
Report to Council

Date of Meeting: 21 February 2019

Subject: Polling Districts and Polling Places Review – Next Stage

Report by: Strategic Director (Partnership & Performance)

1.0 Purpose

To present the proposals for the next stage in the Polling Districts and Polling Places Review.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Council is asked to comment and challenge the proposals contained in Appendix 2.

3.0 Considerations

- 3.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a statutory duty on Local Authorities to carry out periodic reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places.
- 3.2 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of the reviews. The next compulsory review therefore must take place during the period 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020.
- 3.3 Council agreed on the 23 August the timetable and stages for public consultation. The initial consultation invited comments on the current polling arrangements and was open for a period of 8 weeks. It is now complete and the results published. A summary of the results is provided in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The next stage is to consult on the proposals contained in Appendix 2. This consultation period will run between 11 March and 26 April and the results will inform the final recommendations that will be presented to Council for approval.

4.0 Sustainability Implications

- 4.1 There are no direct sustainability implications from this proposal.

5.0 Resource Implications

5.1 Financial Details

- 5.2 The full financial implications of the recommendations are set out in the report. This includes a reference to full life cycle costs where appropriate. Yes ☒

- 5.3 Finance have been consulted and have agreed the financial implications as set out in the report. Yes ☒

5.4 Staffing

6.0 Exempt Reports

- 6.1 Is this report exempt? Yes ☐ (please detail the reasons for exemption below) No ☒

7.0 Declarations

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

- (1) **Our Priorities** (Please double click on the check box ☒)

Clackmannanshire will be attractive to businesses & people and ensure fair opportunities for all	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our families; children and young people will have the best possible start in life	<input type="checkbox"/>
Women and girls will be confident and aspirational, and achieve their full potential	<input type="checkbox"/>
Our communities will be resilient and empowered so that they can thrive and flourish	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (2) **Council Policies** (Please detail)

8.0 Equalities Impact

- 8.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations?
Yes ☐ No ☒ Not applicable

9.0 Legality

- 9.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. Yes ☒

10.0 Appendices

- 10.1 There are 2 appendices attached to the report: Appendix 1 - Consultation Results and Appendix 2 - Proposals for Polling Districts and Polling Places.

11.0 Background Papers

- 11.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)

Yes ☐ (please list the documents below) No ☒

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Consultation Results

The Consultation

The public consultation period ran between 1 October and 30 November 2018. It was important to raise awareness of the consultation with all key stakeholders that may have an interest in responding. To achieve this, the details of the review were published on Clacksweb and an on-line survey was published. Details were circulated to relevant stakeholders and interested parties. A press release and the council's social media were also used to raise awareness of the consultation.

Those contacted included elected members, community councils, residents and Tenants groups, Disability Equality Scotland and third sector groups through CTSI. In addition, contacts for the premises that we currently use were also provided with the information.

Submissions

Fifty four submissions were received including the Returning Officer's. A summary of the responses received is attached to this appendix.

The majority of the buildings currently used were deemed suitable as a polling place. Those where concerns were raised are addressed below.

- **Alloa Baptist Church Hall**

The concerns are mainly around the disabled entrance which is to the rear of the building and the narrow pathway that leads to it. The buildings suggested as alternative venues were the Town Hall and the Gate.

The Town Hall is already used as the count centre for elections and therefore would not be available for polling. The Gate was contacted and, although they were supportive of the building being used for a polling place, confirmed that they could not allow exclusive use on the day of the poll.

In the absence of any buildings that are both suitable and available it is proposed to continue to use the Church Hall.

- **Devonvale Hall, Tillicoultry**

The concern raised was more in relation to the position of the building for voters living at the west end of the village. Additional venues were suggested, but as the Devonvale Hall is able to accommodate all voters in Tillicoultry, the proposal is to continue to have one venue.

- **Loganlea Tea Room, Forrestmill**

One concern was raised with regard to the suitability of this venue, however there are no alternative public buildings within Forrestmill.

It is proposed to continue to use this venue while it is still available.

