

Agenda Item	<b>18</b>
Report No	<b>HC/57/23</b>

# The Highland Council

**Date:** Thursday, 14 December 2023

**Report Title:** Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places

**Report By:** Returning Officer

## 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

1.1 This report seeks the Council's approval for the proposed changes to UK Parliamentary polling districts and places within the Highland Council local government area following the completion of a statutory review in accordance with legislation.

## 2. Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that the Council:

- i. **Agree** to the amendments to current polling arrangements as outlined in **Appendix 1**;
- ii. **Note** that there are minor adjustments to current polling district boundaries; and
- iii. **Note** that the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO) will make any necessary amendments to the Register of Electors

2.2 Notwithstanding recommendation 2.1i and, as per Scheme of Delegation, the Returning Officer will continue to be authorised to identify and designate alternative polling places should a requirement arise of necessity prior to the next scheduled review.

## 3. Implications

3.1 **Resources** – This proposal has a reduction in polling places located in schools by 81 schools in comparison the current scheme which was agreed in 2019. The proposed scheme will therefore have less overall impact on pupils and school operations for unscheduled elections. The proposed scheme has a reduction of 4 polling places in comparison to the 2019 scheme which is likely to have a positive impact on the level of resources in the overall logistical management of the delivery of elections. Moving away from schools however will lead to a small increased cost from the use of halls etc. owned by third parties. This will be particularly relevant for local government elections which are not supported financially by the UK or Scottish Government.

- 3.2 **Legal** – The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a duty on local authorities to divide the local authority area into polling districts based on ward boundaries, and to designate a polling place for each district. Local authorities also have a duty to keep these polling arrangements under review. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 and subsequent amending legislation have introduced amendments to the 1983 Act regarding accessibility and the voting process. In order to ensure compliance with the legislation, the Council was required to undertake the statutory review and, in doing so with the review of polling districts and polling stations which commenced Monday 2 October 2023 to be completed before Friday 31 January 2025, the Council will have fulfilled its statutory obligations.
- 3.3 **Community** (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island) – Accessibility of buildings and location of polling places has been a key factor in developing the proposals. Consultation with electors and work with disability group representatives has been undertaken and the elections team will continue to work with those disability groups representatives to implement any further recommendations regarding reasonable adjustments to polling places and provide the appropriate training to polling staff.
- 3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever** – The proposed scheme results in a reduction of 4 polling places and, if agreed, there will be a full review of the transport and the logistical plan which should result in the reduction of travel for materials and polling staff as well as leading to a reduction in the consumption of paper.
- 3.5 **Risk** – The proposed scheme will result in changes to a total of 94 polling places with an attendant risk that voters may not be aware of the change of venue when an election is held. To mitigate this risk, a comprehensive communication plan will be developed and implemented following the ratification of this proposal and, prior to any election, voters will be alerted to a change of venue via their poll card and social media.
- 3.6 **Gaelic** - there are no direct implications because of this report.

## 4. Background

- 4.1 There is a statutory requirement for the Council to review its polling districts, places and stations every fifth year. The Council commenced its statutory duty on Monday 2 October 2023 with the publication of the Notice of the Review and Public Consultation.
- 4.2 The timing of this review was particularly challenging as it coincides with the constituency and the cross-boundary changes affecting Highland constituencies introduced by the [UK Parliamentary boundary review](#). Although the new UK Parliamentary constituency boundaries will come into effect at the next UK Parliamentary general election, if a UK Parliamentary by-election is held before this date, the existing boundaries will continue to be used and therefore the Council continues to be prepared for the possibility of having to run a by-election on the existing Parliamentary constituency boundaries.
- 4.3 It is recognised that more frequent interim reviews are required, with the first interim review anticipated to be scheduled after the UK Parliamentary election.

## 5. Purpose of the Review

- 5.1 The aim of the review is to ensure all electors in Highland have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable and to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable the accessibility needs of electors has been considered when designating polling places. There are also new requirements for Voter ID and the facilities to check these in a culturally sensitive manner have had to be considered in this review.

## 6. Process of the Review

- 6.1 The Election Officers worked extensively and collaboratively with the Electoral Registration Office, Geographical Information Officers and the cross-boundary Local Authorities. Engagement took place and feedback was provided from elected Members and disability organisations prior to the opening of the Public Consultation.
- 6.2 The milestones in the review are as follows:

MILESTONE	DATE
Publication of Notice of Review	Monday, 2 October 2023
Publication of Consultation paper including Returning Officer's proposals	Monday, 2 October 2023
Open public Consultation	Monday, 2 October 2023
Closing Date for Representations	Tuesday, 14 November 2023
Council Meeting - ratification of polling district and polling changes	Thursday, 14 December 2023
Publish New Polling Districts and Polling Places	Friday, 15 December 2023

## 7. Public Consultation

- 7.1 The public consultation phase of the review commenced on Monday 2 October 2023 and concluded on Tuesday 14 November 2023. The consultation paper, alongside the Methodology and Communication and Engagement Plan, were published on the Council's website and paper copies were made available at the Highland Archive and Registration Centre.
- 7.2 In addition, as part of the consultation, the Returning Officer issued the consultation to a wide audience of consultees such as elected members, MPs, MSPs, Community Councils, disability, and partnership groups.
- 7.3 In total, 36 formal representations were received (**Appendix 2**).

## 8. Use of Schools

- 8.1 Currently, in the 2019 scheme, there are 249 polling places in Highland, 100 of which are schools. At the time of the 2019 scheme, it was anticipated that in-service days would, where possible, be identified to coincide with the dates of scheduled elections to minimise disruption to pupils, families and school staff. As UK Parliamentary General elections are not fixed, most of them had to close at the previous UK Election held on Thursday 12 December 2019. This disruption is likely to be repeated when the

upcoming UK Parliamentary Election is called before Friday 24 January 2025.

- 8.2 Therefore, to minimise the disruption and education to our pupils and families in the Highlands, the review sought, where possible, to avoid schools being used as polling stations, making use of alternative community and leisure facilities instead. However, where no alternative premises exist, schools have had to be used which is a rationale in line with other local authorities in Scotland.
- 8.3 As a result of this review, the Returning Officer is proposing 81 alternative venues to schools and these proposals are outlined in **Appendix 1**. The total number of schools being used as polling places is reduced to 19, of which 13 schools may require to continue to be closed on polling day if an unscheduled election is to take place which does not coincide with any in-service or school holidays.

## 9. Final Proposal

- 9.1 The recommended polling districts and places are the result of detailed consideration against the assessment criteria and following the consultation with all stakeholders. The final recommendations for the designation of Polling Districts and Polling Places are contained in **Appendix 1** with our responses to the consultees in **Appendix 3**.
- 9.2 The Returning Officers for the cross-boundary constituencies in Moray and Argyll and Bute Councils have been consulted as part of the review process and have indicated they are content with the proposal for the area that will fall within their remit for the forthcoming UK Parliamentary General Election.
- 9.3 As part of the review, the naming convention for polling districts has been changed to include an identifier for the Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies and to distinguish the cross-boundary districts.

## 10. Appeals Process

- 10.1 Following the conclusion of this review, certain persons have a right to make representations to the Electoral Commission via the [appeals process](#).
- 10.2 Representations based on any other premise will not be considered and the Commission will consider representations on the following grounds:
- meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them, or
  - take sufficient account of the accessibility for disabled persons of a polling station/ polling stations within a designated polling place.

## 11. Financial Implications

- 11.1 Each polling place, whether a Council owned building e.g. a school, or a private premise, e.g. community hall, bears a cost, however there will be a small increase in hire costs from switching from schools to private premises. These costs are only met by the Council for Local Government elections.

Designation: Returning Officer

Date: 23 November 2023

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Appendices: Appendix 1: HC Statutory Polling District and Place Review –  
Proposal 2023  
Appendix 2: Public Consultation Entries  
Appendix 3: HC Response to Consultees



Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places

## **PROPOSAL POLLING SCHEME 2023**

Presented by Ward

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Date: Wednesday 6 December 2023



# NAMING CONVENTION FOR POLLING DISTRICTS

Following **UK Parliamentary** boundary review, the Highland Council constituencies are as follows:

- Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross County (C)
- Inverness-shire, Skye and West Ross-shire County (I)

For cross boundary purposes:

- Moray West, Nairn and Strathspey County (M)
- Argyll, Bute and South Lochaber County (A)

## Scottish Parliamentary Constituencies

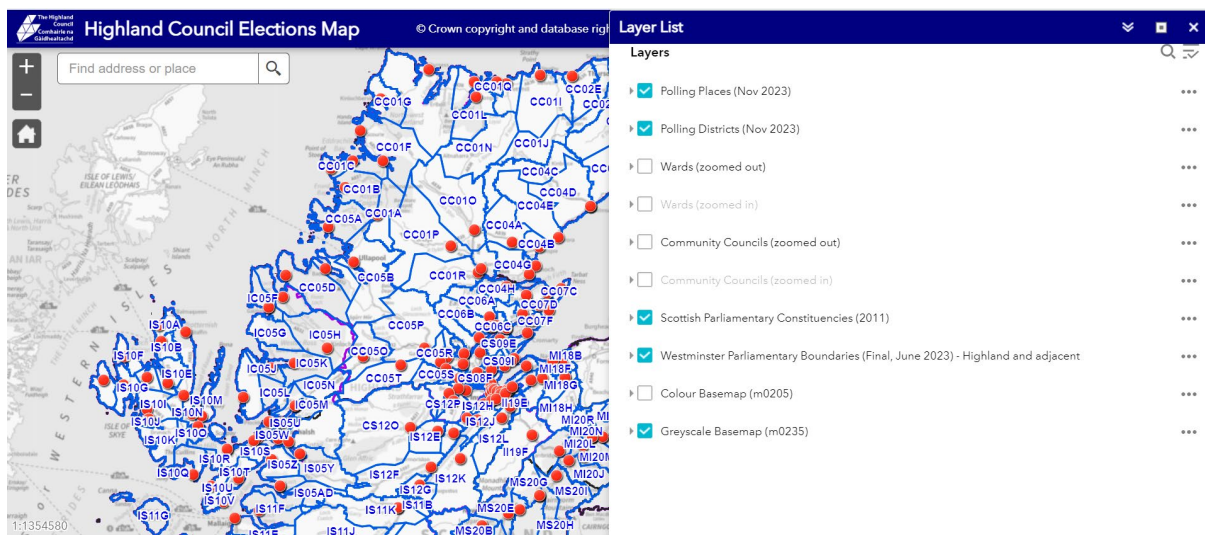
- Caithness, Sutherland and Ross (C)
- Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch (S)
- Inverness & Nairn (I)

Example naming convention for the polling district:

UK Parliamentary	Scottish Parliamentary	Ward Number Local Government	Polling District If repeat AA
C	C	01	A

This new naming convention captures all relevant data which reduces the risk of error when creating the polling scheme for a particular election.

Polling places have been plotted on the GIS interactive map which will contain the data as indicated above.



