REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

PUBLIC SUBMISSIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED

The table in this appendix contains all written representations received over the course of the consultation period. All submissions have been anonymised but otherwise faithfully reproduced.

No.	Polling District	Ward	Subject of comment:	Public submission
1	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Please note that Neither myself Nor my husband want the Polling Office moved from Outwood School. Outwood school is much easier to walk to, safer in the evening and more central than the C.M.A. Regards
2	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear Sirs, I write to express some conern about the choice of changing polling stations in Heald Green HG4, from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Muslim Association. Accepting a change must occur to minimise disruptions to schools and education, careful consideration needs to be given to a suitable alternative. As you are no doubt aware, racial tensions have increased across the country following the events of October 7th in Israel and more recently the riots after the Southport attack. Anti muslim, anti semetic, anti migrant, and anti right wing views have resulted in a precarious culture where people often feel uncomfortable to express views freely and constructively without judgement. Despite Stockport being a multicultural society, these tensions still exist. In the interest of psychological safety and encouraging people to come forward and vote we must tread carefully.

				The muslim association, is a dominant protagonist with the 'free palestine' protest movement. In fact, in stockport there has been at least one party who's manifesto included it. With such a religious and politically entwined agenda in a culture of existing tension, there is a risk future voting could be affected where the muslim population vote strongly, and the non muslim (particularly jewish, or those in support of israel) reluctant to vote in a mosque. Therefore, in the interest of equality, and the reasons outlined i implore you to reconsider this decision. Kind Regards
3	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Good afternoon I support the idea of considering to move the voting area from the Outwood school to the Chile mosque on Wilmslow Road Best regards,
4	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Hello! Really pleased to hear the news of Polling Stations moving away from being held at schools as I know from first-hand experience the disruption this causes to the education of children and working routines of their parents/caregivers. Very delighted also to hear that CMA may be a the site of a potential Polling Station. The location, parking space, accessibility make this an ideal location all-round, and furthermore it's great to see the building being put to as much use as possible for the benefit of the wider community. A great initiative - well done! Kind regards
5	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district,	Hi Team,

			replacing Outwood Primary School.	I am a local resident in Stockport and would like to voice my support to move the HG4 polling station to Cheadle Muslim Association (CMA). The new CMA building is spacious and had ample parking for this use. Thanks,
6	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear Sir, We fully support the proposal of the Stockport council to change the local polling station from the Outwood school to the newly built multipurpose centre for Cheadle Masjid Association. With thanks,
7	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear Returning Officer, I am in favour of the proposal to change the HG4 polling station location from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Muslim Association on Wilmslow Road. I welcome the commitment from the Council to avoid using schools as polling places where this is practical.' It is a great centre, offering ample accommodation, good facilities and parking along with adequate disabled access for voters,' - ATF added. This action will assist the Council in its goal of reducing disruptions to schools and will offer the community a convenient and accessible polling location. This has my gratitude in advance and I hope this positive change will happen. Yours sincerely,
8	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear local ward boundary team, I have recently become aware that you are considering to relocate one of the polling stations. For the HG4 area within the ward of Heald Green, be moved from Outwood Primary School to the Cheadle Muslim Association. I am a resident of Stockport and would strongly support this move. Benefits of this move would be:

				It will encourage Muslim voters to participate in electoral process and help improve turnout rates of this ethnic minority group. I know historically Muslim turnout rates have been lower than national average. Good access, road is spacious, with ample parking and good disabled access. I would request you to move the polling station to Cheadle Muslim Association. King regards
9	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear sir or madam, I am writing as a parent of children who attend Outwood Primary School to express my support for relocating the polling station currently based at the school. While I fully appreciate the importance of providing accessible polling stations, the use of the school for this purpose creates significant disruptions. The school is required to close on polling days, causing a loss of valuable learning time for the students and inconvenience for parents who must make alternative childcare arrangements. This is unfair on the children and I know the school have adopted an increase in school times to facilitate more learning time this year. I support moving the polling station to the nearby Cheadle Mosque. This building is a well-known landmark in the community, offering ample parking and modern facilities that could easily accommodate voters. Relocating to this venue would reduce disruption to children's education while maintaining convenience and accessibility for voters. It's an easy solution. Thank you for considering this proposal. I trust that a decision can be made that serves both the community's needs and the best interests of our children. Kind regards,
10	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district,	Good Morning, I am emailing regarding the proposal to move the Outwood Primary School polling station to the CMA site on Wilmslow Road.

			replacing Outwood Primary School.	I think this is an excellent and forward thinking move that will benefit the community. There is limited parking both on Outwood Road and at the school for those voters who need to drive to vote due to infirmity. The road is heavily clogged at the best of times and the CMA site offers a much better parking alternative. The move would also benefit the children who attend the school as it is disruptive to both them, and their parents, to have day of closure in the middle of the week. The school is not set up to allow for both voters and pupils to be in at the same time without compromising on safeguarding. The CMA site is also a little further away from some of the other polling stations in Heald Green making for a much better distribution of facilities. Regards
11	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Hi, I am writing in relation to the public consultation review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the borough of Stockport. For the district HG4, I strongly support the move from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Muslim Association. This, as outlined here: https://www.stockport.gov.uk/polling-districts-and-polling-places/heald-green-hg not only spares pupils from disruptions, but also provides the community with a Polling Place that is spacious and accessible. Best regards,
12	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	To whom it may concern, I support the proposed change of polling station from Outwood School to Cheadle Mosque as voting should not impact the learning of pupils with school closure. Kind Regards

	Dear Offic	ers,					
13	Please may i make the follow in suggestions regarding natural boundaries in the following two wards and Polling Districts:						
	ED5, ED6		Polling District boundary	Edgeley: - shift the boundary between ED5 and ED6 so that all of Tenby Road is in ED6, and Kensington Road is split at the junction with Lorland Road/Wicklow Ave.:			
	ED2			- moving all of Ash Street and Oak Street into ED2 to align with surrounding houses			
	ED1, ED3	Edgeley		- place the boundary of ED1 and ED3 at Grenville Street			
	ED2	_		- move all of Bloom Street into the same polling district (preferably into ED2) with the streets south of Bloom/Avondale in the other direction			
	ED5			- move the boundary of ED5 to the Mountfield Road, putting all of Cashmere Road and Cheadle Old Road to the junction with Mountfield into that district.			
	DC10	Davenport & Cale Green	Merging district DC10 into district DC4	Davenport & Cale Green: - fully support the removal of the DC10 polling district			
	DC4, DC7		Polling District boundary	- place the boundary of DC4 and DC7 along Adswood Lane			

	I believe a political ca Regards,	•	oposals are more natural alignm	nent of neighbourhoods, will make voting less confusing for residence, and simplify campaigning for
14	HG4	Heald Green	Designation of the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place for this district, replacing Outwood Primary School.	Dear Returning Officer, I believe that the proposed change of the polling station from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Masjid will be disruptive to residents. Residents have already moved to a different polling location in recent local elections. The lack of public transport near Cheadle Masjid is of great concern. The distance from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Masjid is 0.3 miles and I feel is unacceptably long, and this additional distance would prove challenging for residents with mobility issues, and/or elderly residents. Elderly residents and residents with mobility issues cannot be expected to cross a very busy road such as Wilmslow Road. Electors using their vehicles to travel to and from Cheadle Masjid will contribute to significant pollution and add to the ever-increasing traffic volumes. For the reasons outlined in this email, I wish to register my objection in the consultation on Polling Station move from Outwood Primary School to Cheadle Masjid. Kind regards,