- **St Mungo's RC Church Alloa**

There were no complaints as to the building itself, but the distance for those voters who had previously voted at the Alloa Old Peoples Welfare Club was raised. As the Welfare Club building now satisfies the conditions for use as a polling place, it is proposed that it is reinstated.

- **The View Bar & Restaurant, Fishcross**

Concerns were raised as to the suitability of the bar. At the start of the consultation it was closed and we did not receive any response to our enquiries from the owners. The changing management of the premises over the years has proved problematic raising concerns as to its reliability as a polling place.

It is proposed to site a temporary polling place in Craigleith. We will involve our road colleagues to ensure that traffic is suitably managed.

Polling Districts

We did not receive any responses which directly addressed the current polling district boundaries nor did we receive any comments in relation to the proposed change to the boundary between Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton. This change to the polling district will continue to be included in the next stage of the consultation.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF THE CONSULTATION - 1ST STAGE

Polling Place	Rate	Submission	Alternative Building	Our Comment
Alloa Baptist Church Hall	2 Suitable			
	3 Unsuitable	Comments were around the suitability of the disabled access as it is to the rear of the building and the pathway is narrow.	Alloa Town Hall The Gate	The Town Hall is used as the count centre for all elections. The Gate is extensively used as a venue for projects and drop in, and as such would not be suitable as we would need exclusive use of the whole building on the day of the poll.
Bowmar Community Centre	2 Suitable			
	2 Unsuitable		Alloa Town Hall	As above
Clackmannan Town Hall	3 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
Coalsnaughton Village Hall	1 Suitable	It is ideal and centrally located.		
	0 Unsuitable			
Cochrane Hall	6 Suitable	Plenty of parking, space inside, and decent privacy when voting due to space.		
	0 Unsuitable			
Coronation Hall	2 Suitable	Building is suitable for all and causes very little disruption to other users.		
	0 Unsuitable			
Devonvale Hall	5 Suitable	Adequate disabled access, but parking close to entrance is difficult.	Ben Cleuch Baptist Church Annex	Baptist church annex is not one we have investigated, as its location is relatively close to Devonvale hall.
	1 Unsuitable	Disabled and buggy access not good. Situation of hall too far especially for people at other end of Tillicoultry.	Ben Cleuch	Ben Cleuch would need to be closed to service users causing disruption to regular users.
Dollar Civic Centre	2 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			

Dumyat Centre	5 Suitable	It provides a safe, accessible Polling Station with sufficient privacy		
	0 Unsuitable			
Hawkhill Community Centre	0 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
Loganlea Tearoom	0 Suitable			There is no alternative building in Forrestmill, voters would need to go to Clackmannan Town Hall as the nearest polling place within their ward. The use of a temporary polling place was explored but no suitable site was identified.
	1 Unsuitable	Concerns over privately owned premises.		
Ludgate Church Hall	0 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
Sauchie and Coalsnaughton Parish Church Hall	3 Suitable	It is convenient and always kept private, tidy and clean.		
	0 Unsuitable			
Sauchie Hall	1 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
St Mungo's RC Church Hall	0 Suitable			Continue to use St Mungo's Church Hall for polling district OC477 , however reinstate the Old People's Welfare Club for polling district OC465
	1 Unsuitable	Too far from north of Tullibody and surrounding area for those with mobility issues.	Erskine Street OAP Hall	

St Serf's Church Hall	2 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
St John Vianney's Church Hall	1 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
The View Bar & Restaurant, Fishcross	2 Suitable			The long-term use of this premises cannot be secured.
	1 Unsuitable	Concerns over privately owned premises.	School	Use of schools is a disruption to children's education and, as such, it was agreed at a previous review to avoid this where possible.
Tullibody Civic Centre	6 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			
Whins Resource Centre	1 Suitable			
	0 Unsuitable			