## WARD 1 – NORTH, WEST AND CENTRAL SUTHERLAND

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district R01A, which would have been updated to CC01T, will see redefinition to its boundary and merge with the previously identified polling district C01B, which has been updated to CC01B, to create a single polling district. This redefinition is to line up with the new UK Parliamentary boundary.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Kinlochbervie High School to the Kinlochbervie Village Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 1 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 1 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C01A	ELPHIN COMMUNITY HALL	CC01A	ELPHIN COMMUNITY HALL
C01B	LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL	CC01B	LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL
C01C	RHU STOER COMMUNITY HALL	CC01C	RHU STOER COMMUNITY HALL (VILLAGE HALL)
C01D	DRUMBEG VILLAGE HALL	CC01D	DRUMBEG VILLAGE HALL
C01E	ROCK STOP CAFÉ AND EXHIBITION	CC01E	ROCK STOP CAFÉ AND EXHIBITION
C01F	SCOURIE COMMUNITY HALL	CC01F	SCOURIE COMMUNITY HALL
<b>C01G</b>	<b>KINLOCHBERVIE HIGH SCHOOL</b>	<b>CC01G</b>	<b>KINLOCHBERVIE VILLAGE HALL</b>
C01H	DURNESS VILLAGE HALL	CC01H	DURNESS VILLAGE HALL
C01I	STRATHY VILLAGE HALL	CC01I	STRATHY VILLAGE HALL
C01J	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC01J	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
C01K	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL	CC01K	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL
C01L	TONGUE VILLAGE HALL	CC01L	TONGUE VILLAGE HALL
C01M	MELNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC01M	MELNESS COMMUNITY CENTRE
C01N	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL	CC01N	BETTYHILL VILLAGE HALL
C01O	LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC01O	LAIRG COMMUNITY CENTRE
C01P	ROSEHALL VILLAGE HALL	CC01P	ROSEHALL VILLAGE HALL
C01Q	SKERRAY VILLAGE HALL	CC01Q	SKERRAY VILLAGE HALL
C01R	ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL	CC01R	ARDGAY PUBLIC HALL
C01S	BONAR BRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL	CC01S	BONAR BRIDGE COMMUNITY HALL
R01A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL, ACHILTIBUIE	CC01B	LOCHINVER VILLAGE HALL



## WARD 2 – THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 2 – Thurso and Northwest Caithness.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Mount Pleasant Primary School, Thurso to the Royal British Legion, Thurso.
- Relocation from the Mount Pleasant Primary School, Thurso to the Thurso Leisure Centre.
- Relocation from the Pennyland Primary School, Thurso to the Royal British Legion, Thurso.
- Relocation from the Halkirk Primary School to the Ross Institute, Halkirk.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 2 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 2 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C02A	<b>MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC02A	<b>THURSO LEISURE CENTRE</b>
C02B	<b>PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC02B	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>
C02C	<b>PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC02C	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>
C02D	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL	CC02D	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL
C02E	REAY VILLAGE HALL	CC02E	REAY VILLAGE HALL
C02F	<b>HALKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC02F	<b>ROSS INSTITUTE, HALKIRK</b>
C02G	BOWER COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC02G	BOWER COMMUNITY CENTRE
C02H	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET	CC02H	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET
C02I	<b>MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC02I	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>

## WARD 3 – WICK & EAST CAITHNESS

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 3 – Wick & East Caithness.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Noss Primary School, Wick to the Wick Council Offices.
- Relocation from the Newton Park Primary School, Wick to the Wick Assembly Rooms.
- Relocation from the Canisbay Primary School to the Canisbay Community Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 3 - Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 3 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C03A	<b>NOSS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03A	<b>CAITHNESS HOUSE (WICK COUNCIL OFFICES)</b>
C03B	<b>NOSS PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03B	<b>CAITHNESS HOUSE (WICK COUNCIL OFFICES)</b>
C03C	<b>NEWTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03C	<b>ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK</b>
C03D	<b>NEWTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03D	<b>ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK</b>
C03E	WATTEN HALL	CC03E	WATTEN HALL
C03F	<b>CANISBAY PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CC03F	<b>CANISBAY COMMUNITY HALL</b>
C03G	KEISS AMENITIES HALL	CC03G	KEISS AMENITIES HALL
C03H	REISS AND KILLIMSTER HALL	CC03H	REISS AND KILLIMSTER HALL
C03I	<b>NEWTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03I	<b>ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK</b>
C03J	<b>NEWTON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL, WICK</b>	CC03J	<b>ASSEMBLY ROOMS, WICK</b>
C03K	LYBSTER COMMUNITY HALL	CC03K	LYBSTER COMMUNITY HALL
C03L	DUNBEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC03L	DUNBEATH COMMUNITY CENTRE

## WARD 4 – EAST SUTHERLAND AND EDDERTON

### Polling District Changes:

The previously identified polling district C04E will see redefinition to its boundary and merge with the previously identified polling district C04D, which has been updated to CC04D, to create a single polling district.

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Amalgamate the Portgower Hall, Helmsdale with the Helmsdale Community Centre.
- Relocation from the Dornoch High School to the West Church Hall, Dornoch.

### Other Changes:

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

Ward 4 – Current (2019)		Ward 4 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
C04A	ROGART HALL, PITTENTRAIL	CC04A	ROGART HALL, PITTENTRAIL
C04B	GOLSPIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC04B	GOLSPIE & DISTRICT COMMUNITY CENTRE
C04C	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC04C	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
C04D	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC04D	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
<b>C04E</b>	<b>PORTGOWER HALL, HELMSDALE</b>	CC04D	HELMSDALE COMMUNITY CENTRE
C04F	BRORA COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC04E	BRORA COMMUNITY CENTRE
C04G	EMBO OLD SCHOOL	CC04F	EMBO OLD SCHOOL
<b>C04H</b>	<b>DORNOCH ACADEMY</b>	<b>CC04G</b>	<b>WEST CHURCH HALL, DORNOCH</b>
C04I	EDDERTON HALL	CC04H	EDDERTON HALL

## WARD 5 – WESTER ROSS, STRATHPEFFER AND LOCHALSH

### Polling District Changes:

The previously identified polling district R05H, which has been updated to IC05H, will see redefinition to its boundary to line up with the new UK Parliamentary boundary.

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Ullapool Primary School to the Ullapool Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Badcaul Primary School, Dundonnell to the NHS Community Clinic, Dundonnell.
- Relocation from the Applecross Primary School to the Applecross Village Hall.

### Other Changes:

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

Ward 5 – Current (2019)		Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R05A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL, ACHILTIBUIE	CC05A	COIGACH COMMUNITY HALL, ACHILTIBUIE
<b>R05B</b>	<b>ULLAPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>CC05B</b>	<b>ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL</b>
<b>R05C</b>	<b>BADCAUL PRIMARY SCHOOL, DUNDONNELL</b>	<b>CC05C</b>	<b>NHS COMMUNITY CLINIC, DUNDONNELL</b>
R05D	LOCHEWE COMMUNITY CHURCH	CC05D	LOCHEWE COMMUNITY CHURCH
R05E	POOLEWE VILLAGE HALL	IC05E	POOLEWE VILLAGE HALL
R05F	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY HALL	IC05F	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY HALL
R05G	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY HALL	IC05G	GAIRLOCH COMMUNITY HALL
R05H	KINLOCHEWE VILLAGE HALL	IC05H	KINLOCHEWE VILLAGE HALL
<b>R05I</b>	<b>APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>IC05I</b>	<b>APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL</b>
R05J	SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL	IC05J	SHIELDAIG VILLAGE HALL
R05K	LOCH TORRIDON COMMUNITY CENTRE	IC05K	LOCH TORRIDON COMMUNITY CENTRE
R05L	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL	IC05L	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL
R05M	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL	IC05M	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL
R05N	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL	IC05N	LOCHCARRON VILLAGE HALL
R05O	ACHNASHEEN VILLAGE HALL	CC05O	ACHNASHEEN VILLAGE HALL
R05P	GARVE PUBLIC HALL	CC05P	GARVE PUBLIC HALL (VILLAGE HALL)
R05Q	STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY CENTRE	CC05Q	STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY CENTRE
R05R	CONTIN COMMUNITY HALL	CC05R	CONTIN COMMUNITY HALL
R05S	FAIRBURN MEMORIAL HALL, MARYBANK	CC05S	FAIRBURN MEMORIAL HALL, MARYBANK
R05T	STRATHCONON VILLAGE HALL	CC05T	STRATHCONON VILLAGE HALL
R05U	ACHMORE & STROME FERRY VILLAGE HALL	IS05U	STROME FERRY & ACHMORE VILLAGE HALL
R05V	PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL	IS05V	PLOCKTON VILLAGE HALL
R05W	AUCHTERTYRE LEARNING CENTRE	IS05W	AUCHTERTYRE LEARNING CENTRE

R05X	DORNIE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	IS05X	DORNIE AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL
R05Y	INVERINATE AND LOCH DUICH COMMUNITY CENTRE	IS05Y	INVERINATE AND LOCH DUICH COMMUNITY CENTRE
R05Z	GLENELG AND ARNISDALE VILLAGE HALL	IS05Z	GLENELG AND ARNISDALE VILLAGE HALL
R05ZA	THE CEILIDH HOUSE	IS05AA	THE CEILIDH HOUSE
R05ZB	KYLE PUBLIC HALL	IS05AB	KYLE PUBLIC HALL (VILLAGE HALL)
R05ZC	THE CEILIDH HOUSE	IS05AC	THE CEILIDH HOUSE
R05ZD	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL	IS05AD	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL

## WARD 6 – CROMARTY FIRTH

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 6 – Cromarty Firth.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the West End Community Centre to the Alness Baptist Church.
- Relocation from the Bridgend Primary School to the Averon Leisure Centre.
- Relocation from the Kiltearn Primary School to the Evanton Sports Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 6 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 6 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C06A	ARDROSS COMMUNITY HALL	CC06A	ARDROSS COMMUNITY HALL
<b>C06B</b>	<b>WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	<b>CC06B</b>	<b>ALNESS BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
<b>C06C</b>	<b>BRIDGEND PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALNESS</b>	<b>CC06C</b>	<b>AVERON LEISURE CENTRE</b>
<b>C06D</b>	<b>KILTEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>CC06D</b>	<b>EVANTON SPORTS CENTRE</b>
<b>C06E</b>	<b>WEST END COMMUNITY CENTRE</b>	<b>CC06E</b>	<b>ALNESS BAPTIST CHURCH</b>
C06F	OBSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CC06F	OBSDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
C06G	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB	CC06G	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB
C06H	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB	CC06H	INVERGORDON SOCIAL CLUB

## WARD 7 – TAIN AND EASTER ROSS

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 7 – Tain and Easter Ross.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- No proposed changes.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 7 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 7 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C07A	DUTHAC CENTRE, TAIN	CC07A	DUTHAC CENTRE, TAIN
C07B	INVER VILLAGE HALL	CC07B	INVER VILLAGE HALL
C07C	TARBAT HALL, PORTMAHOMACK	CC07C	CARNEGIE HALL, PORTMAHOMACK (TARBAT HALL)
C07D	HILL OF FEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	CC07D	HILL OF FEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL (NURSERY)
C07E	THE MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	CC07E	THE MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON
C07F	NIGG COMMUNITY HALL	CC07F	NIGG COMMUNITY HALL
C07G	SEABOARD MEMORIAL HALL, BALINTORE	CC07G	SEABOARD MEMORIAL HALL, BALINTORE
C07H	THE MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON	CC07H	THE MERCAT CENTRE, MILTON

