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We would like to express some concerns regarding the existing location of polling stations in Clackmannanshire

We want to raise concerns over the use of private outlets as polling stations, instead of public sites such as schools. Specifically The View Bar & Restaurant in Fishcross, and Loganlea Tea Room, in Forestmill. For example, The View Bar is located right next to a school, which would be a more appropriate location for a polling station.

Where there are no alternatives, I can understand the use of private premises. However, where there are public/civic facilities available, these sites should be utilised for the local community. Public buildings are often more accessible and meet higher health & safety standards, whereas private sites are subject to potential sale, change of usage and purpose, and of course ownership, or even going out of business, making it necessary to find emergency alternatives. It also means that they are potentially susceptible to not being viewed as sufficiently independent and neutral by virtue of having private ownership.

Best wishes,

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