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Dear Ann

Thank you for your letter dated 12 October informing me of the inquiry that the Assembly's Equality of Opportunity Committee is currently undertaking into the accessibility of polling stations in Wales.

I am aware of the inquiry and following your invitation to the WLGA to present evidence to the Committee, the Council provided the WLGA with an update on its Review of Polling Places and Districts, which has been undertaken by a cross-party Scrutiny Working Group.

The Review's recommendations on the boundaries of polling places and districts were approved by Members at the last Council meeting and resulted in some minor changes.

In terms of the accessibility of polling stations, the Council's Returning Officer continually reviews all existing polling stations to ensure that they comply with the accessibility needs of electors.

I am grateful for your invitation to provide the Council's input and look forward to the outcome of the Committee's inquiry.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Russell Roberts
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