## WARD 8 – DINGWALL AND SEAFORTH

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district C08A will see redefinition to its boundary and merge with the previously identified polling district R08A, which has been updated to CS08A, to create a single polling district.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Compression of historic polling district electorate separation into a combined total, due to UK parliamentary boundary change.
- Relocation from the Dingwall Library to the Dingwall Leisure Centre.
- Relocation from the Leanaig Centre, Ben Wyvis Primary School to the Ferintosh Parish Church Hall.
- Relocation from the Tarradale Primary School to the Muir of Ord Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Tore Primary School to the Tore Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 8 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 8 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
C08A	DINGWALL LIBRARY	CS08A	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE
R08A	DINGWALL LIBRARY	CS08A	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE
R08B	MARYBURGH AMENITIES CENTRE	CS08B	MARYBURGH AMENITIES CENTRE
R08C	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE	CS08C	DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE
R08D	LEANAIG CENTRE, BEN WYVIS PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS08D	FERINTOSH PARISH CHURCH HALL
R08E	TARRADALE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS08E	MUIR OF ORD VILLAGE HALL
R08F	TORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS08F	TORE HALL



## WARD 9 – BLACK ISLE

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 9 – Black Isle.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Tore Primary School to the Tore Hall.
- Relocation from the North Kessock Primary School to the North Kessock Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Resolis Primary School to the Resolis Memorial Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 9 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 9 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
R09A	<b>TORE PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CS09A	<b>TORE HALL</b>
R09B	MUNLOCHY HALL	CS09B	MUNLOCHY HALL
R09C	<b>NORTH KESSOCK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CS09C	<b>NORTH KESSOCK VILLAGE HALL</b>
R09D	CROMARTY VILLAGE HALL (VICTORIA HALL)	CS09D	CROMARTY VILLAGE HALL (VICTORIA HALL)
R09E	<b>RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	CS09E	<b>RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL</b>
R09F	FINDON HALL, CULBOKIE	CS09F	FINDON HALL, CULBOKIE
R09G	THE GORDON MEMORIAL HALL, ROSEMARKIE	CS09G	THE GORDON MEMORIAL HALL, ROSEMARKIE
R09H	FORTROSE TOWN HALL	CS09H	FORTROSE TOWN HALL
R09I	AVOCH PARISH CHURCH HALL	CS09I	AVOCH PARISH CHURCH HALL

## WARD 10 – EILEAN A' CHEÒ

### Polling District Changes:

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 10 – Eilean a' Cheò.

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Kilmuir Primary School to the Kilmuir Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Staffin Primary School to the Talla Staffainn Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Dunvegan Primary School to the Dunvegan Community Centre.
- Relocation from the Carbost Primary School to the Minginish Community Hall

### Other Changes:

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

Ward 10 – Current (2019)		Ward 10 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R10A	KILMUIR PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10A	KILMUIR VILLAGE HALL (TALLA CHILLE MHOIRE)
R10B	UIG COMMUNITY HALL	IS10B	UIG COMMUNITY HALL
R10C	STAFFIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10C	TALLA STAFAINN (STAFFIN COMMUNITY HALL)
R10D	EDINBANE COMMUNITY HALL	IS10D	EDINBANE COMMUNITY HALL
R10E	SKEABOST MEMORIAL HALL	IS10E	SKEABOST MEMORIAL HALL
R10F	WATERNISH VILLAGE HALL	IS10F	WATERNISH VILLAGE HALL
R10G	DUNVEGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10G	DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
R10H	GLENDALE COMMUNITY HALL	IS10H	GLENDALE COMMUNITY HALL
R10I	STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10I	STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL
R10J	CARBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10J	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL
R10K	CARBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10K	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL
R10L	THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL OFFICES, PORTREE	IS10L	THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL OFFICES, PORTREE
R10M	RAASAY COMMUNITY HALL	IS10M	RAASAY COMMUNITY HALL
R10N	BRAES COMMUNITY HALL, PORTREE	IS10N	BRAES COMMUNITY HALL, PORTREE
R10O	ISLE OF SKYE GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE	IS10O	ISLE OF SKYE GOLF CLUB CLUBHOUSE
R10P	BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL	IS10P	BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL
R10Q	ELGOL VILLAGE HALL	IS10Q	ELGOL VILLAGE HALL
R10R	BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL	IS10R	BROADFORD VILLAGE HALL
R10S	KYLEAKIN COMMUNITY HALL	IS10S	KYLEAKIN COMMUNITY HALL
R10T	AN CRUBH, SLEAT	IS10T	AN CRUBH, SLEAT
R10U	TARSKAVAIG COMMUNITY HALL	IS10U	TARSKAVAIG COMMUNITY HALL
R10V	ARDVASAR COMMUNITY HALL	IS10V	ARDVASAR COMMUNITY HALL

## WARD 11 – CAOL AND MALLAIG

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 11 – Caol and Mallaig.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Gergask Primary School to the Laggan Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Kilchuimen Primary School to the Fort Augustus Village Hall.
- Relocation from the National Trust for Scotland Glenfinnan Visitor Centre to the Glenfinnan Community Facilities SCIO.
- Amalgamation of the Lady Lovat Primary School to the Mallaig and Morar Community Centre.
- Relocation from the Inverie Primary School to the Knoydart Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Eigg Primary School to the Isle Eigg Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Banavie Primary School to the Kilmallie Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Caol Primary School to the Coal Community Centre.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 11 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 11 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I11A	GERGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11A	LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL
I11B	KILCHUIMEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11B	FORT AUGUSTUS VILLAGE HALL
R11A	NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND GLENFINNAN VISITOR CENTRE	IS11C	GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY FACILITIES SCIO
R11B	ASTLEY HALL, ARISAIG	IS11D	ASTLEY HALL, ARISAIG
R11C	LADY LOVAT PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11E	MALLAIG AND MORAR COMMUNITY CENTRE
R11D	MALLAIG AND MORAR COMMUNITY CENTRE	IS11E	MALLAIG AND MORAR COMMUNITY CENTRE
R11E	INVERIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11F	KNOYDART COMMUNITY HALL
R11F	EIGG PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11G	EIGG COMMUNITY HALL
R11G	NATIONAL TRUST FOR SCOTLAND GLENFINNAN VISITOR CENTRE	IS11H	GLENFINNAN COMMUNITY FACILITIES SCIO
R11H	BANAVIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11I	KILMALLIE COMMUNITY HALL
R11I	ACHNACARRY VILLAGE HALL	IS11J	ACHNACARRY VILLAGE HALL
R11J	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL (VILLAGE HALL)	IS11K	GLENGARRY & DISTRICT COMMUNITY HALL (VILLAGE HALL)
R11K	SPEAN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	IS11L	SPEAN BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
R11L	ROY BRIDGE MEMORIAL HALL	IS11M	ROY BRIDGE MEMORIAL HALL
R11M	CAOL PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS11N	CAOL COMMUNITY CENTRE

## WARD 12 – AIRD AND LOCH NESS

### Polling District Changes:

The previously identified polling district I12B, which has been updated to CS12B, will see redefinition to its boundary to line up with the new UK Parliamentary boundary.

The IS12C polling district will be redefined to line up with the new UK Parliamentary boundary.

The previously identified polling district R12B, which has been updated to CS12M, will see a large portion of its boundary merging with the previously identified polling district R12C, which has been updated to CS12N, to create a larger polling district. The remaining portion of CS12M will be retained as a polling district. The redefinition of both polling district boundaries is necessary to line up with the new UK Parliamentary boundaries.

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Kirkhill Primary School to the Kirkhill Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Glenurquhart Primary School to the Glenurquhart Public Hall (Blairbeg Hall).
- Relocation from the Balnain Primary School to the Balnain Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Kilchuimen Primary School to the Fort Augustus Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Aldourie Primary School to the Dores Parish Hall.
- Amalgamation and relocation of the Foyers and Stratherrick Primary Schools to the Stratherrick Public Hall.
- Relocation from the Farr Primary School to the Farr Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Teanassie Primary School to the Kilmorack Hall, Beauly.
- Relocation from the Cannich Primary School to the Cannich Hall

### Other Changes:

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

Ward 12 – Current (2019)		Ward 12 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
I12A	KILTARLITY HALL	CS12A	KILTARLITY HALL
I12B	KIRKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS12B	KIRKHILL COMMUNITY CENTRE
I12C	ABRIACHAN VILLAGE HALL	IS12C	ABRIACHAN VILLAGE HALL
I12D	GLENURQUHART PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12D	GLENURQUHART PUBLIC HALL (BLAIRBEG HALL)
I12E	BALNAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12E	BALNAIN COMMUNITY HALL
I12F	GLENMORISTON MILLENNIUM HALL	IS12F	GLENMORISTON MILLENNIUM HALL
I12G	KILCHUIMEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12G	FORT AUGUSTUS VILLAGE HALL
I12H	DOCHGARROCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12H	DOCHGARROCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
I12I	DOCHGARROCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	II12I	DOCHGARROCH PRIMARY SCHOOL
I12J	ALDOURIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12J	DORES PARISH HALL
I12K	FOYERS PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12K	STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL
I12L	STRATHERRICK PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12K	STRATHERRICK PUBLIC HALL
I12M	FARR PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS12L	FARR COMMUNITY HALL
R12A	PHIPPS HALL, BEAULY	CS12M	PHIPPS HALL, BEAULY
R12B	TEANASSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS12N	KILMORACK HALL, BEAULY
R12C	CANNICH PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS12O	CANNICH HALL (VILLAGE HALL)
R12D	KILTARLITY HALL	CS12P	KILTARLITY HALL

## WARD 13 – INVERNESS WEST

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 13 – Inverness West.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Central Primary School to the Cameron Youth Centre (Planefield Rd.).

