

Polling District Review - Comments received during Consultation

Noel Moore, Secretary South Copeland Disability Group

I stand by the South Copeland Disability Group findings in 2011. There is some serious problems with those where there is no chance for disabled to get in to, or the pavement has no dropped kerbs.

Dave Polhill, Clerk to Gosforth and Ponsonby Parish Councils

From what I can see the polling arrangements are adequate for Gosforth & Ponsonby. The 2 polling stations in Gosforth & Calderbridge meet all necessary requirements. Yours

Dave Millington, Clerk to Drigg & Carleton Parish Council

It is the view of Drigg & Carleton Parish Council that the current arrangements are satisfactory.

Anne Bradshaw, Chairman Copeland Disability Forum

Our comments will be with regard to Disabled Access to the polling stations in North Copeland, as we believe South Copeland Disability Group did the survey on South Copeland .

We see there are still a few polling stations in private houses, which we are not suitable, as they do not provide access for all.

However, we understand there have been no complaints for people with disabilities and that everyone is entitled to a postal vote.

Ideally we would like all polling stations to be accessible and we would expect that if any complaints are received then alternative accessible polling stations must be found.

Disabled people are entitled to the choice of attending a station or a postal vote as with anyone else, but we do appreciate that it is a very small number of voters that this affects and at this present time the cost of providing a portable alternative is prohibitive.

Margaret Woodburn, Clerk to Edgemont Town Council

Egremont Town Council looked at the document and could find no issues to raise and feel the places and stations are adequate for the needs of the town's electorate.

Keith Hitchen, Clerk to Waberthwaite Parish Council

Waberthwaite parish council are happy with your recommendation.

Additional Comments raised:

Review polling Station at Crossfield Road/Mill Hill Area

New polling station required for L6 electors (Highlands/Pelican area)