

2024 Review of polling districts and polling places

Background information and the Returning Officer's proposals

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All items will be published when the review has been completed.

The Returning Officer's proposals

As in 2014 and 2018 this review seeks to establish whether residents are content with their existing polling places within the borough and, if not, suggest any alternatives in their polling district.

Guidelines

The following considerations have been considered when drawing up the proposals. Comments made during the consultation should keep these in mind.

The first two are required by electoral law; -

- 1) The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- 2) The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled. The Council has committed however that every polling place will be accessible to electors who are disabled.

These others are taken from the guidance issued by the Electoral Commission. It should be noted they are guidelines, not strict rules: -

- 3) The polling place should be in its own polling district unless it is not possible to find a suitable place therein.
- 4) Administrators should decide on the appropriate number of electors per polling station and place.
- 5) If there appears to be a need in all or particular elections (considering, for example, UK Parliamentary elections may have a higher turnout than local government elections) for multiple polling stations in a polling place, it will need to be considered if the polling place can accommodate them.
- 6) Where possible "natural" boundaries should be used, e.g. railways, major roads, waterways, etc.
- 7) All properties in a minor road or estate should be in the same polling district.

8) Polling places should be “logical”; that is, electors should not have to pass another polling place to get to their own place of voting.

9) When considering the location of the building: -

- Is it located close to where most of the electors in the polling district live?
- Is it at the top or bottom of a steep hill?
- Does it have suitable access from a road?
- Is there a pavement, does it have a dropped kerb nearby?
- Are there convenient public transport links?

10) Facilities for polling staff, who will be on duty for at least 16 hours and cannot leave the polling place.

(These guidelines are not exhaustive. Should you wish to view a more comprehensive list of guidelines, please contact Susan Loynes on the details as previously mentioned)

The existing arrangements.

Electoral Commission guidance is that electors should be a reasonable distance from their polling place. A 400-metre distance has been used as a proxy for a reasonable distance in assessing the existing polling arrangements and any proposals for changes.

Each ward is dealt with separately. For existing polling arrangements, the tables show:

- The polling district.
- The number of electors as 1 September (the most recent monthly update)
- The polling places.
- Disabled access, including where this is achieved by use of a temporary ramp.

Current polling places within the borough

The following pages provide details of the polling places within each ward and their polling districts, including any comments and/or proposals made by the Returning Officer.

Abingdon (AB)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ABAK	2061	St Barnabas and St Philips Primary School, 58 Earls Court Road, W8 6EJ	3ft temp Ramp
ABBK	3074	St Philips Church, Earl's Court Road, W8 6QH	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

Access to St Barnabas and St Philips Primary School is not easy for those who need to drive to the polling station. The entrance is in Pembroke Mews adjacent to the Police station. It is difficult to find a parking space and the bays suspended on Election Day for disabled parking purposes are located in Pembroke Place. However, no concerns have been raised by electors in regard to this issue.

The **ABBK** polling place has been used since 2018 and no concerns have been raised by electors.

The Returning Officer would welcome alternative suggestions.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Brompton and Hans Town (BH)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
BHAK	2470	St Columba's Church, Pont Street, SW1X 0BD	Yes
BHBC	3001	Marlborough Primary School, Sloane Avenue, SW3 3AP	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place for **BHAK** is situated to the Southeast of the polling district and outside the 400m catchment zone for 63% of electors. However, no concerns have been raised by electors regarding this issue.

The polling place for **BHBC** has been used as such for many years and has recently undergone redevelopment. It is fully accessible. No adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Campden (CA)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
CAAK	2059	Fox Primary School, Kensington Place, W8 7PP	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CABK	3236	Children's Library, Hornton Street, W8 7NX.	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments

Both polling places are easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Colville (CO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
COAK	3889	Lancaster Youth Centre, 128a Lancaster Road, W11 1QS	Level access, as part of buildings fabric
COBK	2260	Colville Primary School, main entrance on Lonsdale Road, W11 2DF	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments

The location of the polling place for COAK is easily accessible to residents. No adverse comments have been received from electors using this polling place to date.

The main entrance to **COBK** polling place, Colville Primary School is on Lonsdale Road. Access to the polling station used to be via the Portobello Road entrance but since 2021 the school changed the access route to go via the main entrance. No adverse comments have been received from electors using this polling place to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Courtfield (CF)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
CFAK	3137	Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Clareville Street, SW7 5AQ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CFBK	2326	Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Clareville Street, SW7 5AQ	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

Residents are now familiar with its location and access arrangements.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Chelsea Riverside (CR)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
CRAC	3177	Ashburnham Community School, 17 Blantyre Street, SW10 0DT	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CRBC	2728	Petyt Hall, 64 Cheyne Walk, London, SW3 5LT	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

Both polling places are easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Dalgarno (DA)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
DAAK	1049	Barlby Primary School, Treverton Street, W10 6DW	Level access, as part of building's fabric
DABK	3524	St. Francis Church, Dalgarno Way, W10 5EL	Temporary ramp provided by the church

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place at **DAAK** is easily accessible and no adverse comments have been received to date.

