

# Welsh Labour Llafur Cymru

## CAERLEON LABOUR PARTY BRANCH

30 September 2014

**Mr Phillip Johnson**  
**Electoral Registration Manager**  
**Newport City Council**  
**Civic Centre**  
**Newport**  
**NP20 4UR**

Dear Mr Johnson

### **PROPOSED CLOSURE OF POLLING STATION AT 65 WENTWOOD ROAD AND RE-SITING AT LODGE HILL INFANTS SCHOOL**

I am writing on behalf of the Caerleon Labour Party to express our deep concerns about and objections to the above.

The residents of Home Farm and Roman Reach Estate are on the very edge of Caerleon and have been content to use number 65 for a number of years.

However we understand number 65 is no longer being made available for use as a polling station and the proposal is, therefore, to move the polling station for over 1400 voters to Lodge Hill Infants School.

Given the large proportion of elderly and/or infirm people living in the area and the historically high level of voter turnout, CLP members are concerned that many will not be able, or willing, to travel the not inconsiderable extra distance, perhaps in the dark, up Lodge Hill to the proposed Lodge Hill Infants School polling station. It is clearly vital for local and central governance for turnouts to be as high as possible and we believe that voter participation could be seriously undermined if the proposed change goes ahead.

We, therefore, ask you to consider the points raised above; and make every effort to ensure that a new polling station is found in Home Farm and Roman Reach Estate as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

**ANTHONY JERMYN**  
**Secretary**

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