

Re: Review of polling districts and polling places: Ward 17

Allan Bell to: Ian Mollison

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Thanks for that information - I didn't realise that there was a pedestrian walkway now available.

I will refer the proposal, therefore, to other members in the ward and the community council(s) potentially affected to see if this change would be supported. If so, the principal remaining issue would be how to allocate voters to the venues currently used in Portlethen.

At the busiest election in terms of turnout (UK General Election), both the Jubilee Hall and Bourtree Hall have three polling stations. If the additional electors from Hillside were simply to go to the Jubilee Hall, it would mean at least one and possibly two further stations, so we would have to assess whether it could accommodate that. The alternative would be to move the existing polling district boundary in Portlethen so that both halls might, at the busiest elections, end up with a maximum of four stations. Any such change *might*, of course, have the potential to cause confusion to some voters at the next scheduled election.

Nevertheless, we will explore this proposal and report back to full Council in due course.

Regards,
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