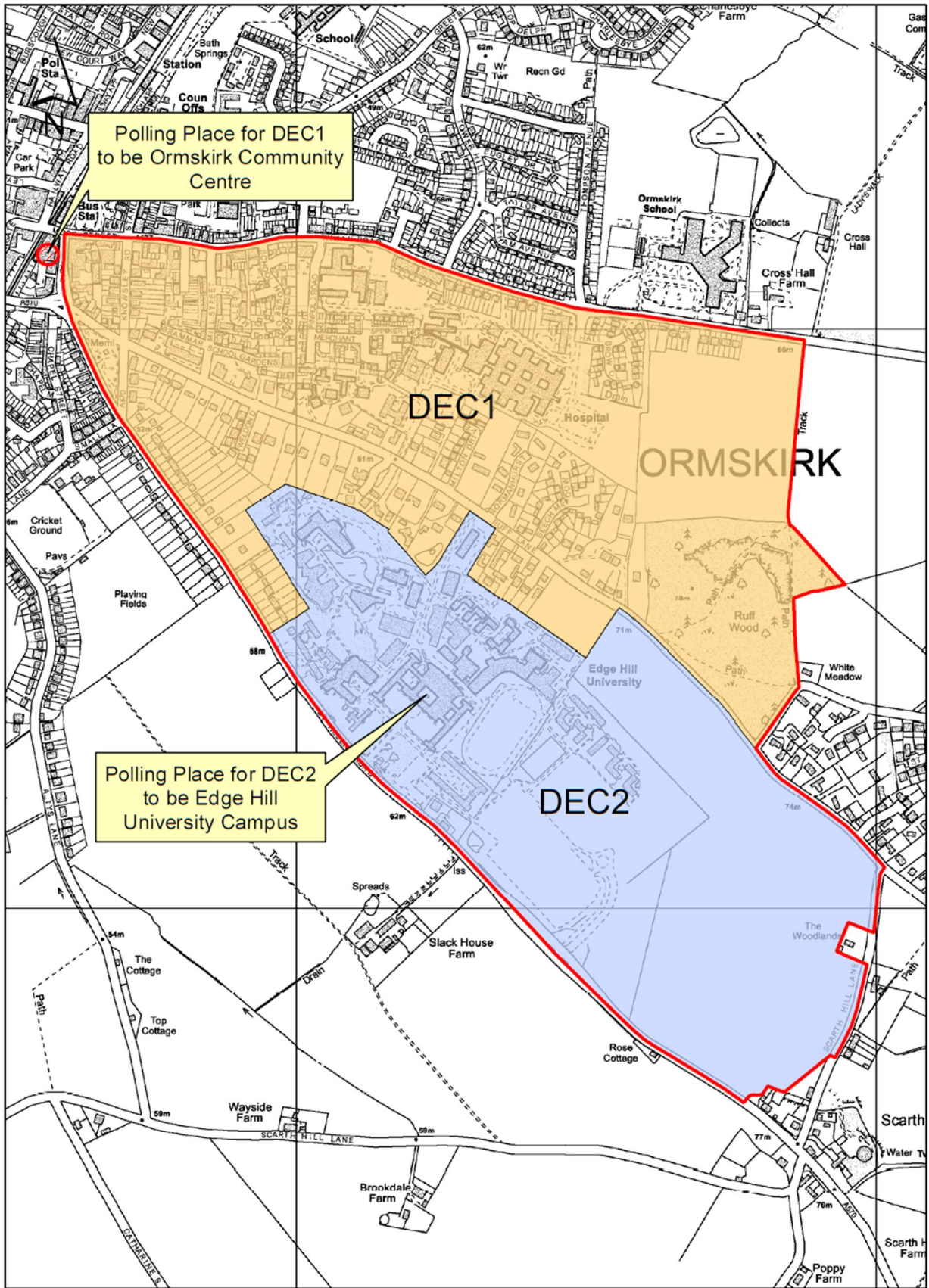


**West Lancashire Borough Council  
Interim Review of Polling District and Polling Places for Derby Ward District DEC**

**FINAL PROPOSALS**

| <b>WARD/POLLING DISTRICT</b>        | <b>ELECTORS</b> | <b>POSTAL VOTERS</b> | <b>LOCATION OF EXISTING POLLING PLACES AND STATIONS</b>  | <b>ISSUES</b>  | <b>SUBMISSIONS RECEIVED</b> | <b>FINAL PROPOSALS</b>   |
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| <b>Derby<br/>Unparished<br/>DEC</b> | <b>1753</b>     | <b>235</b>           | <b>Ormskirk Community Centre, St Helens Road, Ormskirk</b><br><br><b>(Two Polling Stations in one Polling Place)</b> | <p><b>Split register as a result of Electoral Commission Guidance must have two polling stations for all elections. Students on register.</b></p> <p><b>Initial Proposal consulted upon as set out in Final Proposals.</b></p> | <b>See Appendix 3</b>       | <p><b>Split the DEC Polling District into two, creating Polling District DEC1 and Polling District DEC2, as shown on the attached plan.</b></p> <p><b>DEC1 Polling Place and Polling Station to be sited at Ormskirk Community Centre/Chapel Gallery. 1014 Electors 214 Postal Voters</b></p> <p><b>DEC2 Polling Place to be Edge Hill University Campus and the Polling Station to be sited in 'The Hub'. 739 Electors 21 Postal Voters</b></p> |



Summary of Initial Proposal Consultation Submissions/Representations

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Consultation 11 December 2015 – 5 January 2016

14/12/15

Steven Rouke – Edge Hill University Student Union President

“I think having a Polling Station on campus can only be of great benefit to our students and to local political parties. An on campus and off campus station is particular(y) pleasing and I believe our students are incredibly fortunate to be in a position where they could vote where is most convenient to them. A Polling Station on campus will hopefully provide a political platform and a bit of political motivation for our students and really start to get them interested in voting. Again, we are incredibly fortunate to be able to bring a polling station on campus and I think it will benefit all parties involved.”

Aaron Roberts – Edge Hill University Disabled Students Officer