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 13 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 13 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I13A	CHARLESTON ACADEMY COMMUNITY COMPLEX	II13A	CHARLESTON ACADEMY COMMUNITY COMPLEX
I13B	<b>CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II13B	<b>CAMERON YOUTH CENTRE (PLANEFIELD RD.)</b>
I13C	MUIRTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II13C	MUIRTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL
I13D	<b>CENTRAL PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II13D	<b>CAMERON YOUTH CENTRE (PLANEFIELD RD.)</b>

## WARD 14 – INVERNESS CENTRAL

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 14 – Inverness Central.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Dalneigh Primary School to the James Cameron Centre (Dalneigh Community).
  - Relocation from the Hilton Primary School to the Hilton Church.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 14 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 14 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I14A	MERKINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE	II14A	MERKINCH COMMUNITY CENTRE
I14B	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	II14B	TRINITY CHURCH HALL
I14C	<b>DALNEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II14C	<b>JAMES CAMERON CENTRE (DALNEIGH COMMUNITY)</b>
I14D	SPECTRUM CENTRE	II14D	SPECTRUM CENTRE
I14E	HAUGH COURT HALL	II14E	HAUGH COURT HALL
I14F	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL	II14F	ST STEPHEN'S CHURCH HALL
I14G	<b>HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II14G	<b>HILTON CHURCH, INVERNESS</b>
I14H	TRINITY CHURCH HALL	II14H	TRINITY CHURCH HALL

## WARD 15 – INVERNESS NESS-SIDE

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district I15D, which has been updated to II15D, will see its boundary being split and redefined in order to create a new polling district. The new polling district will capture housing development expansion within the ward. The new polling district will assume the identifier II15E.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Creation of a new Polling District and Polling Place at the Ness Castle Primary School.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 15 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 15 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL
		II15E	NESS CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

## WARD 16 – INVERNESS MILLBURN

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 16 – Inverness Millburn.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Hilton Primary School to the Hilton Community Centre.
- Relocation from the Crown Primary School to the Crown Church, Inverness.
- Relocation from the Raigmore Primary School to the Raigmore Community Centre.
- Relocation from the Drakies Primary School to the Culcabock and Drakies Community Hall.
- Relocation from the Smithton Primary School to the Smithton Church.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 16 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 16 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I16A	HILTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16A	HILTON COMMUNITY CENTRE
I16B	CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16B	CROWN CHURCH, INVERNESS
I16C	CROWN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16C	CROWN CHURCH, INVERNESS
I16D	RAIGMORE PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16D	RAIGMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE
I16E	DRAKIES PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16E	CULCABOCK AND DRAKIES COMMUNITY HALL
I16F	SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	II16F	SMITHTON CHURCH



## WARD 17 – CULLODEN AND ARDELSIER

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district I17D will see its boundary being split and redefined in line with the new UK Parliamentary boundaries. The I17D polling district will be subdivided into neighbouring districts including I17C, which has been updated to II17C. II17C remains within the Highland Parliamentary Constituency. Subdivision of I17D will also take place into I17E and I17F, which have been updated to MI17D and MI17E respectively, for areas of the polling district that fall within the Moray UK Parliamentary Constituency.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Smithton Primary School to the Green Hall, Smithton.
- Relocation from the Duncan Forbes Primary School to the Smithton Church.
- Relocation from the Balloch Primary School to the Balloch Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Croy Primary School to the Croy Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Ardersier Primary School to the Ardersier War Memorial Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 17 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 17 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I17A	SMITHTON PRIMARY SCHOOL	II17A	GREEN HALL, SMITHTON
I17B	DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL	II17B	SMITHTON CHURCH
I17C	BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	II17C	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL
I17D	BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	II17C	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL
I17E	CROY PRIMARY SCHOOL	MI17D	CROY VILLAGE HALL
I17F	ARDELSIER PRIMARY SCHOOL	MI17E	ARDELSIER WAR MEMORIAL HALL

## WARD 18 – NAIRN AND CAWDOR

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district I18D, which has been updated to MI18D, will see its boundary being redefined alongside the previously identified polling district I18G, which has been updated to MI18G. The redefinition will improve voter proximity to identified polling place.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Millbank Primary School to the Seamans Hall, Nairn.
- Relocation from the Auldearn Primary School to the Dunbar Hall / Lethen Road Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 18 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 18 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I18A	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	MI18A	SEAMANS HALL, NAIRN
I18B	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE	MI18B	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE
I18C	MILLBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL	MI18C	SEAMANS HALL, NAIRN
I18D	AULDEARN PRIMARY SCHOOL	MI18D	DUNBAR HALL / LETHEN ROAD HALL
I18E	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE	MI18E	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE
I18F	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE	MI18F	NAIRN COMMUNITY & ARTS CENTRE
I18G	FORNIGHTY HALL	MI18G	FORNIGHTY HALL
I18H	FORNIGHTY HALL	MI18H	FORNIGHTY HALL
I18I	CAWDOR COMMUNITY CENTRE	MI18I	CAWDOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

## WARD 19 – INVERNESS SOUTH

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 19 – Inverness South.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Inshes Primary School to the Inshes Church of Scotland.
- Relocation from the Daviot Primary School to the Daviot Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Balloch Primary School to the Balloch Village Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 19 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 19 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I19A	<b>INSHES PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II19A	<b>INSHES CHURCH OF SCOTLAND</b>
I19B	MILTON OF LEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL	II19B	MILTON OF LEYS PRIMARY SCHOOL
I19C	BUN-SGOIL GHAIHLIG INBHIR NIS (GAELIC SCHOOL)	II19C	BUN-SGOIL GHAIHLIG INBHIR NIS (GAELIC SCHOOL)
I19D	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II19D	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I19E	<b>DAVIOT PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II19E	<b>DAVIOT VILLAGE HALL</b>
I19F	STRATHDEARN VILLAGE HALL	II19F	STRATHDEARN VILLAGE HALL
I19G	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II19G	CRADLEHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I19H	<b>BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	II19H	<b>BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL</b>

## WARD 20 – BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY

### **Polling District Changes:**

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 20 – Badenoch and Strathspey.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Gergask Primary School to the Laggan Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Kingussie Primary School to the Badenoch Centre.
- Relocation from the Carrbridge Primary School to the Carrbridge Village Hall.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 20 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 20 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I20A	<b>GERGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	MS20A	<b>LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL</b>
I20B	<b>GERGASK PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	MS20B	<b>LAGGAN VILLAGE HALL</b>
I20C	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL	MS20C	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL
I20D	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	MS20D	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL
I20E	NEWTONMORE VILLAGE HALL	MS20E	NEWTONMORE VILLAGE HALL
I20F	<b>KINGUSSIE PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	MS20F	<b>THE BADENOCH CENTRE</b>
I20G	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	MS20G	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL
I20H	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL	MS20H	KINCRAIG COMMUNITY HALL
I20I	AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE	MS20I	AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE
I20J	BOAT OF GARTEN COMMUNITY HALL	MI20J	BOAT OF GARTEN COMMUNITY HALL
I20K	<b>CARRBRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	MI20K	<b>CARRBRIDGE VILLAGE HALL</b>
I20L	DULNAIN BRIDGE PUBLIC HALL	MI20L	DULNAIN BRIDGE PUBLIC HALL
I20M	NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE	MI20M	NETHY BRIDGE COMMUNITY CENTRE
I20N	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL	MI20N	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL
I20O	CROMDALE VILLAGE HALL	MI20O	CROMDALE VILLAGE HALL
I20P	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL	MI20P	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL
I20Q	CROMDALE VILLAGE HALL	MI20Q	CROMDALE VILLAGE HALL
I20R	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL	MS20R	INVERALLAN CHURCH HALL
I20S	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL	MS20S	DALWHINNIE VILLAGE HALL

## WARD 21 – FORT WILLIAM AND ARDNAMURCHAN

### **Polling District Changes:**

The previously identified polling district R21P, which has been updated to AS21P, will see significant redefinition in line with the new UK Parliamentary boundaries. As this polling district is segmented by the new UK Parliamentary Constituency changes redefinition is necessary. For the portion of R21P which remains within the Highland Constituency redefinition will see the polling district merging with R21T, which has been updated to IS21T, creating a larger polling district. The portion of R21P that falls within the Argyll and Bute Constituency will retain the polling district identifier, AS21P.

Redefinition is also necessary for a portion of R21N, which has been update to IS21N, in line with the new UK Parliamentary boundaries. The portion of R21N which falls within the Argyll and Bute Constituency will be redefined within the R21P polling district.

### **Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Acharacle Primary School to the Shiel Bridge Hall.
- Relocation from the Strontian Primary School to the Strontian Hall.
- Relocation from the Ardgour Primary School to the Ardgour Memorial Hall.
- Relocation from the Inverlochty Primary School to the Inverlochty Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Kinlochleven Primary School to the Leven Centre.

### **Other Changes:**

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

<b>Ward 21 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 21 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
R21A	GLENUIG HALL	AS21A	GLENUIG HALL
<b>R21B</b>	<b>ACHARACLE PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>AS21B</b>	<b>SHIEL BRIDGE HALL</b>
R21C	KILCHOAN COMMUNITY CENTRE	AS21C	KILCHOAN COMMUNITY CENTRE
<b>R21D</b>	<b>STRONTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>AS21D</b>	<b>STRONTIAN HALL</b>
R21E	TRESLAIG VILLAGE HALL	AS21E	TRESLAIG VILLAGE HALL
<b>R21F</b>	<b>ARDGOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>AS21F</b>	<b>ARDGOUR MEMORIAL HALL</b>
<b>R21G</b>	<b>STRONTIAN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>AS21G</b>	<b>STRONTIAN HALL</b>
R21H	LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL	AS21H	LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL
R21I	LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL	AS21I	LOCHALINE VILLAGE HALL
<b>R21J</b>	<b>INVERLOCHTY PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>IS21J</b>	<b>INVERLOCHTY VILLAGE HALL</b>
R21K	FORT WILLIAM SHINTY SOCIAL CLUB	IS21K	FORT WILLIAM SHINTY SOCIAL CLUB
R21L	PLANTATION HALL	IS21L	PLANTATION HALL
R21M	LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS21M	LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL
R21N	LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS21N	LUNDAVRA PRIMARY SCHOOL
R21O	ST BRIDES PRIMARY SCHOOL	AS21O	ST BRIDES PRIMARY SCHOOL
<b>R21P</b>	<b>KINLOCHLEVEN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>AS21P</b>	<b>THE LEVEN CENTRE</b>
R21Q	ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL	AS21Q	ST MARY'S CHURCH HALL
R21R	BALLACHULISH VILLAGE HALL	AS21R	BALLACHULISH VILLAGE HALL
R21S	KENTALLEN AND DUROR COMMUNITY HALL	AS21S	DUROR AND KENTALLEN COMMUNITY HALL
<b>R21T</b>	<b>INVERLOCHTY PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>	<b>IS21T</b>	<b>INVERLOCHTY VILLAGE HALL</b>