The **DABK** polling place is situated in the North of the polling district with 40% of electors living outside the 400m catchment zone. However, the location is well known and easily accessible to local residents. No adverse comments have been received from electors using this polling place to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Earls Court (EC)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ECAK	3112	St Cuthberts Centre, 51 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB	Access is via a purpose-built ramp
ECBK	2696	St Cuthbert with St Matthias Primary School, Warwick Road, SW5 9UE	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

Both polling places are easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Golborne (GO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
GOAK	2405	St Thomas Primary School, Appleford Road, W10 5EF	Built-in ramp to access the building
GOBK	3499	Muslim Cultural Heritage Centre, 244 Acklam Road, W10 5YG	Level access, as part of the building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

Both polling places are easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date. St Thomas Kensal Town, 231 Kensal Road, W10 5DB have offered the church as an alternative to closing St Thomas Primary School. It is a good location with level access and was used as a polling place during Covid for the Mayor of London and London Assembly elections in May 2021.

Returning Officer's Proposals

Move polling station **GOAK** to St Thomas Kensal Town, subject to consultation.

Holland (HO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
HOAK	2802	Cardinal Vaughan School, Addison Road, W14 8BZ	Purpose built ramp
HOBK	2837	Hilton London Olympia, 380 Kensington High Street, W14 8NL	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The **HOAK** polling place is situated in the North of the polling district with 44% of electors living outside the 400m catchment zone. However, the location is well known and easily accessible to local residents. No adverse comments have been received from electors using this polling place to date.

The **HOBK** polling place has been used for several years and no adverse comments have been received to date. The polling place is undergoing building works and unable to accommodate the Mayor of London and London Assembly elections in 2024. Kensington Primary Academy have offered the school as an alternative and can provide separate access to the building to that used by the school children and can therefore remain open for students on Polling Day.

Returning Officer’s Proposals

Move polling place **HOBK** to Kensington Primary Academy, subject to consultation.

Norland (NO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
NOAK	1883	St Clement and St James Primary School, Penzance Place, W11 4PG	Level access, as part of building’s fabric
NOBK	1896	St. John’s Church, Lansdowne Crescent, W11 2NN	Level access, as part of building’s fabric

Returning Officer’s comments.

The **NOAK** polling place, St Clement and St James Primary School is easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date.

The **NOBK** polling place, St. John’s Church is on the eastern border of the polling district with 58% of electors living outside the 400m catchment zone. The venue has received only positive comments from electors and polling staff.

Returning Officer’s Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Notting Dale (ND)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
NDAK	3151	Latymer Community Church, 116 Bramley Road, W10 6SU	Level access, as part of building’s fabric

NDBK	2574	Avondale Park Primary School, Sirdar Road, W11 4EE	3ft temp ramp
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Returning Officer's comments.

The **NDAK** polling place, Latymer Community Church is easily accessible, and no adverse comments have been received to date. However, Latymer Community Church has been purchased by the borough and is now closed. It will still be used for a polling place in 2024 but a new venue must be sourced for 2025 and beyond.

The Returning Officer would welcome alternative suggestions.

The **NDBK** polling place is central to the polling district, with easy access. No adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Pembridge (PE)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
PEAK	1867	Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, W11 3BY	Level access
PEBK	1582	Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, W11 3BY	Level access

Returning Officer's comments.

The **PEAK** and **PEBK** polling place Kensington Temple is wheelchair accessible. There have been no adverse comments from electors.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Queen's Gate (QG)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
QGA	1386	Christ Church Kensington, Victoria Road, W8 5RQ	Two ramps onsite
QGB	3227	Queen's Gate House, 65/67 Queen's Gate, SW7 5JS	Level access, as part of building's fabric. Lift within

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place for **QGA** Christ Church Kensington offers good facilities and disabled access. Once the Heythrop College site has been redeveloped there will be a fully accessible Community Centre which the Returning Officer will assess once the development is complete.

The Returning Officer recognises that there is a disproportionate split of electors within the Queen's Gate polling districts. The polling place for **QGB**, Queen's Gate House is at the south tip of the polling district and outside the 400m catchment zone for 79% of electors. However, the polling place is on a junction of two major roads, is well known and easily accessible to the electors of QGB. The Returning Officer would welcome any suggestions.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Redcliffe (RE)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
REA	2695	Earl's Court Youth Club, 120 Ifield Road, SW10 9AF	Level access into building and a lift to all floors
REB	1752	Brompton Library, 210 Brompton Road, SW5 0BS	Level access, as part of building's fabric
REK	265	Brompton Library, 210 Brompton Road, SW5 0BS	Level access, as part of building's fabric
REC	1198	Brompton Library, 210 Brompton Road, SW5 0BS	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place for **REAC**, Earl's Court Youth Club is quite small and can get overcrowded when it is busy.