“It is my opinion that positioning a second polling station on Edge Hill University Campus will provide great benefits for students who suffer from mobility issues. Assuming the University provide proper explanation to its students about which station to go to, so as not to provide confusion for those with mental difficulties, I can see only positive repercussions for disabled students.”

Dr John Cater – Vice Chancellor of Edge Hill University

“I am very happy with the proposal. I’d hope we will see a greater proportion of the 2000+ young people resident on campus registering and voting in the years ahead.”

04/01/16

Roderick Macdonald – Resident of Grammar School Gardens

“I note the review and wish to state that I am totally opposed to any change for the following reasons:

1. There is no justification for the change.

2. There is no need to waste money and incur costs on such projects, particularly at a time when the Council is cutting services. Indeed money & time would be better spent ensuring some basic services are improved/re instituted such as clearance of drains across the borough.
3. Derby Ward is not a large ward anyway.

I find it appalling, but not surprising, that there are people in local government who are wasting their time and council taxpayers' money on half-baked projects like this.

I trust that you will note my views in the best interests of taxpayers.”

Ms J Faraday – Edge Hill University Inclusion Officer  
Lauren Blundell – Edge Hill University Student's Union Welfare Officer  
Tony Lewis – Manager of Disability Advice West Lancashire

**From:** Lynan, Thomas

**Sent:** 11 December 2015 11:37

**To:** [REDACTED]

**Subject:** Notice of Review of Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations for Derby Ward district DEC - Consultation on Initial Proposals

**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICT, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS FOR DERBY WARD  
DISTRICT DEC**

I am writing to inform you of the formal publication of a 'Notice of Review of Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations for Derby Ward district DEC – Consultation on Initial Proposals'.

The attached notice lists all the relevant information pertaining to this stage of the review. The initial proposals document is also attached.

Both documents are also available on the Council website at; <http://www.westlancs.gov.uk/about-the-council/elections-and-voting/review-of-polling-districts.aspx>

Please send any representations you may have to me, either in response to this email or in writing at the address listed below.

