

S106 Adjudication Methodology

At close of voting there were 653 submissions on the S106 Survey Monkey database. The following methodology was adopted to ensure voting accuracy.

Duplicate voting

The following methodology was used to identify which votes to keep and which to delete:

1. Where it was clearly as a result of inadvertently submitting the same vote twice, we kept the first and removed the second.
2. Where one of the votes had been collected from St Luke's/Brownies/Scouts, we kept that vote and removed any others. This was in the knowledge that the vote retained had definitely been completed by the individual concerned.
3. Otherwise, we kept the first vote entered and removed the other(s).

Using this methodology, 23 duplicate votes were deleted.

Additional verification

After identifying all duplicated votes, we then went through the remainder and:

1. trusted all that gave an email address
2. trusted all collected from St Luke's school (apart from Year 1 - see below)
3. trusted all collected from Brownies, Guides and Scouts
4. trusted those showing the same surname and address as any we had already trusted
5. trusted those with the same surname from the same recognised physical address and same IP address
6. trusted those whose names and addresses we recognised

For the remainder (about 150), we first verified the address / postcode as being from within Sway and then performed a number of random name/address checks using various sources (BT phonebook, 192.com, electoral roll).

St Luke's School Year 1

We had to ignore a single sheet submitted by one of the classes at St Luke's. This attempted to show on the one voting form how an entire class had voted. It did not give names of any of the children, but did say that 4 were not from Sway. These 30 choices were initially entered onto the Survey Monkey database as 30 different records, but following some discussion we decided we could not really work out what was really being indicated and whether all those voting came from within Sway Parish. This is unfortunate but we can say that this will have made no difference to the final results.

In this way we are able to say that, with the exception of duplicates and those others described above, **600 votes are valid** (out of 653).

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