

Review Polling place / polling station - checklist



Part A – Current polling place details	
Polling place name	Church Stowe Closed C of E School
Polling place address	Main Street Church Stowe Northamptonshire NN7 4SG
Building availability for future elections/ referendums	YES.

Polling place review		
Check	✓	Comment
• Are there suitable transport links?		NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT
• Are there any access issues regarding main/busy roads, railways, rivers, etc.?		NO
• Is the polling place capable of accommodating more than one polling station together with the necessary staff and equipment?		NO.
• If so, could it accommodate all allocated voters going in and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?		NO.
• 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

Part B – External areas access and facilities		
Check	(v)	Comments
• Are there good public transport links to the polling place?		NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT
• Is the approach to the building safe and free from obstructions and does it have a dropped kerb?		NO DROPPED KERB
• Is the building clearly identifiable?		YES
• Is additional signage required between street and entrance?		NO
• Is there the facility to put up the required signage for polling day?		YES
• Are there parking facilities for disabled people?		NO
• Are there parking facilities for polling staff?		NO PARKING OTHER THAN ON STREET
• Does the approach to the building have external lighting?		YES
• Does the building have level access? Yes/No. If no –		NO
• Has a purpose built ramp been installed?		NO - PORTABLE RAMP
• If so, does it have a handrail?		NO
• Does the ramp have a gentle slope?		YES
• Is there an alternative disabled access?		NO
• Is the entrance door wide enough for a disabled person using a motorised wheelchair?		NO
• 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

External plan – B1

Show external layout, street name(s), car parking (including disabled car parking), ramps, steps, lighting, appropriate places for signage, etc.

Sketch layout; provide photographs if appropriate.

SEE PHOTO ONE

SEE PHOTO TWO

Part C – Internal areas access and facilities

Check	(√)	Comments
• Are all doors easy to open (including by wheelchair users) or do they need to be permanently locked back?		YES EASY TO OPEN
• Are there any internal steps or obstructions/hazards?		NO
• Are any doormats level with the floor?		NO
• Is the floor covering non-slip (including in wet weather)?		YES - CARPET
• Are there any corridors that may cause access problems?		ONLY PASSAGE TO EXTERNAL TOILETS.
• Is there adequate lighting in the corridors?		YES
• Are there toilet facilities?		YES
• Is there a kitchen that staff can use?		YES
• Is there adequate space for signage?		YES
• How many polling stations can the building accommodate?		ONE
• Does the building have a telephone available (land line) in the event of mobile network problems?		NO

Internal access leading to polling station(s) – C1

Show internal areas of the building, excluding the actual polling station where voting will take place, including corridors that link to the polling station, kitchen and toilets, and highlight any possible signage requirements and potential hazards. Also indicate door swing direction and ease of opening, any areas of poor lighting, and any areas of uneven floor, etc.

Sketch layout; provide photographs if appropriate.

SEE PHOTO 3
PHOTO 4
PHOTO 5
PHOTO 6
PHOTO 7.

Part D – The polling station(s)		
Check	(√)	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?		NO - ONE ONLY
• 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
• Is there adequate lighting for day and night time?		YES
• 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
• Could motorised wheelchairs be accommodated?		NO
• Can the official notices be clearly displayed, including the large-print version of the ballot paper(s)?		YES
• Does the polling station have a sufficient heating system to accommodate staff from 6.30am to 10pm?		YES
• Is there extra heating available if required (storage heaters)?		NO
• Are the heaters on a coin meter?		NO
• If yes, please confirm which coin.		NO