

Pendle Borough Council

Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 – List of representations received

Number	Individual/Public Body making representations	Area	Representation
1	Local Residents, Barnoldswick	Barnoldswick Ward	Keep St Joseph's, Independent Methodist, The Rainhall Centre and Rolls Royce – basically no change at all for Barnoldswick residents in the locations they can currently vote.
2	Barnoldswick Town Council	Barnoldswick Town	Town councillors are content with the current arrangements.
3	Local Resident, Barnoldswick	Independent Methodist Sunday School	Current polling station is accessible.
4	Local Resident, Barrowford	Holmefield House	This building has a car park, a few steps with a handrail or ramp then a short level walk from the door to the room used for voting. Next to Gisburn Road which is the main road through Barrowford making it very easy to find whether on foot, or by car and has a bus stop close by for anyone using public transport. I feel this venue provides convenience and good accessibility. It is also a good use of Barrowford Parish Council's offices.
5	Blacko Parish Council	Blacko County School	We think there is a lot of value associated with the village school being a polling station, not only just for Blacko but for many more of the outlying villages.
6	Local Resident, Blacko	Blacko County School	I worked for a disability equality organisation and there is the work of a national disability charity. Whilst it is accessible the space is tight. Signage and access from the front of school would be useful. It would be helpful to have a second polling station in the village as not everyone of us has a car. Additional polling station suggested: Hairdresser or barbers shop
7	Trawden Forest Parish Council	Trawden Forest Community Centre	The polling stations currently used for our wards are suitable.
8	Local Resident, Wycoller	Trawden Forest Community Centre	Very convenient.

9	Councillor	Bradley Ward	Closure of Number One Market Street and amalgamate remaining voters to Youth Centre. Closure of Walton Lane Community Centre and amalgamate with Hodge House Community Centre. The number of voters on the day at both these polling stations is very minimal with high postal voters at Number One Market Street. I believe the remaining two stations will be easier for your staff to manage and ensure higher turnout.
10	ARO for future Burnley Parliamentary Constituency	Brierfield East & Clover Hill Ward and Brierfield West & Reedley Ward	No comment on the polling stations.
11	Councillor	Brierfield East & Clover Hill Ward	I am happy with my polling stations as they are.
12	Councillor	Brierfield East & Clover Hill Ward	I am happy with the polling stations and don't think we need any additional polling stations.
13	Councillor	Brierfield East & Clover Hill	Strongly recommend that the status quo remains insofar as polling stations go. We've already lost two polling stations on the Clover Hill side and I can't see how any further changes will achieve anything.
14	Councillor	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Alternative suggested: Please can we look at using Friends Meeting House for next year's elections?
15	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	I ceased to drive three years ago – Brierfield Community Centre is either two buses or a taxi and is certainly a 'no-no' situation. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House - This is within my capabilities. Catching a bus for two-stop length is possible.
16	Councillor	Brierfield Community Centre (polling districts EB and EC)	It is a long way to go and vote at Brierfield Community Centre. Alternatives suggested: EB – Friends Meeting House/ EC – Reedley County School.
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22	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Brierfield Community Centre is almost a mile away for many residents. Alternative suggested: Short distance to the Friends Meeting House which is far more convenient.
23	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Brierfield Community Centre is approximately one mile away and not the easiest route for the elderly to take. Alternative suggested: Move back to the Friends Meeting House, it is far more convenient for the voters in this area as it can be reached without the need for transport.
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31	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Many families do not wish to travel over a mile to vote in Brierfield it is unnecessary inconvenience. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House – I have been deeply appalled by the removal of this polling station.
32	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	I do not have transport I feel it is too far to go to Brierfield. As I work I would not feel entirely comfortable walking down in the evening. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House is much closer to my home.
33	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Brierfield Community Centre is over a mile to travel. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House is much more convenient and is easy walking distance for elderly people who don't have a car.
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39	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	The traffic and parking in Brierfield is very bad and therefore unsuitable for a polling station. I was put off voting at the local elections for this reason. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House was far better in terms of access. It is also on a bus route so does not disadvantage people without cars.
40	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Alternative suggested: Preferred place Friends Meeting House.
41	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Alternative suggested: I would prefer to vote at Friends Meeting House. This location is much more convenient for us and is also less crowded.
42	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	I didn't cast a vote at the last election because I couldn't get to Brierfield Community Centre. It's much too far away for me to walk to and I have no car. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House where it used to be.
43	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Brierfield Community Centre can be quite intimidating at night and I don't want to be there late at night with groups of kids hanging around the library and community centre.

