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Dear Miss Sanderson,

Re: Polling Station

Following discussions with Jim Doyle at Dacorum Borough Council about the possibility of moving the polling facility at Grove Road Primary School, you contacted Cllr Mrs Hearn. As a consequence I arranged for the matter to be discussed at the Town Council meeting held on Monday 19th November 2018.

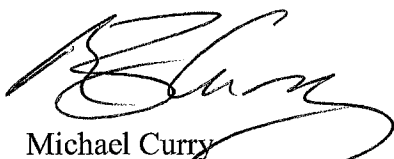
Your case for making the request was made available to the Councillors before considering the item. During the debate, Members recognised your concerns and were very disappointed to hear that you, your staff and volunteers had suffered abuse.

However, on balance the Council decided not to support your request to move the polling station. They felt that to do so would reduce accessibility with a negative impact on electoral turn-out:

- The school was the best location in the ward in terms of location, accessibility and the convenience for parents of pupils attending the school
- Having the polling station at the school
 - promoted awareness of local democracy amongst the children
 - was not a frequent occurrence
- Relocating the polling station away from the school would set a precedent for other schools in the town

Whilst the decision will be disappointing for you, I hope you can appreciate the Council's position.

Yours sincerely,



Michael Curry
Clerk to the Council