Appendix 2

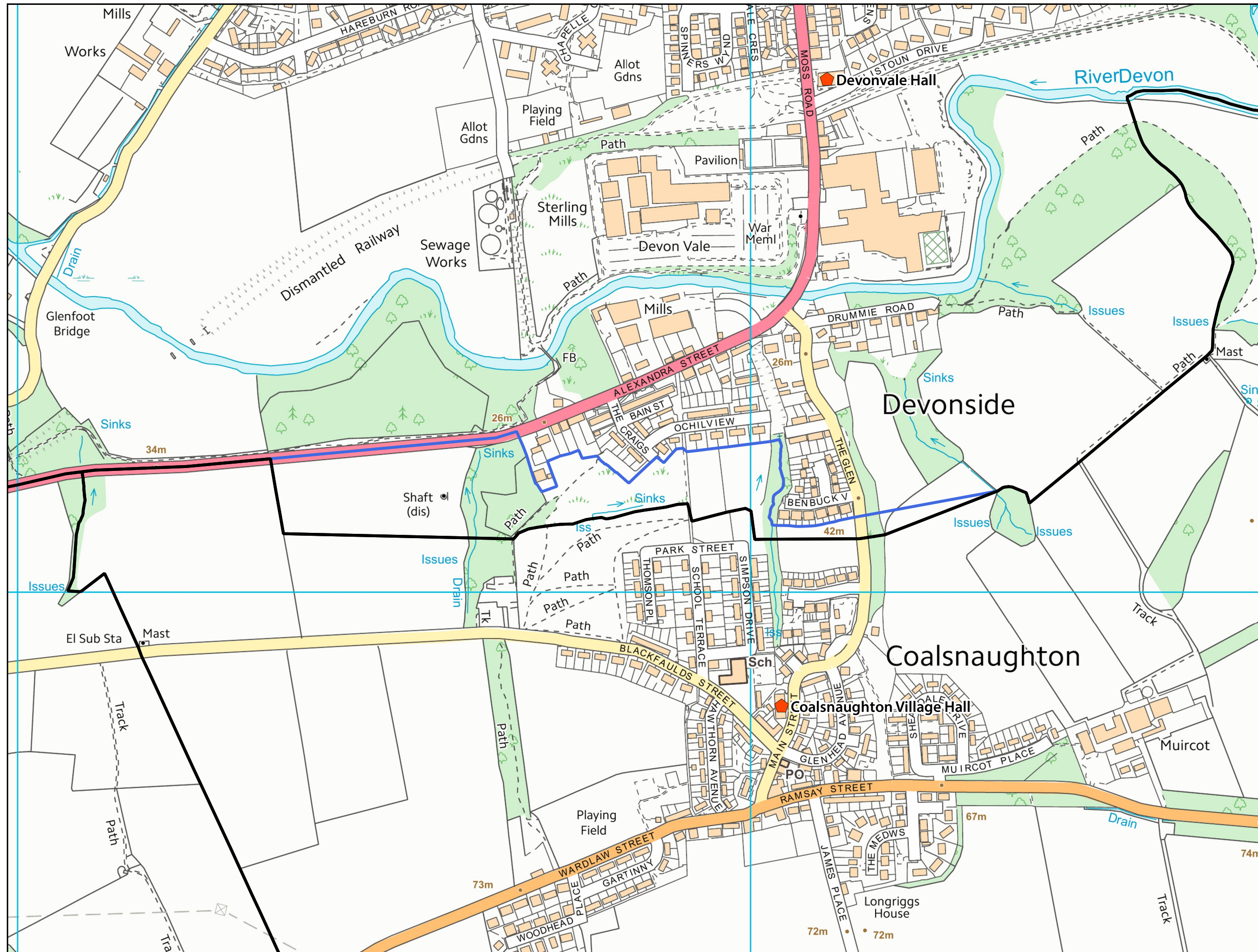
PROPOSALS FOR POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES IN CLACKMANNANSHPRE