ID	Completion time (M/D/Y) system generated	Designation (e.g. Elector, Councillor, Member of Parish Parliament, Community Council, accessibility organisation etc.)	Please list as where you currently vote (if applicable) mentioning the polling place name and location	Please detail the polling place that you are commenting about.	Overall are you happy with this polling place and its location?	In your opinion is the polling place suitable for electors with disabilities?	Does the polling place offer suitable facilities for an elector to be able to cast their vote in a private and secure manner?	Is the polling place well located in the area?	Are you satisfied with the current arrangements?	If you are not satisfied with current arrangements, is there a more suitable location that could be used? Please provide the alternative polling place name and location.	Please use this space to make any additional comments in relation to your polling district or polling place	Comments provided by Election Team	Date Responded (M/D/Y)	Word
1	10/2/23 15:58:34	No	Andgour	Andgour primary school	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Andgour village hall	Andgour village hall was always used for polling. Now the school is used. However this means all children miss out another day of education already so many with covid, strikes etc every time there is an election. The hall and the school are next to each other. The school must remain open, there is no need to close it.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/05/2023	21
2	10/2/23 17:44:47	Elector	Holm Primary School	Holm Primary School	Parking could be better	Difficult if more than one person arrives and leaves at same time	Yes	Yes	No	Cuddehal Christian Centre, Cuddehal Avenue, Inverness, IV2 6AS	More parking, plenty of space, and no need to close the school for the day... similar for Lachard Primary School	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/05/2023	15
3	10/2/23 22:33:35	Community Councillor	Cromdale Village Hall	Cromdale Village Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Ease to reach location and facilities are suitable even during covid the building heads well working entry and exit doors and it's great to support a small community facility	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	03/05/2023	20
4	10/2/23 22:50:53	Community Council	Murtoom Primary, Inverness or Chatterton Academy Community Complex, General Booth Road, Inverness	Polling Stations within Murtoom CC Boundary area Inverness Ward 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Both polling stations for Murtoom CC boundary are unchanged	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	03/05/2023	13
5	10/2/23 11:28:25	Apprecios Healthcare	Apprecios	Apprecios Primary School	It should be the Apprecios Hall	Hall easier	Yes	Yes	No	Apprecios Hall	Not clear which is to be used but the Hall is very accessible and wouldn't close the school and nursery for the day.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	03/05/2023	5
6	10/2/23 11:26:45	Elector	Achnasheen Village Hall	Achnasheen Village Hall	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Kintochewe Village Hall	As the elector Hall is so small for Achnasheen, and Kintochewe Village Hall which is close proximity both polling stations necessary due to the separation caused by the UK Parliamentary boundary. Those who can't travel can use postal voting.	Verbal conversation with the elector - the way to vote just for postal voting cannot be encouraged - only the different means of voting can be explained and made aware to the voter. The electoral register and the postal voting registration is not dealt by the Election Team but by the electoral registration office. The elector accepted and understand the rational of our proposal.	03/05/2023	5
7	10/2/23 15:06:04	Elector	Achnasheen Village Hall	Achnasheen Village Hall	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Costs	As there are so few electors on the Achnasheen roll, has consideration been given to transferring everyone onto postal vote? This might prove to be cheaper than Hall hire, staff costs, travelling etc. There is a Pub in Achnasheen and Achnasheen. The Hall might be closing, what would happen then to the Polling Station?	Verbal conversation with the elector - the way to vote just for postal voting cannot be encouraged - only the different means of voting can be explained and made aware to the voter. The electoral register and the postal voting registration is not dealt by the Election Team but by the electoral registration office. The elector accepted and understand the rational of our proposal.	03/05/2023	5
8	10/2/23 15:41:47	Elector	Apprecios Primary School and nursery, Apprecios	The primary school building	Closing the school my children attend is outrageous	No disabled parking	Yes	No suitable amount of parking spaces	No	The Apprecios Community Hall	Our school is already afflicted with far too many closures and sadly lacks resilience so having it unnecessarily closed when there is a more suited community building accessible to more people is really disappointing.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	04/05/2023	5
9	10/2/23 16:54:21	Elector	Findon Hall Culbokie	Findon Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The community Hall is an appropriate place to vote. More important are the volunteers and staff who manage the voting station have local knowledge.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	04/05/2023	9
10	10/2/23 9:28:00	Elector	Ullapool / Ullapool Primary School	Ullapool Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	For many years Ullapool Village Hall is both a more suitable and less impactful space to use as a Polling Station	Ullapool Village Hall, a Station central hub to our community, was used as the polling station. There is excellent disabled access, there is plentiful nearby parking, including blue badge spaces, you can have the privacy to vote in private. However, for cost reasons I suggest, the polling station was moved to Ullapool Primary school. This resulted in the school being closed for the day. A day's education lost. Extra childcare demands on a community already struggling to meet the demand, cost implication on parents who need to take leave, unpaid time off, no small business.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	04/05/2023	5
11	10/2/23 11:31:26	Thurso community council	Thurso	N/A	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	N/A		Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	04/05/2023	2
12	10/2/23 19:33:08	Elector	Apprecios Primary School	Local primary school in Camustrach	No need to close school, village hall better in many ways	No parking / kissing gate entrance / no toilets	Yes	Yes	No		It really needs no comments further, hall wins by miles for facilities	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	05/05/2023	5
13	10/2/23 16:26:09	Community member	Kirkhill primary school Inverness	Kirkhill primary school Inverness	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Kirkhill Community Center	Community Center would be far better for a voting place as it would save closing the whole primary school and save more disruption to children's education	unable to respond no email and wrong contact number	12	
14	10/2/23 13:52:52	Community Council	Andgour Primary School	Andgour Memorial Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		We support the change. We welcome the proposed change and request Council's commitment to minimise further disruption to children's education by moving away from using school's as polling places. Andgour Primary School Andgour Memorial Hall will be a suitable alternative and we fully support the proposed change.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	09/05/2023	21
15	10/13/23 19:02:03	Councillors	Dunvegan	Dunvegan	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Dunvegan Community Hall	We need to keep it local and a place with enough parking.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	16/05/2023	10
16	10/2/23 11:50:53	NA	Culloden	Duncan Forbes PS	There is enough community buildings and other spaces, like the library building and SCY centre that a school does not need to shut. Kids have missed out on enough education.	Yes	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes		Do not close schools unless essential and only option. Why can't there be 3 polling stations for local area? Such as Green Hall or Bulloch Hall for the whole of the Stratherrick, Culloden and other areas, like Bulloch area if it's not covered there. It's not a postal vote, children and their education are the future, stop putting elections ahead of it!	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	18/05/2023	17
17	10/2/23 15:49:19	N/A	Postal	Lachard Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Unknown	Unknown	No (please comment in the box below)	No	Green Drive Hall or Cuddehal Christian Centre	The schools should be avoided after the disruption to our children's education over the last few years.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	18/05/2023	15
18	10/2/23 18:48:36	Elector	Stratherrick Academy, Stratherrick	Stratherrick Academy, Stratherrick	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	None		unable to respond no email and wrong contact number	23/05/2023	8
19	10/2/23 19:32:46	Parent	Balloch, Inverness	Balloch Primary School	It is the school and there is a community hall next door that could be used, instead of closing the school.	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	No	Balloch Community Hall, Inverness	Balloch Community Hall has been used in previous years, why is it not being used now and stop closing the schools, have our children not had enough time out!	unable to respond no email and wrong contact number	24/05/2023	17
20	10/2/23 21:22:49	A resident	Highland Council	Stratherrick and Foyers	You appear to have made a mistake	You have made an error / fee!	see below	see below	No	see below	OK. Foyers Primary School is multi-balled, Stratherrick primary school is in use, so you've decided to move. You get the names of places moved up. There is Stratherrick Public Hall which you have used before - it is called Stratherrick Public Hall (not village hall) The dot on your map is the second street from the Wildside Centre at Stratherrick, it is called The Wildside Centre, run by Stratherrick and Foyers Community Trust. This really should clarify the names you use, neither of which are correct.	unable to respond to consultee. Consultation with Members whether to use the Wildside Centre or the Stratherrick Public Hall which concluded with Stratherrick Public Hall which is closer to cover the electorate. Overnight in name corrected.	12	
21	11/1/23 16:35:34	Community Council	Carbol Primary School, Isle of Skye	Carbol Primary School	The community hall is more suitable	The community hall is more suitable	Yes	The community hall is more suitable	No		A more suitable location would be the community hall. It is the best however we understand that the site was an issue, we have spoken the hall committee and they are prepared to register on the fees it approached. The hall is more suitable, accessible venue with more parking and would prevent the school being closed for the day.	Recommendation considered and confirmed with members.	06/11/2023	10
22	11/1/23 12:23:57	Lachard & Drummond Community Council, Vice Chair	Lachard & Drummond	Lachard Primary School (and for the community / Holm Primary School)	Inverness Royal Academy (and again for the community / Cuddehal Christian Centre)	Both polling places are effectively at either end of the same road on the outer edge of the Lachard & Drummond and Holm communities. The demographic of Lachard & Drummond (and Holm) residents is primarily senior citizens, with mobility issues and other forms of ill health, and most likely non-car users. It would be difficult for this demographic to cast their vote easily. The current locations are relatively centrally located. I envisage a move of polling stations on this basis disenfranchising a large section of the community.	Both polling places are effectively at either end of the same road on the outer edge of the Lachard & Drummond and Holm communities. The demographic of Lachard & Drummond (and Holm) residents is primarily senior citizens, with mobility issues and other forms of ill health, and most likely non-car users. It would be difficult for this demographic to cast their vote easily. The current locations are relatively centrally located. I envisage a move of polling stations on this basis disenfranchising a large section of the community.	Yes	Yes	Yes	As above - the current arrangements are fit for purpose and well attended by the community	Further consultation with members in light of this representation revert back	14/11/2023	15
23	11/1/23 14:13:30	Elector	Lochrover	Village hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	None		Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	14/11/2023	1
24	11/1/23 14:38:52	Elector	Achnasheen Village Hall	Achnasheen Village Hall	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No		I do not think schools should be used as polling places.	Positive feedback, acknowledged receipt	14/11/2023	11
25	11/1/23 15:11:48	Elector	Reids Primary School	Reids Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Reids Memorial Hall	It is about that the local primary school has to be used as a polling place, this is regardless if it coincides with a service day. All that is used is the front foyer. The rear hall has a committee room that can be used instead. If the school was to be closed on a service day it is absolutely ridiculous.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
26	11/1/23 16:41:25	Community Councilor	Reids Primary School, Reids, Black Isle	Reids Primary School	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Reids Memorial Hall	The use of the Primary School to vote requires school closure on polling day, the Memorial Hall was traditionally their voting station and should be reinstated as the voting station.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
27	11/1/23 17:18:38	What?	Reids	Reids Primary School	If you used Reids Hall, the school wouldn't need to close, using a day education and multiple parents having to lose a day pay or find childcare!	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	See strand 6. Use the hall instead to avoid school closure	As above! Why lose schooling days when hall available nearby? Parents need to lose a day pay and/or find childcare when school closed!	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9
28	11/1/23 17:46:23	Elector	Struan Primary School, Struan, Isle of Skye	School Building	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The Polling Station at Struan is ideal for the local community. Many elderly live in the area and ease of access is highly important.	Positive feedback acknowledged by phone	16/11/2023	10
29	11/1/23 17:53:56	Elector	Reids Primary School	Reids	I have children in the Primary school and given covid, strikes and polling days I am very concerned in the reduction of teaching days.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Reids Hall would be preferable, it has disabled access and all the facilities the school can offer without interrupting our child's education	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	14/11/2023	9	
30	11/1/23 17:54:07	Elector	Use postal vote	Victoria Hall Cromarty	Not suitable for disabilities, poor parking	Steps	Yes	Yes	No	Royal Hotel, Cromarty	No comments	Confirmed that there is wheelchair access but issue with disabled parking bay which is resolved by the staff on the poll day by designating a temporary disabled space	16/11/2023	9
31	11/1/23 20:27:00	Elector	Murtoom Primary School Inverness	Murtoom Primary School	Yes	No (please comment in the box below)	Yes	Yes	Yes		The only issue I have is that the person on the door was holding someone's dog while they wait but he didn't move away from the door and as someone with a high fear of dogs it caused great anxiety to me as I was unable to go near the door to get in to cast my vote. Had they moved away from the doorway I could have entered. And being told the dog won't hurt me is not a helpful comment. A fear is a fear and a smart comment is unhelpful and unhelpful.	Training will be reinforced with the polling staff to make sure that the route and the entrance of the polling place is clear.	11/11/2023	13
32	11/1/23 20:33:00	Chair, Holm Community Council	Holm Primary School	Holm Primary School	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		The proposal to have a new polling station at Ness Cairn is very welcome for our growing community. However the proposed change to move the polling station from Holm Primary to a measure of Cuddehal Christian Centre and Inverness Royal Academy is not at all suitable. Moving a polling place further from where many aged in our community can walk to and with limited (if any) public transport options available is not a welcome suggestion. Please retain Holm Primary School as a polling station.	Further consultation with members in light of this representation revert back	15/11/2023	15
33	11/1/23 21:48:09	Member of the public	Ullapool primary school	Local school that really shouldn't have to close just to save money	No, you should be using other buildings NOT closing the schools for the day. Our kids have missed enough with covid lockdowns and teacher strikes	Quite a long walk from the street to the room the poll booths are in. No disabled parking	Yes	Yes	No	Ullapool village hall	No one in the village that I have spoken to is happy with using the school. It's such a stupid thing to do. The school would be much better. No disabled parking right outside the door. Also a changing spaces toilet so it is accessible to everyone. And equally as important the school kids would not need to miss a day of school.	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	15/11/2023	5
34	11/1/23 22:29:38	Elector	Ullapool	Ullapool village hall	Yes	Building facilities are good but needs to have a seat ready for infirm or frail people who have walked in and need to sit. Also to provide a private both at seated height.	Yes	Yes	Yes		Question 33 does not allow for answering with information for question 7. Please do not go back to the Primary School it was awful for people having to walk round to get there.	Disability arrangements are in place for the polling place	15/11/2023	5
35	11/1/23 22:32:53	Community Council	Reids primary school	Reids primary school	A primary school should not be used when a local hall is available and should be supported which has a meeting room that has been used for many years previously for local elections.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Reids community hall	Local polling should have never been removed from Reids community hall	Confirmed that our recommendation has considered this.	15/11/2023	9

