

**Re: Review of polling districts and polling places:
Ward 17** [Notes Link](#)

Allan Bell to: Ian Mollison

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Thanks for the response, Councillor.

I appreciate your view that redrawing the relevant polling district boundaries would enable the voters at Hillside to be allocated to the same polling place as other Portlethen residents. However, it has been a fairly long-standing approach regarding these electors that they should not have to cross the A90 to cast their votes and this safety issue obviously remains.

While it is not ideal that those voters require currently to go to Banchory-Devenick, should they wish to cast their votes in person, it does reduce potential road traffic concerns. Having said that, registered electors in the Hillside area number, I believe, around 450 at present so perhaps a more fitting solution would be the creation of a new, entirely separate polling district for them, with a polling venue to the west of the A90. Unfortunately, I'm not aware of any suitable venue which might be deployed in this regard but would be happy to explore any suggestions which you may have.

I will contact other elected members in the ward and the representative community organisations, as well as the area manager and Electoral Registration Officer for any views which they may have on the proposal.

Kind regards,
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