Norwich City Council City Hall St Peter's Street Norwich NR2 1NH

Andy Emms
Democratic Services Manager

7 November, 2014

Dear Mr Emms,

Polling District and Places Review 2014

This letter sets out my views as Returning Officer for Norwich by way of response to the Polling District Review Group's recommendations to cabinet on changes to the polling scheme.

The change to the polling district boundaries to move voters living adjacent/north of Drayton Road from MX3 into MX2 will leave MX3 as a small district and further increase the size of the electorate in MX2 in what is already a large area. The change will mean that some people will have to travel slightly further to reach the polling station but they will not have to cross the busy Drayton Road to do so.

Moving the polling station in polling district CG5 from the St Georges Church Hall to Shipfields community centre will bring it closer to the main areas of housing so people will have less far to travel. The future availability of the premises for our use may be less certain than the church hall but whilst it is available it provides a more convenient location for the majority of voters in the polling district.

The changes being proposed are within parameters that will still allow me to undertake an efficient election and accurate count.

Yours sincerely

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