

Polling Districts, Places and Stations Review 2019

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station address	No of Electors
GT3	Abbey North Ward	Daventry Court	1432
GW2	Hill Ward	Hotel, Sedgemoor Way, Daventry	2257
Turnout at 2017 General Election 51.24%, 53.08% Polling Station Electorate 2017 1595, 2119			
Increase in young people from census figures over the next five years 464			
Planned or proposed new developments to 2023			
336 predicted dwellings in Monksmoor from 2020/2021 to 2022/2023			
280 dwellings on site 7 & 8			
558 dwellings on Micklewell Park			
Comments Received from Stakeholders			
Polling station inspector 2018 – No disabled parking bays available at front of hotel most of the day.			
Presiding Officer 2018 – received complaints from electors as all disabled bays were taken with no disabled badges in windows.			
Councillor Hills – not the ideal site, you have to proceed through the Hotel to the Polling Booths, parking not too bad, although at times can be difficult when the hotel is busy. I understand that a community centre is to be built as part of the Monksmoor development which could present a better venue in the future.			
Town Council - Need to find a better venue for Middlemore, once again access on foot doesn't encourage people to vote (busy traffic and little too far) – realise options are limited – but perhaps this could be something you can input into any planning applications re 'need for community building in this area'.			
Same as above for Monksmoor – however, school is now open, perhaps that could be used.			
Voter - Parking provision was plentiful, site is easy to access by car. Polling station is quite a walk from the main entrance, but is easily found			
Voter - This Polling station is too far from Middlemore. A better facility for the estate would be the pub.			
Returning Officer Comments			
Location/Suitability			
Car Parking	Disabled parking available, plenty of parking for voters.		
Access	Level access throughout. Disabled access.		
Staff Facilities	No kitchen, canteen available, adequate heating and lighting.		
Alternative Locations	Comments		

Middlemore pub	Not an ideal venue due to having to use the same entrance to the pub as the customers. The entrance must be separate for the voters. Thursday nights are normally busy at the pub with their quiz night therefore it would not be suitable to have a polling station open during this period. You cannot separate the room away from the rest of the pub and the room we would use does not have disabled access due to the steps going up to the room.
Monksmoor School	Good location for Monksmoor residents. Suitable venue with good disabled access. Safeguarding the children has been discussed and we have put a plan in place for this.
Any Other Relevant Information	
Returning Officer's Proposal	Reason
To keep Lang Farm residents polling station at Daventry Court Hotel	Central location for residents. No major issues with the hotel.
To keep Middlemore residents polling station at Daventry Court Hotel	We have looked into moving to the pub on the Middlemore estate but we feel it is not suitable for the requirements of the polling station. We have looked at alternative venues on the Heartlands estate with no success. There may be a community building being built in the future on Middlemore which we can look into at a later date.
To move Monksmoor estate residents from Daventry Court Hotel to Monksmoor Park CE Primary School	More convenient location for the residents. With the new developments in Daventry taking place, we feel another polling station would be required. We have liaised with the Primary School and we have provisional plans in place for the safeguarding of the children should the proposal be approved. There may be a community building being built in the future on the Monksmoor estate which we can look into at a later date.