			Alternative suggested: Voting at Friends Meeting House was much better, due to being local to my home, easier to get to by foot or car.
44	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	My husband does not wish to go to places that are too busy. He found going to Brierfield Community Centre very disconcerting. Alternative suggested: We have been going to Friends Meeting House for about 20 years and he is very comfortable with this space. It is also within walking distance for us, which gives him much needed exercise.
45	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	It is not convenient for me to travel to the centre of Brierfield at different times to vote. I must voice my objection to this as it causes my family a problem, I have not voted for the past two years which goes against all of my principles. Alternative suggested: When the voting station was at the Friends Meeting House – this was very local to me and within walking distance so that I could easily “pop in” to vote at times to fit in with my work pattern.
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48	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	It is not easy to get to Brierfield Community Centre without driving, which can be a nightmare in Brierfield. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House
49	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	I wish to register a complaint about having to vote at this polling station. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House
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54	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	Need to drive to Brierfield Community Centre and find a parking space. Alternative suggested: Easier to walk round the corner to Friends Meeting House.
55	Local Resident, Nelson	Brierfield Community Centre (polling district EB)	I have given up voting it is too far down to Brierfield, there are a lot of older people in this area. Alternative suggested: Friends Meeting House
56	Local Resident, Brierfield	Pendle Primary Academy	Lack of disabled parking spaces or anywhere to park near to the school. Alternative suggested: Holy Trinity RC Primary School or Reedley Family Court
57	Local Resident, Earby	Linden Road Senior Citizens' Centre	I like my polling station where it is. It is very convenient, has a good car park with disabled bays. It is always warm and clean, and has good toilets. It is very handy.
58	Local Resident, Earby	Linden Road Senior Citizens' Centre	This is a very good polling station.
59	Councillor	Marsden Old Hall	Number of votes on the day is minimal at Marsden Old Hall, I anticipate a higher turnout at another polling station and will be easier for staff to manage. Alternative suggested: All of Marsden & Southfield Ward to vote at St John's Church Centre.
60	Councillor	Marsden Old Hall	There doesn't seem to be much on the day voting at the park as most people in that area are down for postal votes. Alternative suggested: All of Marsden & Southfield Ward to vote at St John's Church Centre – really good size and car parking facilities.

61	Councillor	Marsden Old Hall	Has a historically low physical turnout. Stated that residents complained about uphill walk and chose not to vote. Quite a distance to travel if they don't have a car. Alternative suggested: All of Marsden & Southfield Ward to vote at St John's Church Centre.
62	Local Resident, Colne	North Valley Community Centre	The customer is only on the premises for two minutes although it is better if parking is nearby. Our polling station on Birtwistle Avenue is absolutely perfect.
63	Local Resident, Colne	Lesser Municipal Hall	The Muni is excellent for us to cast our vote. Ramp access and disabled parking right outside.
64	Councillor	Whitefield & Walverden Ward	I am comfortable with regards to the polling stations we have in Whitefield & Walverden Ward
65	Councillor	Sports Hall, Marsden Community School	The Sports Hall was used as a polling station for the May 2023 Elections and it worked well. There is a lift for those who need it.
66	School	Sports Hall, Marsden Community School	The Sports Hall is free to use as a polling station in May 2024 and there is a working lift for disabled access.
67	Councillor	GENERAL – All polling stations in the Pendle Borough Council area	I am happy with the current polling stations, no change.