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Thank you for your response. In hindsight, the entry is part of the formal consultation process and will remain. As you state it reinforces the case to move away from the school.  
 Many thanks for your contribution  
 With my kind regards,  
 The Election Office

**From:**  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 10:24 AM  
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Thank you for clarification. As it is a consultation though, not yet confirmed you are moving from the school to the hall. I would presume you would want to know how the community feel about it. I am very strongly of the view the primary school should not be used.  
 Happy to amend my feedback to state that.

On 3 Oct 2023, at 09:28, Election <[election@highland.gov.uk](mailto:election@highland.gov.uk)> wrote:

#### Alternative Location Suggestion – Ardgour Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Ardgour Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Ardgour Primary School to the Ardgour Memorial Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

In light of your comment, we have revised our website and simplified the information displayed.

Would you be happy to withdraw your comment?

Thanking your for in advance for your participation.

Ward 21 – Current (2019)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R21F	ARDGOUR PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ward 21 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier (*)	Polling Place Name
AS21F	ARDGOUR MEMORIAL HALL

**Polling Place Changes:**

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Acharacle Primary School to the Shiel Bridge Hall.
- Relocation from the Strontian Primary School to the Strontian Hall.
- Relocation from the Ardgour Primary School to the Ardgour Memorial Hall.
- Relocation from the Inverlochry Primary School to the Inverlochry Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Kinlochleven Primary School to the Leven Centre.





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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Culduthel Christian Centre

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Holm Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Holm Primary School to the Culduthel Christian Centre. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

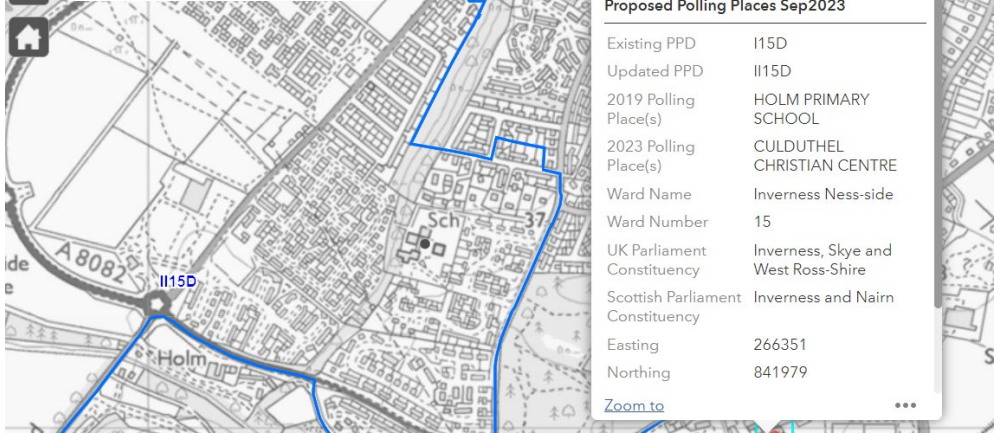
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With our kind regards  
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<b>Ward 15 – Current (2019)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
<b>I15D</b>	<b>HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL</b>
<b>Ward 15 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier (*)</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
<b>II15D</b>	<b>CULDUTHEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE</b>



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Existing PPD	I15D
Updated PPD	I115D
2019 Polling Place(s)	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	CULDUTHEL CHRISTIAN CENTRE
Ward Name	Inverness Ness-side
Ward Number	15
UK Parliament Constituency	Inverness, Skye and West Ross-Shire
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Inverness and Nairn
Easting	266351
Northing	841979

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## **Cromdale Village Hall**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

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**Muirtown Primary, Inverness or Charleston Academy Community  
Complex, General Booth Road, Inverness**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
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That's great!

Many thanks for your reply.

Kind regards,

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On 3 Oct 2023, at 15:55, Election <election@highland.gov.uk> wrote:

### **Alternative Location Suggestion – Applecross Hall**

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Applecross Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Applecross Primary School to the Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

<b>Ward 5 – Current (2019)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
R05I	APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
<b>Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier (*)</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
IC05I	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL
	<b>*Polling Place Change</b>

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Thanking your for in advance for your participation  
With our kind regards  
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## Alternative Location Suggestion Kinlochewe Village Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion to use the Kinlochewe Village Hall in lieu of the Achnasheen Village Hall.

Our proposal for the use and retention of both the Kinlochewe Village Hall and the Achnasheen Village Hall, although in close proximity to one another, has been made due to each location being sited in a different UK parliamentary constituency. To ensure an accurate and efficient polling and counting process it is necessary to practice separate polling places to prevent cross-constituency confusion.

We have activated the relevant layers and extracted the image below from our Interactive Map for your information. The Kinlochewe Village Hall resides and facilitates electors within the Inverness, Skye and West Ross-shire UK Parliamentary Constituency, where as the Achnasheen Village Hall facilitates electors within the Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross UK Parliamentary Constituency.



In the hope that this clarifies our position.  
We thank you for your contribution and participation  
With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Linda Johnstone \(Elections\)](#)  
**To:** [Election](#)  
**Cc:** [Stephen Murdoch \(Elections\)](#)  
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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION RESPONSE WARD 5 – SUBMISSIONS ID7 / ID8**

The elector accepted the election teams response to both of the submissions. The elector understood that although in close proximity both polling stations noted within their initial response were necessary due to the separation caused by the UK Parliamentary boundary. Following a second response from the elector a telephone conversation was undertaken with said elector. The second submission made note to encourage postal voting in an effort to save money however following the telephone conversation and explanation that the way to vote just for postal voting cannot be encouraged – only the different means of voting can be explained and made aware to the voter. The electoral register and the postal voting registration is not dealt by the Election Team but by the electoral registration office. The elector accepted and understand the rational of our proposal.

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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Applecross Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Applecross Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Applecross Primary School to the Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 5 – Current (2019)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R05I	APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier (*)	Polling Place Name
IC05I	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL
	*Polling Place Change

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Ullapool Primary School to the Ullapool Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Badcaul Primary School, Dundonnell to the NHS Community Clinic, Dundonnell.
- Relocation from the Applecross Primary School to the Applecross Village Hall.

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**Proposed Polling Places Sep2023**

Existing PPD	R05I
Updated PPD	IC05I
2019 Polling Place(s)	APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL
Ward Name	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh
Ward Number	5
UK Parliament Constituency	Inverness, Skye and West Ross-Shire
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Easting	170759

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Thanking you for your participation  
With our kind regards  
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**Date:** 04 October 2023 10:13:35

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## **Findon Hall Culbokie**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

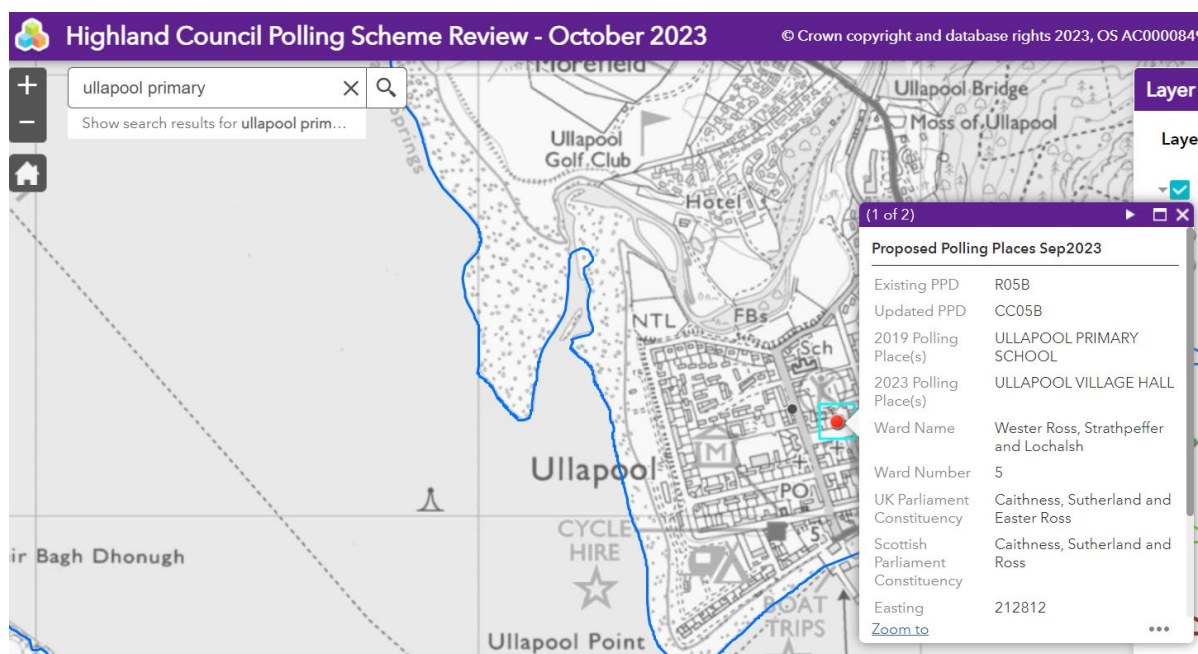
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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Ullapool Primary

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Ullapool Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Ullapool Primary School to the Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 5 – Current (2019)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R05B	ULLAPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier (*)	Polling Place Name
CC05B	ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL



Thank you for your participation  
 With our kind regards  
 The Election Office

**From:** [Linda Johnstone \(Elections\)](#)  
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## THURSO – Ward 2

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution. We understand from your response that you are happy with our proposal as indicated below. Please let us know if this is not the case.

