

Polling districts and polling places review 2024

Analysis of feedback received

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Introduction

Background

At least once every five years, the Council is required to review all the polling districts and polling places in the borough. This is to make sure that all electors continue to have access to reasonable facilities for voting. The review looked at the scheme of polling districts and polling places, which must be agreed by Full Council.

A polling district is a geographical area set for the purposes of an election only. All voters who live in the same polling district go to the same polling place to vote, which should be located within the border where possible.

A polling place is the whole building or area where your polling station is located and where residents go to vote. There may be more than one polling station inside the polling place depending on how many voters need to vote there.

The review cannot make changes to the boundaries of borough wards or parliamentary constituencies.

The specific places proposed for change are:

Ward	Polling District	Current location	Proposed location
Golborne	GOAK	St Thomas Primary School, Appleford Road, W10 5EF	St Thomas Kensal Town, 231 Kensal Road, W10 5DB
Holland	HOBK	Hilton London Olympia, 380 Kensington High Street W14 8NL	Kensington Primary Academy, 205 Warwick Road, W14 8PU



Introduction (continued)

Methodology

An online survey was placed on the Council's Consultation and Engagement Hub and promoted via a variety of channels, including: Council e-newsletters, social media, writing to voluntary and community organisations and informing all Councillors. The consultation was also promoted to Action Disability Kensington and Chelsea to ensure that accessibility considerations were taken into account and a separate meeting has been organised to discuss this.

The exercise ran from **8 January 2024** to **18 February 2024** with a total number of **ten surveys** received.

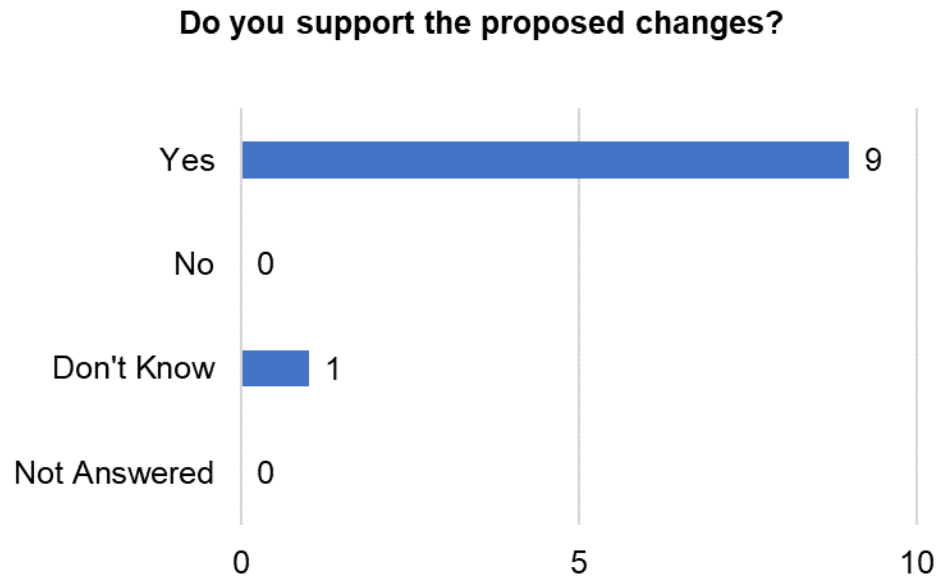
Residents and stakeholders could also opt to share their feedback via email, telephone or through written correspondence addressed to Electoral Services Team, one Councillor made contact to indicate that they were happy with the polling places in their ward.

Acknowledgements

The Council would like to thank all residents and stakeholders that took the time to provide feedback on any existing polling district and/or polling place.

Support for proposed changes

Respondents were asked whether they support the proposed changes. Almost all respondents answered 'yes' (nine respondents) and only one respondent said they 'don't know'.



One respondent provided a comment to this question to explain their support, referencing an individual proposal:



“I vote at Brompton Library (which has replaced Bousfield School, which I always thought was most unsuitable) - so well done for the change on that.”



Suggestions for alternative locations

Respondents were given the opportunity to make suggestions for alternative polling places. There were comments from three respondents to this question.

In the survey, respondents were asked to indicate the current polling place and their alternative location suggestion. One respondent gave a partial response with no suggested alternative location, but this has still been included.

Comments made have been gathered in the table below:

Current polling place(s)	Suggested alternative location(s)
St. John's Church, Ladbroke Grove, W11.	-
St Thomas Primary School (Golborne)	I'm not sure if Avondale Park Primary School have a polling station.
REAC (Earl's Court Youth Club)	As I don't use it, I cannot suggest an alternative but would support a change for those who do have to vote there.

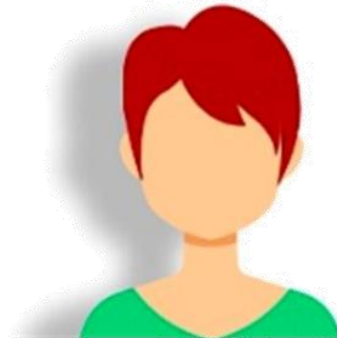


Any other comments

At the end of the survey, respondents were given the opportunity to make any final comments on the polling districts as part of this review. The three comments received can be seen below:

“It is very good.”

“No problems.”



“I do not live in either Golborne or Holland but the proposals seem sensible, especially Holland where the building works leave little option but to move.”

