**Notice of Review**

**of Polling Districts, Polling Places and polling Stations, 2019**

In accordance with the Representation of the People Act 1983 (Section 18C), as amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16), notice is hereby given that Bridgend County Borough Council is carrying out a review of its polling districts, polling places and polling stations.

The aim of the review is to seek to ensure that:

* all electors in the Bridgend Council area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances, taking into account cost;
* polling places are suitable for use by all sections of the community;
* so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places in the Bridgend Council area are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled;
* polling places are located in an area of the corresponding polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area that is wholly or partly outside the polling district.

Any elector within the Bridgend Council area may make representations on any aspects of polling districts, polling places and polling stations currently used. In addition the Council would welcome comments or representations from, but not restricted to:

* elected members (Members of Parliament, Members of European Parliament Assembly Members and Councillors representing electors in the Bridgend council area);
* other Returning Officers
* town and community councils within the Bridgend council area and any organisations representing particular groups of persons;
* past or potential candidates and their agents;
* local political parties; and
* persons or organisations with particular expertise in relation to access for persons with any type of disability.

Any person or body making representation should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places, if this is what their comments concern. Representations must be sent in writing to the Electoral Services Office by 4pm **Friday 8th November 2019.**

The Returning Officer will comment on existing and any proposed polling districts and polling stations informed by representations received from interested parties. Initial proposals will be published on the Council’s website from **15th November 2019** and will be subject to further public consultation until **22nd November 2019**. The Council will consider final proposals with the review results published by **31st January 2020.**

Details of existing schedule of polling districts, polling places and polling stations can be found on the Council’s web site at [www.bridgend.gov.uk](http://www.bridgend.gov.uk) or from Electoral Services, Civic Offices, Angel Street, BRIDGEND, CF31 4WB