

2018 Review of polling districts and polling places

Background information and the Returning Officer's proposals

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Throughout the review, all working papers, minutes of meetings, and correspondence will be available, by appointment, for public inspection at the Electoral Services Office.

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

The Returning Officer's proposals

The 2014 review was extremely thorough and all the major issues were considered at that time due to the ward boundary changes.

Guidelines

The following considerations have been taken into account 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 place
- Disabled access, including where this is achieved by use of a temporary ramp

Abingdon (AB)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ABAK	2112	St Barnabas and St Philips Primary School 58 Earls Court Road, W8 6EJ	3ft temp Ramp
ABBK	2988	St Philips Church, Earl's Court Road, W8 6QH	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The **ABA** polling place is situated on the North Eastern border of the polling district and outside the 400m catchment zone for 84% of electors.

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 regards to this issue.

Due to building works at St Marks Coptic Church The **ABB** polling place was used in recent elections and no concerns have been raised by electors. St Marks Coptic Church is no longer available for use as a polling place.

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	2389	St Columba's Church, Pont St, SW1X 0BD	Yes
BHBC	2963	Marlborough Primary School, Sloane Avenue, SW3 3AP	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling place for **BHA** is situated to the South East of the polling district and outside the 400m catchment zone for 63% of electors.

The polling place for **BHB** 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	2081	Fox Primary School, Kensington Place, W8 7PP	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CABK	3186	Kensington Town Hall, Hornton Street, W8 7NX.	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments

The polling place for **CAB** is situated almost centrally to the polling district but is outside the 400m catchment zone for 20% of electors. The area used for polling can lead to obstruction to the Great Hall which is used for the Count. The Children's Library is very nearby and has level access. This would allow easier access to the Great Hall for the Count.

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

Returning Officer's Proposals

Move the polling place for CAB to the Children's Library, subject to consultation.

Colville (CO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
COAK	3821	North Kensington Library, Ladbroke Grove, W11 1PZ (Basement room)	Purpose built slope to Polling place.
COBK	2344	Colville Primary School, Portobello Road, W11	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments

The **COA** polling place is situated on the Western border of the polling district and outside the 400m catchment zone for 68% of electors. However, the location is on a main road, is well known and easily accessible to local residents. No adverse comments have been received from electors using this polling place to date.

The main entrance to **COB** polling place, Colville Primary School is on Lonsdale Road. However, access to the polling stations is gained through the Portobello Road 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	3148	Our Lady of Victories Primary School, Clareville Street, SW7 5AQ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CFBK	2220	Anglesea Arms, 15 Selwood Terrace, SW7 3QG	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The polling staff reported that electors have commented that the polling place for **CFA** was a little difficult to find initially but additional signage in neighbouring streets has alleviated this and residents are now familiar with its location and access arrangements.

The polling place for **CFB** is situated almost centrally to the polling district but is outside the 400m catchment zone for 31% of electors.

The Anglesea Arms has been used as a polling place for a number of years. In the past comments have been received in relation to poor lighting at this venue but the Returning Officer provides temporary lighting to alleviate this problem. Although it is a public house the electorate appear to enjoy the novelty of this and no adverse comments have been received to date. The Returning Officer would welcome alternative suggestions.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Chelsea Riverside (CR)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
CRAC	3169	Ashburnham Primary School, 17 Blantyre Street, SW10 0DT	Level access, as part of building's fabric
CRBC	2667	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	1032	Barlby Primary School, Barlby Road, W10 6BH	Level access, as part of building's fabric
DABK	3445	St. Francis Church, Dalgarno Way, W10 5EL	Temporary ramp provided by the church

Returning Officer's comments.

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

The **DAB** 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	3143	St Cuthberts Centre, 51 Philbeach Gardens, SW5 9EB	
ECBK	2698	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	2345	St Thomas Primary School, Appleford Road, W10 5EF	Built-in ramp to access the building
GOBK	3473	Bevington Primary School, Bevington Road, W10 5TW	Level access to building. Side entrance more suitable for disabled access

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.

Holland (HO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
HOAK	2763	Cardinal Vaughan School, Addison Road, W14 8BZ	Purpose built ramp
HOBK	2511	Hilton London Olympia, 380 Kensington High Street, W14 8NL	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The **HOA** 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 **HOB** polling place has been used for several years and no adverse comments have been received to date.

Returning Officer's Proposals

No change, subject to consultation.

Norland (NO)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
NOAK	1888	St Clement and St James Primary School, Penzance Place, W11 4PG	Level access, as part of building's fabric
NOBK	1913	St. John's Church, Lansdowne Crescent, W11 2NN	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

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

The **NOB** 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. However, the change in 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	3293	Latymer Christian Centre, 116 Bramley Road, W10 6SU	Level access, as part of building's fabric
NDBK	2591	Avondale Park Primary School, Sirdar Road, W11 4EE	3ft temp ramp

Returning Officer's comments.

