

## Email Responses

Stimpson Avenue polling district – which used to have a polling station in Stimpson Avenue school, now redirected to Barry Road school. I have been told at the last election there was a complaint about Barry Road school. The entrance to the polling station is down a dark, unlit alleyway and someone objected to it as being unacceptable, especially as voting goes on after dark.

NNEF2 has no polling station and residents have a long walk to the polling station in the neighbouring polling district. There are a number of older people in this polling district.

NNWT2 identified that this also did not have a polling station. There used to be on in James Lewis Court, which is a sheltered housing scheme with a community room. Although it is off the main road here is ample parking and it can be signposted.

Blackthorn – the Growing together premises – the doors must be open. There were real problems previously as a result of people having to ring a doorbell because the staff shut the doors. There were also complaints about the room being too small and people feeling that the staff could see how they were voting.

Parts of Sunnyside – Yelvertoft Road and Ruskin/Bective roads – on the south side of Boughton Green Road have to vote at the Hinton Road polling station. This is appalling, the polling station in Hinton Road is impossible to find. Signage is incredibly bad and misreading and there isn't much parking. For people from the south side of Boughton Green Road it is terrible. There used to be a mobile polling station at the former Bective Road School – now Green oaks. There's also another school there Purple oaks.

The University – it needs a mobile unit, or possible something at All Saints School

St Davids generally needs care. It used to have more polling stations. There's a need to avoid having people going up and down hills. Previously there was a polling station in what used to be a housing office on Kingsthorpe front close to the bottom of Cranford Road.

NNPL3 – Brad Street – I don't think it is possible to walk to the polling station at Boothville.

Semilong (including the new housing in Studland Road) – people have to go to the church in Edinburgh Road. Many do not know where Edinburgh Road is as it is across the road. There is an ASDA supermarket which is well known and, where there could perhaps be a mobile unit in the carpark or similar.

## Appendix 3

Can you please explain to me why you have to constantly use Cedar Road Primary School as a polling station? There are three churches within 400 to 500 yards of the school which I'm sure would be perfectly capable of carrying out this function. Now on 23 May the parents of 420 school children are going to have to take time off work or find alternative childcare.

In response to your polling station review Duston Parish Council believes the current arrangements within Duston are satisfactory.