Current Polling Place	Proposal for polling place	Current Polling District	Proposal for polling district
Dumyat Centre, Main St, Menstrie	Continue to use this building	OC105 All of Menstrie and surrounding area	No change
St. Serf's Church Hall, Menstrie Road, Tullibody, FK10 2RG	Continue to use this building	OC110 Tullibody area north of Stirling and Alloa Roads including Glenochil	No change
Tullibody Civic Centre, Abercromby Place, Tullibody	Continue to use this building	OC120 Tullibody area south of Stirling and Alloa Roads and Cambus area	No change
Cochrane Hall, West Stirling Street, Alva	Continue to use this building	OC230 Area to north and South of Stirling Street, West Stirling Street, Stirling Road and to the west of Brook Street	No change
St John Vianney's Church Hall, East Stirling Street, Alva	Continue to use this building	OC235 Area north and south of East Stirling Street and to the east of Brook Street	No change
Devonvale Hall, Moss Road, Tillicoultry	Continue to use this building	OC240 Tillicoultry and Devonside	Change to the polling district boundary between Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton. – see attached map

Current Polling Place	Proposal for polling place	Current Polling District	Proposal for polling district
Coalsnaughton Village Hall, Main Street, Coalsnaughton	Continue to use this building	OC245 Coalsnaughton area eastwards to Lawmuir	Change to the polling district boundary between Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton – see attached map
The View Bar & Restaurant, Alloa Road, Fishcross	Discontinue use of this building and replace with temporary polling unit – see attached map for site	OC350 Fishcross, Devon Village, Howetown, Blackfaulds and Devon Valley Drive area, Sauchie	No change
Sauchie & Coalsnaughton Church Hall, Main Street, Sauchie	Continue to use this building	OC355 Sauchie - Craigbank, Greygoran, Auchinbaird and Lochbrae areas, streets north of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road, Deerpark area.	No change
Sauchie Hall, Mar Place, Sauchie	Continue to use this building	OC360 Sauchie - Fairfield, Branshill, Braeside, Holton Crescent, Hallpark, Posthill, Keilarsbrae, south of Schaw Court and Gartmorn Road. Includes Nevis Crescent, Dovehill and Doo'cot Brae parts of Alloa	No change
Whins Resource Centre, The Whins, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC363 The Whins, Hutton Park and Gaberston areas, Hilton Road, Carsebridge area, Greenfield Street and Hillside Terrace	No change

Current Polling Place	Proposal for polling place	Current Polling District	Proposal for polling district
St Mungo's RC Church Hall, Mar Street, Alloa	It is recommended that Alloa Old People's Welfare Club be reinstated as a polling place to serve this polling district.	OC465 Areas north of Tullibody Road and south of Dovehill - Sunnyside, Forebraes, Ashley Terrace and surrounding streets, Inglewood area	No change
Alloa Baptist Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC470 Areas south of Tullibody Road and Stirling Road, Mar Place, all of Claremont, Fairyburn, Braehead	No change
Ludgate Church Hall, Ludgate, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC475 West Alloa bounded by Ludgate, the Forth and Stirling Road	No change
St Mungo's RC Church Hall, Mar Street, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC477 Area east of Ludgate to ring road. Includes most of the town centre	No change
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC480 Bowhouse, Bowmar and surrounding area. Bounded by Hawkhill in the north	No change
Hawkhill Community Centre, Hillcrest Drive, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC485 Hawkhill, Clackmannan Road and Hillcrest Drive	No change
Bowmar Community Centre, Scott Crescent, Alloa	Continue to use this building	OC587 Comely Bank to the rear of Morrisons	No change

Current Polling Place	Proposal for polling place	Current Polling District	Proposal for polling district
Coronation Hall, Muckhart	Continue to use this building	OC590 Muckhart and surrounding area	No change
Dollar Civic Centre, Park Place, Dollar	Continue to use this building	OC593 All of Dollar and surrounding area includes Sheardale and Dollarbeg	No change
Loganlea Tea Room	Continue to use this building	OC595 Forestmill and landward area towards Clackmannan	No change
Clackmannan Town Hall, Main Street, Clackmannan	Continue to use this building	OC597 All of Clackmannan and surrounding area to the north of Alloa Road	No change



Legend

- Amended boundary
- Current boundary
- Polling place

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