The **NDA** polling place, Latymer Christian Centre is easily accessible and no adverse comments have been received to date

The **NDB** 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	1883	Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, W11 3BY	Level access
PEBK	1706	Kensington Temple, Kensington Park Road, W11 3BY	Level access

Returning Officer's comments.

The **PEA** and **PEB** 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	1394	Heythrop College, Maria Assumpta Centre, Kensington Square, W8 5HH	External enclosed lift
QGBK	3208	Baden Powell House, 65/67 Queen's Gate, SW7 5JS	Level access, as part of building's fabric. Lift within

Returning Officer's comments.

The **QGA** polling place is in the North West of the polling district with 44% of electors living outside the 400m catchment zone. No adverse comments have been received to date. However, the site has been sold and will be undergoing complete redevelopment. Christchurch Kensington is nearby and 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**, Baden Powell 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

Move QGA to Christ Church Kensington, subject to consultation.

Redcliffe (RE)

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
REAC	2687	Earl's Court Youth Club, 120 Ifield Road, SW10 9AF	Purpose built ramps as part of building supplied.
REBC	1742	Bousfield Primary School, South Bolton Gardens, SW5 0DJ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
REBK	266	Bousfield Primary School, South Bolton Gardens, SW5 0DJ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
RECC	1177	Servite Primary School, 252 Fulham Road, SW10 9NA	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

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

The **REB/REC** polling place is to the North of the polling district with 71% of electors living in REBC living outside the 400m catchment zone.

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	1647	St. Joseph's Primary School, Cadogan Street, SW3 2QT	Level access, as part of building's fabric
RHBC	1914	The Pavilion, Burton's Court, Franklin's Row, SW3 4QJ	Level access, as part of building's fabric
RHCC	2445	Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE	Access via side of building to internal lift

Returning Officer's comments.

St. Joseph's Primary School has been successfully used as **RHAs** polling place for a number of years now.

The **RHB** polling place, The Pavilion is situated on the South West border of the polling district and 59% of the electors within the polling district are outside of an 400m catchment zone. Access is along part gravel, part dirt path but is still wheelchair accessible.

The **RHC** polling place, Chelsea Old Town Hall is situated on the North West 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	2224	Oxford Gardens Primary School, Oxford Gardens, W10 6NF	Level access, as part of building's fabric
SHBK	2146	St. Helen's Church, St. Quintin Avenue, W10 6NT	Level access, as part of building's fabric

Returning Officer's comments.

The **SHA** polling place has been used for a number of years and no adverse comments have been received from electors.

The **SHB** 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	2993	Park Walk Primary School, Park Walk, SW10 0AY	Level access, as part of building's fabric
STBC	2243	Chelsea Old Town Hall, King's Road, SW3 5EE	Access via side of building to internal lift
STCK	714	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

- Move polling place CAB to the Childrens Library subject to consultation
- Move polling place QGA to Christ Church, 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	Date	Net Properties	Address
PP/02/01324	30/01/2006	420	Lots Road Power Station And Chelsea Creek Lots Road SW10 0QG
PP/11/00107	19/07/2012	278	100-100a West Cromwell Road W14 8PB
PP/11/01937	14/11/2013	930	Earls Court Exhibition Centre And Land Bounded By Warwick Road And West Cromwell Road, Old Brompton Road SW5 9TA
PP/13/05341	16/06/2014	48	2 - 18 Lancer Square And 10-14 Old Court Place W8 4EP
PP/13/07062	10/04/2014	586	Earls Court Exhibition Centre (Parcels Wv04 And Wv06) Warwick Road And West Cromwell Road, Old Brompton Road SW5 9TA
PP/14/01234	27/08/2014	255	245 Warwick Road W14 8PU
PP/14/01242	25/07/2014	193	Portobello Square Wornington Green Estate (Phase LI) Wornington Road W10 5XY
PP/15/02618	01/10/2015	62	257-265 Kensington High Street And 4-10 And 24 Earl's Court Road W8 6NA
PP/15/04338	04/02/2016	39	196 To 222 King's Road And 7 Friese Green House Chelsea Manor Street SW3 3TW
PP/16/00423	28/10/2016	24	33-35 Brompton Road Sloane Street, Basil Street (Above Knightsbridge Station) SW3 1ED

PP/16/01354	17/08/2016	32	Kensington Sports Centre (Phase Iv Housing) Walmer Road W11 4PQ
PP/16/01795	13/09/2016	78	Clearings Draycott Avenue Denyer Street Warehouse And Depot SW3 2NA
PP/16/02150	09/08/2016	25	326 Kensal Road W10 5BZ
PP/16/03878	30/12/2016	49	60 Sloane Avenue SW3 3DD
PP/16/07138	23/12/2016	20	117 Warwick Road SW5 9EZ
PP/18/00189	15/06/2018	23	Chelsea Delivery Office 232 King's Road 18-20 Chelsea Manor Street SW3 3UH
PP/18/01416	07/08/2018	278	195 Warwick Road W14 8PU