



Public Consultation

Polling District and Polling Places Review

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

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Background

The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16) introduced a number of changes to the Representation of the People Act 1983 in respect of the way in which reviews of polling districts and polling places must be undertaken.

First Review

The Act specified how frequently reviews should be undertaken and made it a requirement that relevant authorities (i.e. this Council) carry out a review every four years. The Council was required to conclude the first review by 31 December 2007. The review was duly undertaken in September 2007 and the outcome of the review reported to Council in December of that year.

Subsequent Reviews

Notwithstanding the legislation, the Council regularly reviews its polling places but duly completed a second statutory review in December 2011.

The Electoral Registration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timing of compulsory reviews and the next compulsory review that had to be held between 1 October 2013 and 31 January 2015 was completed in December 2014. The next review had a requirement to be held and completed between 1 October 2018 and 31 January 2020 and this was done and completed in December 2019

Definition of a Parliamentary Constituency, a Ward, Polling District, Polling Place and Polling Station

To assist any interested party who may wish to make representations, the following definitions may be helpful:

a) Parliamentary Constituency

This is an area designated by the Boundary Commission which is represented by a Member of Parliament (MP) in the House of Commons. This cannot be changed by the review – it is the division of the constituency into polling districts and places that is under review.

b) Wards

The Borough is divided into areas known as “Wards” which are represented by Borough Councillors.

c) Polling Districts

A polling district is the area created by the division of a Ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is most suitable for the electors.

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d) Polling Places

A polling place is the building or area in which the number of polling stations will be selected by the Acting Returning Officer.

e) Polling Station

A polling station is the room or area in which voting takes place. This must be located within the polling place that has been designated for the particular polling district. The number of polling stations to be accommodated within a polling place is the decision of the Acting Returning Officer.

Timetable for the Review

The Council is required to publish notice of the holding of a review. This has been carried out by way of notices posted outside the Town Hall, Epsom and on the Council's website. The timetable for the review is set out below:

Publication of notice	12 September 2022
Publication of consultation document	12 September 2022
Closing date for representations	5pm, 17 October 2022
Consideration of all representations	18 – 21 October 2022
Report to Strategy and Resources Committee	15 November 2022
New Register 2023 published	1 December 2022
Report to Full Council	6 December 2022
Publication of notice of amendments to electoral register and intention to publish revised version of register (If necessary)	20 December 2022
Publication of revised version of register (if necessary)	3 January 2023

Criteria for Polling Places and Polling Districts

The Electoral Commission has set out guidance to assist in assessing the current arrangements and any proposals for change.

As part of the assessment of the suitability of polling district boundaries, the following should be considered:

- Are the boundaries well defined? For example. Do they follow the natural boundaries of the areas? If not, is it clear which properties belong in the polling district?
- Are there suitable transport links within the polling district, and how do they relate to the areas of the district that are most highly populated? Are there any obstacles to voters crossing the current polling district and reaching the polling place e.g. steep hills, impassable major roads, railway lines, rivers?

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There are also a number of factors that must be considered when reviewing existing polling places or assessing new polling places, including:

- **The location:** is it reasonably accessible within the polling district? Does it avoid barriers for the voter such as steep hills, major roads, rivers, etc.? Are there any convenient transport links?
- **Size:** can the polling place accommodate more than one polling station if required? If multiple polling stations are required, is the polling place ample enough to accommodate all voters going into and out of the polling stations, even where there is a high turnout?
- **Suitability:** is the building readily available in the event of any unscheduled elections? Is there any possibility that the building may be demolished as part of a new development? Is the building accessible to all those entitled to attend the polling place?

The Electoral Commission recognises that the choice of polling place will often be a balance between the quality of the building in terms of access and facilities and the proximity of the building to the electors it is intended to serve and that there may be circumstances, as in the case of College Ward, where the polling place might fall wholly or partly outside the polling district because suitable alternatives are not available in the relevant Ward.

Although it is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible, there may be locations where there are no other suitable premises in the area. If a school is used, the polling station(s) should be located within the school grounds to enable the school to remain open with suitable separation of pupils from voters to cause minimal disruption to the school day. Any decision to close any school ultimately remains with the school itself.

There are occasions where a school may be the only option available, and it may need to close.

For the purposes of elections, the Acting Returning Officer is entitled to use free of charge, subject to covering the cost of heating, lighting and caretaking charges, schools maintained or assisted by a local authority as well as those schools that receive grants made up of monies provided by Parliament.

In conducting this review, it is proposed that, in order to minimise the risk of queues at a polling place, as far as possible, around 1500 and no more than 2000 voters should be assigned to each polling station as recommended by the Electoral Commission.

It should be noted that the number of postal voters in each polling district is a relevant consideration in this regard. In the event of a combined and/or Parliamentary Election, given more complex arrangements and higher voter turnout, it may be necessary to review these numbers. In all circumstances, consideration is given to whether a polling place is capable of accommodating more than one polling station, if necessary.

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Current practice, to avoid confusion and delays at polling stations and the Count, is not to locate polling stations from more than one Ward in the same building and this will be taken into consideration when considering any proposals.

Polling station staff are encouraged to make comments and observations regarding the suitability of polling places to which they are allocated, as are Polling Station Inspectors who visited all polling stations during last elections held in May 2021. Comments made have been taken into account when conducting this review.

The Role of the Acting Returning Officer

Whilst it is for the Council to decide on the creation of polling districts and location of polling places, it is for the Acting Returning Officer to decide how many polling stations are required for each polling place and must allocate electors to the polling stations in such manner as they think most conducive to the smooth running of polling day.

The Council is required to consult the Returning Officer for every Parliamentary Constituency that is wholly or partly within its area. The whole of the Borough falls within the Parliamentary Constituency of Epsom and Ewell there are no other Constituencies wholly or partly within its area.

