Consultation on the Interim Review of the WA and WG Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Southey Ward

Wednesday 9 January 2019

The Council is conducting consultation on an interim review of the WA and WG Polling Districts and Polling Places within the Southey Ward, in accordance with the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006, with a view to implementing changes in time for the local election on 2 May 2019.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years. The Council will be undertaking a full review in the summer of 2019 with a view to publishing the electoral register on 1 December 2019 to include any polling district changes.

The Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18C(3)) allows a local authority to conduct an interim review of polling places within its area, outside the timescales of a compulsory review, if it is deemed appropriate

As part of the review process, the authority must:

- seek to ensure that all electors in the ward have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances
- seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled
- when considering or reviewing the designation of a polling place, have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

Southey Ward Proposals

The proposal is for the creation of a new polling district made up of addresses from the existing WA and WG polling districts.

The proposed new polling place would be situated at the Scraithwood Tenants and Residents Association (TARA) building situated on Scraithwood Drive.

The addresses to be included in the new polling district would be as follows:-

**From WA** - Scraithwood Drive. At present electors have to cross the busy Herries Road thoroughfare to vote at the Binsted Tenants and Residents Association polling station on Binsted Road. There are no direct public transport links and many of the residents of Scraithwood Drive are elderly.

**From WG** – Herries Road (503-611), Longley Ave West (111-155 and 180-314), 8 Parkwood Road North, Penrith Close, Penrith Road, Penrith Crescent, Teynham Drive and Teynham Road. These addresses were transferred into Southey ward.
from Burngreave ward in the 2015 boundary review and added to polling district WG but the polling station is some considerable distance away at Southey Green Library and involves crossing the busy Herries Road thoroughfare. By contrast, the route to the Scraithwood TARA building is within walking distance for most people.

If you wish to comment on these proposals or suggest any alternative solutions please contact the Elections Office, by Post or e-mail at: Electoral Services, Town Hall, Surrey Street, Sheffield, S1 2HY or electoralservices@sheffield.gov.uk. The deadline for responding to this consultation is 11 February 2019.

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