

Stonydelph Ward: Recommendations

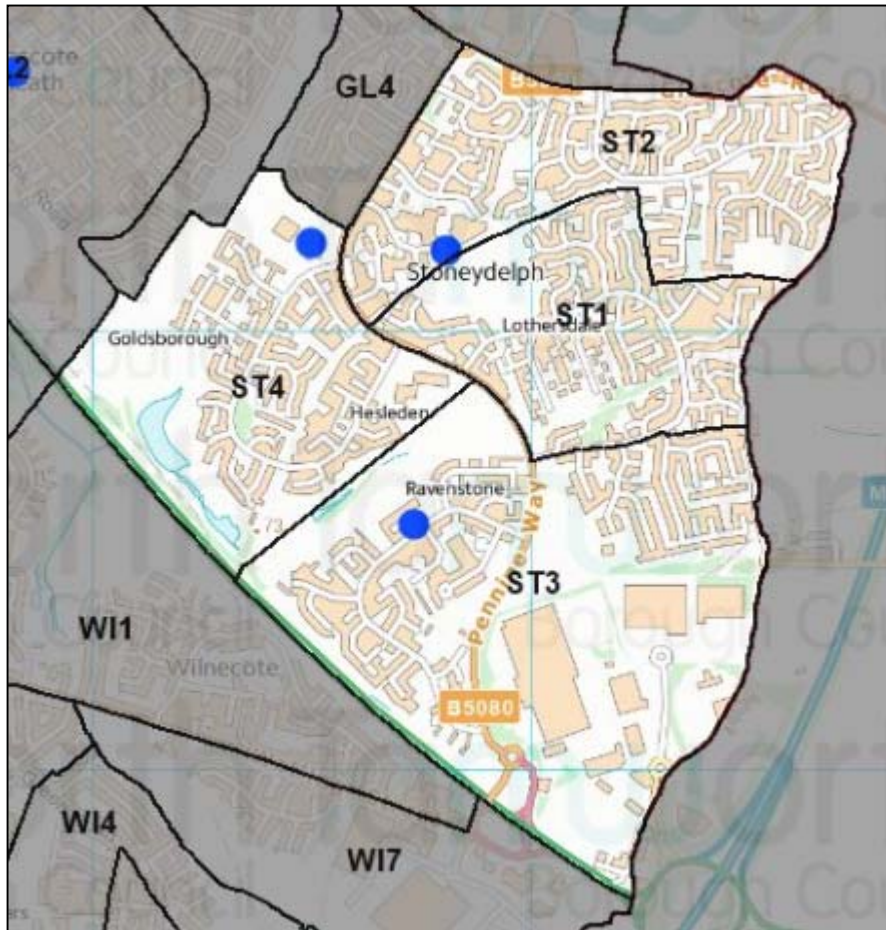
A submission was received from the Conservative Councillors requesting a temporary polling station for the ST2 polling district. Currently, the ST2 polling district vote at the St Martin in the Delph Community Centre on Ellerbeck. I believe that this building is ideal for voting purposes as it offers plenty of parking, included a number of dedicated disable parking bays. It is accessible on foot from this housing estate via a number of routes including the pedestrian Stonydelph Lane. The building is fully accessible with a ramp to the frontage to aid access.

The only area of open space is the land adjacent to Broadlee. The widest access point is located by numbers 33 and 34 and it is highly unlikely that a HGV would be able to access the area due to its narrow entrance. This open space is located on a downhill slope although the green area is reasonable flat. This would mean that electors would have a fairly steep uphill walk after casting their vote. This could be an issue for anyone with mobility issues as there is not a dedicated disabled parking bay and street parking is extremely limited.

Due to the fact that I have concerns regarding accessibility for disabled electors and the fact that no comments have been received from electors at the recent polls requesting any changes. I therefore, propose no changes to the polling districts in this ward with the exception of the relocation of Marrick from ST2 to ST1.

Finally, is recommended that polling place represent the same area as the polling district plus the adjoining polling district(s) to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located should the need arise.

Stonydelph Ward (Proposed)



New Polling District	Proposed Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate	Estimated Polling Station Electorate	No of polling stations
ST1	Pennymoor Community Hall	Pennymoor Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LG	1,794	1,471	1
ST2	St Martin's Centre	Ellerbeck, Stonydelph, B77 4JA	2,600	2,132	2
ST3	Pennymoor Community Hall	Pennymoor Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LG	2,278	1,868	1
ST4	Stonydelph Primary School	Crowden Road, Stonydelph, B77 4LS	1,599	1,311	1

Estimated Electorate = Number of Properties x 2.6

Estimated Polling Station Electorate = Based on the average of 82% of electors choosing to attend a polling station.