As an individual with expertise relating to access for persons with any type of disability, I would greatly appreciate your views on these proposals. The closing date for submission of representations is 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Should you have any questions or require further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,

Thomas Lynan  
Electoral and Administration Services Manager  
West Lancashire Borough Council



# Equality Impact Assessment Form



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| <b>Directorate: People and Places</b>  | <b>Service: Legal and Democratic Services</b>  |
| <b>Completed by: Thomas Lynan</b>  | <b>Date: 06/01/2016</b>  |
| <b>Subject Title: Review of Polling District, Polling Places and Polling Stations for Derby Ward district DEC</b>  |  |
| <b>1. DESCRIPTION</b>  |  |
| Is a policy or strategy being produced or revised:   | Yes  |
| Is a service being designed, redesigned or cutback:  | Yes  |
| Is a commissioning plan or contract specification being developed:   | No   |
| Is a budget being set or funding allocated:  | No   |
| Is a programme or project being planned:   | Yes  |
| Are recommendations being presented to senior managers and/or Councillors:   | Yes  |
| Does the activity contribute to meeting our duties under the Equality Act 2010 and Public Sector Equality Duty <b>(Eliminating unlawful discrimination/harassment, advancing equality of opportunity, fostering good relations):</b> | Yes  |
| Details of the matter under consideration:   | Partial review of the Polling District DEC and its constituent Polling Place and Station                 |
| <i>If you answered <b>Yes</b> to any of the above <b>go straight to Section 3</b></i><br><i>If you answered <b>No</b> to all the above <b>please complete Section 2</b></i>  |  |
| <b>2. RELEVANCE</b>  |  |
| Does the work being carried out impact on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):  |  |
| If <b>Yes</b> , provide details of how this impacts on service users, staff or Councillors (stakeholders):<br><i>If you answered <b>Yes</b> go to <b>Section 3</b></i>   |  |
| If you answered <b>No</b> to both Sections 1 and 2 provide details of why there is no impact on these three groups:  |  |
| <b>3. EVIDENCE COLLECTION</b>  |  |
| Who does the work being carried out impact on, i.e. who is/are the stakeholder(s)?   | There is a direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and or other stakeholders. |
| If the work being carried out relates to a universal service, who needs or uses it most? (Is there any particular group affected more than others)?  | All groups are affected but special consideration is required for disabled electors.                     |

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| Which of the protected characteristics are most relevant to the work being carried out?  |  |
| Age  | No   |
| Gender   | No   |
| Disability   | Yes  |
| Race and Culture   | No   |
| Sexual Orientation   | No   |
| Religion or Belief   | No   |
| Gender Reassignment  | No   |
| Marriage and Civil Partnership   | No   |
| Pregnancy and Maternity  | No   |
| <b>4. DATA ANALYSIS</b>  |  |
| In relation to the work being carried out, and the service/function in question, who is actually or currently using the service and why?   | Members of the public, employees, elected members and or other stakeholders currently use the service because it is a universal service integral to the function of the Council. |
| What will the impact of the work being carried out be on usage/the stakeholders?   | Potential changes to voting arrangements.  |
| What are people's views about the services? Are some customers more satisfied than others, and if so what are the reasons? Can these be affected by the proposals?   | People's views have been sought through two periods of consultation.   |
| What sources of data including consultation results have you used to analyse the impact of the work being carried out on users/stakeholders with protected characteristics?  | The views of those with expertise in disability issues have been sought through consultation.  |
| If any further data/consultation is needed and is to be gathered, please specify:  | All relevant stakeholders have been contacted during the consultation periods.   |
| <b>5. IMPACT OF DECISIONS</b>  |  |
| In what way will the changes impact on people with particular protected characteristics (either positively or negatively or in terms of disproportionate impact)?  | Changing the location of where certain residents within DEC vote.  |
| <b>6. CONSIDERING THE IMPACT</b>   |  |
| If there is a negative impact what action can be taken to mitigate it? (If it is not possible or desirable to take actions to reduce the impact, explain why this is the case (e.g. legislative or financial drivers etc.)). | None   |
| What actions do you plan to take to address any other issues above?  | No actions<br><br><i>If no actions are planned state no actions</i>  |
| <b>7. MONITORING AND REVIEWING</b>   |  |
| When will this assessment be reviewed and who will review it?  | No further assessment required.  |