### WARD 2 – THURSO AND NORTHWEST CAITHNESS

#### Polling District Changes:

There are no proposed changes to the current polling districts within Ward 2 – Thurso and Northwest Caithness.

#### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Mount Pleasant Primary School, Thurso to the Royal British Legion, Thurso.
- Relocation from the Mount Pleasant Primary School, Thurso to the Thurso Leisure Centre.
- Relocation from the Pennyland Primary School, Thurso to the Royal British Legion, Thurso.
- Relocation from the Halkirk Primary School to the Ross Institute, Halkirk.

#### Other Changes:

- Update to historic Polling Place District identifiers.

Ward 2 – Current (2019)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
C02A	MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL, THURSO
C02B	PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, THURSO
C02C	PENNYLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL, THURSO
C02D	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL
C02E	REAY VILLAGE HALL
C02F	HALKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL
C02G	BOWER COMMUNITY CENTRE
C02H	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET
C02I	MOUNT PLEASANT PRIMARY SCHOOL, THURSO
Ward 2 – Proposed (2023)	

<b>Polling Place Identifier (*)</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
CC02A	<b>THURSO LEISURE CENTRE</b>
CC02B	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>
CC02C	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>
CC02D	CASTLETOWN DRILL HALL
CC02E	REAY VILLAGE HALL
CC02F	<b>ROSS INSTITUE, HALKIRK</b>
CC02G	BOWER COMMUNITY CENTRE
CC02H	BRITANNIA HALL, DUNNET
CC02I	<b>ROYAL BRITISH LEGION, THURSO</b>
	<b>Polling Place Change</b>

Many thanks for your participation,  
 With our kind regards,  
 The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Applecross Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Applecross Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Applecross Primary School to the Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 5 – Current (2019)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R05I	APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier (*)	Polling Place Name
IC05I	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL
	*Polling Place Change

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Ullapool Primary School to the Ullapool Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Badcaul Primary School, Dundonnell to the NHS Community Clinic, Dundonnell.
- Relocation from the Applecross Primary School to the Applecross Village Hall.

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Existing PPD	R05I
Updated PPD	IC05I
2019 Polling Place(s)	APPLECROSS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	APPLECROSS VILLAGE HALL
Ward Name	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh
Ward Number	5
UK Parliament Constituency	Inverness, Skye and West Ross-Shire
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Easting	170759

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Thanking you for your participation  
With our kind regards  
The Election Office



**From:** [Election](#)  
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## **Ardgour Memorial Hall**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Consultation Polling Districts and Places Ward 10  
**Date:** 16 October 2023 07:26:00

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## Dunvegan

Ward 10 – Current (2019)		Ward 10 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R10G	DUNVEGAN PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10G	DUNVEGAN COMMUNITY CENTRE

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

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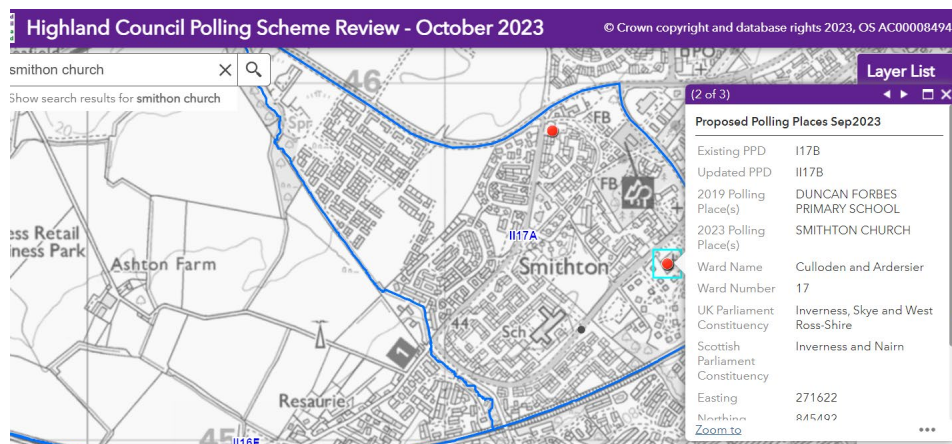
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## Alternative Location Suggestion for Duncan Forbes Primary School

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from the School to Smithton Church. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 17 – Current (2019)		Ward 17 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
I17B	DUNCAN FORBES PRIMARY SCHOOL	I17B	SMITHTON CHURCH



Thanking you for in advance for your participation.

The Election Office

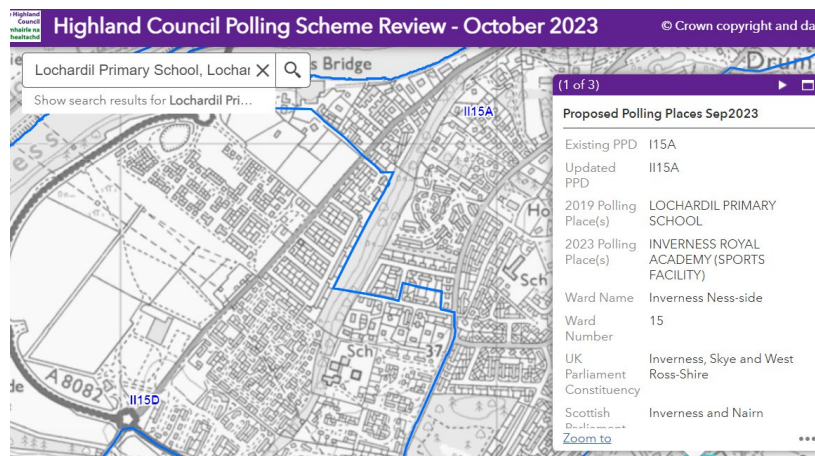
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## Alternative Location Suggestion for Lochardil Primary School

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from the Primary School to the IRA Sports Facility Centre which is independent from the Academy. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 15 – Current (2019)		Ward 15 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
I15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15A	INVERNESS ROYAL ACADEMY (SPORTS FACILITY)
I15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15C	INVERNESS ROYAL ACADEMY (SPORTS FACILITY)



Thanking you for your participation.  
The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Cc:** [Election](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Consultation Polling Districts and Places Review ward 8 ID 18  
**Date:** 23 October 2023 19:07:26

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Thanks for confirming.  
Best regards  
Linda Johnstone

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**From:**  
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Hi there, sorry yes - Dingwall Library is part of the Dingwall Academy building. Moving to the Leisure Centre wouldn't cause any issues for us.  
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### Dingwall Academy

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

Please note that that we do not use the secondary school but our proposal is to move from the Dingwall library to the Dingwall Leisure Centre.

Ward 8 – Current (2019)		Ward 8 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
C08A	<b>DINGWALL LIBRARY</b>	CS08A	<b>DINGWALL LEISURE CENTRE</b>
R08A	<b>DINGWALL LIBRARY</b>		

If you have any further comments please do get in touch  
With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

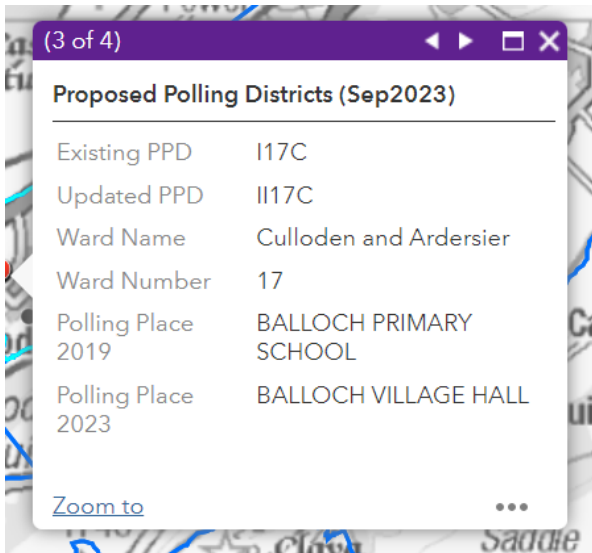
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## BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

Please note that our proposal is not to use the school but the Balloch Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our Interactive Map. I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 17 – Current (2019)		Ward 17 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
I17C	BALLOCH PRIMARY SCHOOL	II17C	BALLOCH VILLAGE HALL



If you have any further comments please do get in touch  
 With our kind regards, The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
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**Date:** 06 November 2023 06:24:07

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## **Recommendation to Use Minginish Community Hall instead of Carbost Primary School**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and note your recommendation to use Minginish Community Hall instead of Carbost Primary School.

The Minginish Community Hall has indeed been used for elections in the past and following your survey whereby 84% voted for the Hall, we have considered and changed the location for both polling districts as indicated below. Additionally, as you mentioned, using the hall will avoid any school closure for an unscheduled election.

<b>Ward 10 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 10 – Proposed (2023)</b>	
R10J	CARBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10J	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL
R10K	CARBOST PRIMARY SCHOOL	IS10K	MINGINISH COMMUNITY HALL

We thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Linda Johnstone \(Elections\)](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Public Consultation Polling Districts and Places Ward 15 ID 22  
**Date:** 14 November 2023 19:13:00  
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Thank you for your contribution to the Public Consultation. In light of your comments provided with our proposal moving away from both Lochardil and Holm primary school, we have further consulted with our ward members and our proposal for the ward has been amended to retain the same polling places as per 2019 scheme and introduce a new polling place for the Ness Castle area.

<b>Ward 15 – Current (2019)</b>		<b>Ward 15 – Proposal (2023)</b>	
<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>	<b>Polling Place Identifier</b>	<b>Polling Place Name</b>
I15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL
		II15E	NESS CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office



**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Consultation Polling Districts and Places Ward 1 ID 23  
**Date:** 14 November 2023 18:44:00

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## **Lochinver Village Hall**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Public Consultation Polling Districts and Places Ward 11 ID 24  
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## **Achnacarry Village Hall**

We acknowledge your entry and response with regard to our public consultation on the review of Polling districts and polling places and thank you for your contribution.

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Resolis Memorial Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Resolis primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Resolis Primary School to the Resolis Memorial Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our [interactive map](#). I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 9 – Current (2019)		Ward 9 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R09E	RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS09E	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL



### Proposed Polling Places Sep2023

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Existing PPD	R09E
Updated PPD	CS09E
2019 Polling Place(s)	RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL
Ward Name	Black Isle
Ward Number	9
UK Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Easting	268259
Northing	865036
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Thank you for your contribution

With our kind regards

The Election Office

**From:**  
**To:** [Election](#)  
**Subject:** Public Consultation Ward 9 ID 30  
**Date:** 16 November 2023 11:56:00

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## **Alternative Location Suggestion - Royal Hotel, Cromarty**

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion to use the Royal Hotel instead of the Victoria Village Hall because of accessibility issues.