The **REBC, REBK and RECC** polling place was changed in 2021. This was a response to parents' requests to find an alternative to the schools.

No adverse comments have been received to date for any of the polling places in Redcliffe ward.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Royal Hospital (RH)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
RHAC	1732	St. Joseph's Primary School, Cadogan Street, SW3 2QT	Level access, as part of building's fabric
RHBC	1857	The Pavilion, Burton's Court, Franklin's Row, SW3 4QJ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
RHCC	2464	Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE	Access via side of building to internal lift

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place for **RHAC**, St. Joseph's Primary School has been successfully used as polling place for several years now.

The **RHBC** polling place, The Pavilion is situated on the southwest border of the polling district and 59% of the electors within the polling district are outside of a 400m catchment zone. Access is along part gravel, part dirt path but matting is provided allowing for wheelchairs.

The **RHCC** polling place, Chelsea Old Town Hall is situated on the northwest border of the polling district and 55% of the electors within the polling district are outside of the 400m catchment zone.

No adverse comments have been received to date for any of the polling places in Royal Hospital ward.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

St. Helen's (SH)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
SHAK	2152	Oxford Gardens Primary School, Oxford Gardens, W10 6NF	Level access, as part of building's fabric
SHBK	2070	St. Helen's Church, St. Quintin Avenue, W10 6NT	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The **SHAK** polling place has been used for several years and no adverse comments have been received from electors.

The **SHBK** polling place, St. Helen's Church is situated on the west border of the polling district and 49% of the electors within the polling district are outside of the 400m catchment zone, however, no adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Stanley (ST)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
STAC	3055	Park Walk Primary School, Park Walk, SW10 0AY	Level access, as part of building's fabric
STBC	2260	Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE	Access via side of building to internal lift
STCK	738	Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE	Access via side of building to internal lift

Returning Officer's comments.

No adverse comments have been received to date for either of the polling places in Stanley ward.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation

FURTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION.

Information has been received from the Council's Planning Department about the following residential developments that may have a bearing on the existing polling districts within the next 5 years. All large sites are kept under review and as soon as they are ready for occupation, will be added to the register, in the appropriate polling district.

Granted planning permission

Ref	Site Name/Number	Ward/ Polling district	24/25	25/26	26/27	27/28	28/29	Total 24 to 29
SA1	Kensal Canalside, Canal Way.	DAAK	0	0	0	0	390	390
SA2	Earls Court Exhibition Centre	ECBK	0	0	0	100	100	200
SA3	100/100A Cromwell Road, W14 8PB	HOBK	0	150	150	162	0	462
SA5	Wornington Green Estate, Wornington Road, Phase 3	BOBK	0	25	25	25	32	107
SA6	Lots Road South, 63 to 73 Lots Road, SW10 0RN	CRAC	0	0	65	100	0	165
SA7	Site at Edenham Way, RO 7-19 Golborne Road and 1-13 Edenham Way,	GOAK	0	0	0	60	0	60
SA8	Chelsea Farmer's Market, 125 Sydney Street, SW3 6NR	STBC	0	0	0	0	0	59

SA9	1 to 14, Latimer Road, W10 6RQ	SHAK	0	0	0	10	0	10
	Former Barlby Primary School, Barbly Road, W10	DAAK	0	60	23	0	0	83
PP/21/04428	9 Silchester Road, W10 6SB	NDAK	11	0	0	0	0	11
	Latymer Community Church, 116 Bramley Road, W10 6SU	NDAK	0	0	0	25	0	25
Site allocation removed (CA9)	Lots Road Power Station, Lots Road, SW10	CRAC	150	150	120	0	0	420
PP/19/05105	257-265 Kensington High Street (Odeon Cinema)	ABBK	44	62	0	0	0	106
PP/15/04338	196 To 222 King's Road and 7 Friese Green House Chelsea Manor Street	STBC	20	0	0	0	0	20
PP/18/00189	232 King's Road (Chelsea Delivery Office) and 18-20 Chelsea Manor Street	STBC	0	0	0	23	0	23
PP/15/05730	66-70 And 72-74 Notting Hill Gate	PEAK	4	5	0	0	0	9
PP/18/03491	Chelsea Police Station, Lucan Place	BHBC	0	0	32	0	0	32
PP/20/03325	201-207 Kensington High Street	ABBK	0	0	0	19	0	19
PP/20/05566	William Sutton Estate	BHBC	0	0	0	0	-78	-78
	Buspace Studios, Conlan Street	GOAK	0	0	0	36	0	36