As part of our review we conduct accessibility assessments of the venues and with regard to the Victoria Hall, we note that it is wheelchair accessible but confirm that it does not have designated disabled parking spaces. For any of our polling venues that do not have designated disabled parking, a temporary arrangement will be put in place on the day of the poll by our staff. This polling venue has been used for previous elections and we are not looking to introduce any changes as part of our proposal.

We thank you for your contribution,  
With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

**From:** [Linda Johnstone \(Elections\)](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Places Ward 13 ID 31  
**Date:** 15 November 2023 08:25:00

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We thank you for your comment provided on the polling place Muirtown Primary School and we are really sorry to hear about the incident with the dog.

We can assure you that only assistance animals for disabled people are allowed into the polling station and, to address this particular incident, we will reinforce in our training for our polling staff that any dog or animal should not be tied, or held by any member of staff, near the entrance and the route to of the polling place.

In the hope that this provides you with the reassurance that we are taking the correct action to avoid any future reoccurrences,

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

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**To:**  
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Thank you for your contribution to the Public Consultation. In light of a number of comments received on our proposal moving away from both Lochardil and Holm primary school, we have further consulted with our ward members and our proposal for the ward has been amended to retain the same polling places as per 2019 scheme and introduce a new polling place for the Ness Castle area as indicated below.

Ward 15 – Current (2019)		Ward 15 – Proposal (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
I15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15A	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15B	CAULDEEN PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15C	LOCHARDIL PRIMARY SCHOOL
I15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL	II15D	HOLM PRIMARY SCHOOL
		II15E	NESS CASTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

With our kind regards,  
The Election Office

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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Ullapool Village Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Ullapool Primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Ullapool Primary School to the Village Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our [interactive map](#). I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 5 – Current (2019)		Ward 5 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R05B	ULLAPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL	CC05B	ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL

### Polling Place Changes:

The primary changes proposed to the 2019 polling scheme are as follows;

- Relocation from the Ullapool Primary School to the Ullapool Village Hall.
- Relocation from the Badcaul Primary School, Dundonnell to the NHS Community Clinic, Dundonnell.
- Relocation from the Applecross Primary School to the Applecross Village Hall.

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### Proposed Polling Places Sep2023

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Existing PPD	R05B
Updated PPD	CC05B
2019 Polling Place(s)	ULLAPOOL PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	ULLAPOOL VILLAGE HALL
Ward Name	Wester Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh
Ward Number	5
UK Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Ross
Easting	212812
Northing	894212
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Thanking you for your participation  
With our kind regards  
The Election Office



**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
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**Date:** 15 November 2023 07:19:04

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## **Ullapool Village Hall**

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Ullapool Primary School and comments with regard to the arrangements required for the elderly and people with disabilities for the village hall.

Prior to including a polling place we conduct an assessment as to the suitability for the location to serve as a polling place. Additionally, we can assure that the Presiding Officer of the Polling Place on the day of the poll has a specific checklist to make sure that the polling place is fully accessible, this includes among others signage, specific devices for the blind and partially sighted, large-print of ballot paper and information on available assistance from the Presiding Officer if required.

All our polling places are equipped with low-level polling booths with chairs available for people to rest or while waiting to vote.

Thanking you for your participation  
With our kind regards  
The Election Office

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Public Consultation Statutory Review Polling Districts & Places Ward 9 ID 35  
**Date:** 15 November 2023 06:54:25  
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## Alternative Location Suggestion – Resolis Memorial Hall

Thank you for responding to our public consultation with regard to our review of Polling districts and polling places. We note your suggestion not to use the Resolis primary School.

Our proposal actually includes the move from Resolis Primary School to the Resolis Memorial Hall. This has been documented in our published Consultation paper and our [interactive map](#). I have extracted the relevant part below for your information.

Ward 9 – Current (2019)		Ward 9 – Proposed (2023)	
Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name	Polling Place Identifier	Polling Place Name
R09E	RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL	CS09E	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL



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**Proposed Polling Places Sep2023**

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Existing PPD	R09E
Updated PPD	CS09E
2019 Polling Place(s)	RESOLIS PRIMARY SCHOOL
2023 Polling Place(s)	RESOLIS MEMORIAL HALL
Ward Name	Black Isle
Ward Number	9
UK Parliament Constituency	Caithness, Sutherland and Easter Ross
Scottish Parliament Constituency	Skye, Lochaber and Badenoch
Easting	268259
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Thank you for your contribution

With our kind regards

The Election Office

**From:**  
**To:** [Election](#)  
**Subject:** Representation - Review of Polling Places and Districts 2023  
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Dear Highland Council Election Office,

Please find attached a response to the Public Consultation on the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023 from the committee at Abriachan Village Hall.

If there is any issue with the attached document please let me know.

Many thanks,

**From:** [Election](#)  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Ward 12 ID 36  
**Date:** 20 November 2023 14:04:05

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To: Chair Abriachan Village Hall committee

We thank you for your letter of 6 November 2023 with regard to the Abriachan Hall and the local campaign to support the retention of this polling place.

Our proposal now includes the Abriachan Village Hall as part of the polling scheme.

We thank you and the local community for your contribution

With our kind regards,

The Election Office

Monday 6th November 2023

**The Highland Council, The Election Office**  
**Glenurquhart Road**  
**Inverness IV3 5NX**

Dear Highland Council Election Office,

We were delighted to hear via Cllr Fraser about the decision to reverse the proposal to discontinue the use of Abriachan Village hall as a Polling Stations as suggested in the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

On behalf of Abriachan residents, we'd like to formally thank Cllr David Fraser for his petition on our behalf as well as thank the Inverness West Community Council for their help in raising the issue in the first instance. Prior to learning of the now positive outcome, we had been campaigning locally and had planned to submit a Representation on the Proposal as part of the public consultation process. We feel there is still merit in submitting these individual responses to you to represent the strong feeling held within the community at the suggestion of the loss of the hall now or in the future.

Please see the attached document for a collection of statements from Abriachan residents.

Kind regards,

The Abriachan Village Hall Committee objects to the Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places's proposal to discontinue the use of the hall as a Polling Station in favour of Dochgarroch Primary School now and in the future.

The following statements are all from Abriachan residents. Several residents requested their responses remain anonymous.

***"There is no public transport from the centre of Abriachan to Dochgarroch nor is there a safe cycle route. The relocation of the polling station will therefore create difficulties for people who want to vote but are unable to drive, including young voters who should be given every encouragement to take part in the process. The relocation would also mean travel by car to the polling station which is not very carbon clever. There is usually a very high turnout of Abriachan people when there is an election and one of the reasons must be that it is very convenient to have the polling station in the public hall which is at the centre of the community."*** Anonymous, Abriachan resident

***"I am against this proposal. Voting in person is critical for democracy and any barrier to doing so can lead to disenfranchisement for persons who cannot easily travel to a polling station that is not in their immediate community. Putting any obstacle in the way of voting diminishes the principles of democracy."*** Anonymous, Abriachan resident

***"Abriachan is a rapidly expanding community and the village hall is essential in all aspects of local life. There are a lot of elderly folk who would be less likely to travel to Dochgarroch to vote and would therefore be disenfranchised. Weather conditions could also affect journeys to Dochgarroch. Please keep the polling booths open in the village hall."***

Anonymous, Abriachan resident

***"Turn out for voting is low enough and losing our community voting place would make this worse. My husband works long hours in the opposite direction and gets home in time to vote at the hall. If he had to travel then to Dochgarroch it might not happen. Just another erosion of community life and government control."*** Anonymous, Abriachan resident

***"I strongly object to close Abriachan Village Hall as a polling station. Democracy is everywhere in the country. It is very important to be close to the voters. It's a no tolerance policy. Not a single reduction of polling stations is acceptable. Otherwise we'll end up voting in Edinburgh or London."***

***"We are very upset to learn about the proposal to discontinue the polling station at Abriachan Community Hall, especially in view of the statement in the Highland Council Review Paper that polling stations need to be easy to get to, accessible to all voters and to have appropriate capacity and facilities. The Abriachan Polling Station is within easy***

**walking distance of a lot of residents, whereas Dochgarroch Primary School would involve at least a twelve mile round trip by vehicle for all voters. This does not seem appropriate in light of the move towards being environmentally friendly. For many years we have been fortunate to be within walking distance of polling stations where we lived and we feel this proposal would create an unnecessary barrier to our right to vote. We also note that the Paper also states that the use of schools is to be avoided. We consider that this proposal is a retrograde step and will make voting by the Abriachan community a lot more difficult and time consuming.”** Abriachan residents

**“Abriachan is a polling station that is well used by its attendant voters role. AS a local councillor and as a local voter, I have always been impressed by a good turn out, the local population trust their polling station and turn out. The cost of using the Hall must be minimal and cannot be used for the reason for not using the hall. I am presuming the use of the school would also mean that school would be closed for the day. That is not at all good for the young people , with the disruptive education they have had over the past 3 years and continue to have. Finally there is no bus route except along the A82 and that would be difficult for many people to access. A disturbing and unwanted decision.”**

Abriachan resident

**“This will cause a tangible reduction in the number of Abriachan voters. The demographic of residents will mean the older members of the community will not be able to get lifts to Dochgarroch to vote because those who are employed won’t have time or willingness to retrace their travel routes after work. The voters who would aim to use public transport won’t bother, given the reduced frequency of and seats on buses, the distance to walk down the single track brae and the time it would take to get to the polling station. At a time when we are encouraging our young people to be proactive in decision making in our democracy, this cost-cutting decision by Highland Council is extremely short sighted.”**

Abriachan resident

**“So much in our society is decided through a myriad of short term, and often illusionary attempts to 'cut budgets', 'streamline' services; an approach to the world through a lens of scarcity, the erosion of community, which later on we tend to 'pay the price for'. I feel we are way past the time not to be questioning this narrative, and ensuring that imagination and creativity are not lost , with a view to building capacity and resilience for our ancestors yet to come. There are many wonderful people within this community, and across the country who understand the responsibility to acknowledge our privileges, and use these to take action, nurture and grow that which is vital and necessary. Many around the world are not able to have this voice. The village hall as a polling place is part of the community ecology, and democracy. I wish for this conversation to take into account all voices, including that of the earth, which asks us to make ecological decisions which bring us into right relationship again. Thank you.”**



***“I object to the proposal to move the polling station from Abriachan to Dochgarroch Primary School. Currently the Abriachan polling station is within walking distance of my home, if it were to be moved to Dochgarroch it would involve making a round trip of over 10 miles in my car in order to cast my vote which is not environmentally friendly and if there were adverse weather conditions on the polling day would mean I would not be able to get to a polling station in order to cast my vote. There is no public transport from Abriachan, meaning anyone who does not have access to a car and younger voters who do not drive would be effectively be disenfranchised.”*** Abriachan resident

***“Franchise is important as is the ability to walk to the Polling Station thereby reducing my carbon footprint and helping the environment. I strongly object to this proposal.”***  
Abriachan resident

***“Abriachan has a high proportion of elderly residents who make up a high proportion of the voting public. Taking away the ability to walk to the polling station is a violation of human rights and forcing people to travel in a vehicle for a long distance, thereby increasing air pollution and wear and tear on the vehicle and the road is counter productive.”*** Abriachan resident