Therefore, the Council needs only to consult the Acting Returning Officer for Epsom and Ewell as part of the review and the Acting Returning Officer must comment during any review on both the existing polling districts and the polling stations and any proposed changes.

Other representations

Any elector in the Constituency may make representations on the designation of polling districts or places.

The Council is also required to seek representations from those with an expertise in relation to access to premises and facilities for disabled people. Such persons must also be given the opportunity to comment on the representations made by the Acting Returning Officer (which are contained in this consultation document).

Summary of Consultees

Set out below is a list of persons specifically notified about the review:

- The Member of Parliament for Epsom and Ewell, Chris Grayling
- Surrey Coalition of Disabled People (www.surreycoalition.org.uk)
- All Epsom and Ewell Borough Councillors
- All Surrey County Councillors representing divisions within the Epsom area
- Election agents who acted at the 2021 County Council elections
- Candidates who stood in the 2021 County Council elections
- Registered political parties who regularly field candidates in local and parliamentary elections in the Borough

Consultees cont.

- Venues used as polling places

Completion of the review

After considering all of the representations, a report will be presented to the Strategy and Resources Committee. It is anticipated that this will be at its meeting on 15 November 2022. The Strategy and Resources Committee will consider the report and make recommendations as it thinks appropriate to Full Council on 6 December 2022 at which the final decisions will be made.

The Council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places and these will be published, together with the following information, on the Council's website and made available, on request, at the Town Hall, Epsom:

- all correspondence sent to the Acting Returning Officer in connection with the review
- all correspondence sent to any person who the Council thinks has particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability
- all representations made by any person in connection with the review
- the minutes of any meetings held by the Council where details of the review have been considered
- details of the actual designations of polling districts and polling places agreed as a result of the review

Challenging the Review

Although the Electoral Commission has no initial role in the review process itself, it does have an important role in respect of considering representations and observations made that a Council has failed to conduct a proper review on one of two grounds:

- that the Council has failed to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them (i.e. the reasonable requirements of a particular area of the authority have not been satisfactorily met)

or

- that the Council has failed to take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

Representations based on any other grounds will not be considered by the Commission.

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All representations made to the Commission must be in writing either by post, or email and should include the location and any other relevant information, stating specifically why it is inaccessible or does not meet the reasonable requirements of the electors.

Who may make a representation to the Electoral Commission?

Section 18D (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, sets out who may make representations to the Electoral Commission namely;

- not less than thirty registered electors in the constituency (although electors registered anonymously cannot make a representation)
- a person (except the Acting Returning Officer) who made representations to the council when the review was being undertaken
- any person who is not an elector within the constituency but who the Electoral Commission feels has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons in the areas or has particular expertise in relation to the access to premises or facilities of disabled persons

The Acting Returning Officer is entitled to make observations on any representations made to the Commission.

What will the Electoral Commission do?

The Electoral Commission is required to consider any representations and observations and may direct the relevant council to make any alterations it sees necessary to the polling places designated by the review. Should a Council fail to make the alterations within two months of the direction being given, the Commission may make the alterations itself.

Proposals

Set out in [Appendix A](#) are details of current and proposed polling districts and polling places for each of the Wards within the Borough of Epsom and Ewell.

[Appendix B](#) provides details of the changes that were made by the Local Government Boundary Commission in their recent review. These changes have been approved in principle and the Order seeking to implement the Commission's final recommendations was laid before Parliament on 7 July 2022. The Order to confirm the recommendations is expected to be made in late October/early November.

[Appendix C](#) contains a map and a breakdown for each polling place with the details of any proposed changes and the comments of the Acting Returning Officer.

The electorate, broken down into polling districts, is based on the electorate as at 1 September 2022.

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Any significant comments from polling station staff or polling station inspectors regarding the condition or accessibility of currently used polling places are included where appropriate.

A full review of polling places was last conducted in 2019 and this review is available on the Council's website.

There are no known plans which would affect the availability of those Council-owned premises currently used as polling places. The Council has had no indication that private venues currently used, will not be available in future, apart from as indicated in Appendix C.

Representations

Any persons wishing to make comments or representations regarding the proposals may do so. Any representations you wish to make should be **received by close of business 5pm on 17 October 2022**

All representations must be made in writing either by post or email.

Representations by post should be sent to:

Electoral Services (Polling District/Place Review)
Epsom and Ewell Borough Council
The Town Hall
The Parade
Epsom
Surrey
KT18 5BY

Representations by email should be sent to:

electoralservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

For any queries, please telephone 01372 732000 and ask to speak to Electoral Services.

All representations will be published on the Council's website after the closing date for representations.

The final decision will be taken by Full Council at its meeting on 6 December 2022 and, if necessary, a notice of any alterations to the register will be published on the Council's website no later than 20 December 2022.

Any new polling districts and polling places will become effective at all elections held after 3 January 2023.

Appendix A**Epsom & Ewell Borough Council****Schedule of Current and Proposed Polling Districts and Polling Stations**

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE
CUDDINGTON	AA	Rowe Hall, 2 nd Cuddington Scout HQ, Salisbury Road, Worcester Park KT4 7LP	AA	No change
	AB	St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, Worcester Park KT4 7HL	AB	No change
AURIOL	B	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Centre, Stoneleigh Crescent, Ewell KT19 0RT	B	No change
EWELL COURT	CA	Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 0JG	CA	No change
	CB	Ewell Court House, Ewell Court Avenue, Ewell KT19 0EB	CB	No change
RUXLEY	D	Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 9JW	D	No change
WEST EWELL	EA	West Ewell Evangelical Church, 23 Lansdowne Road, West Ewell KT19 9QJ	EA	No change
	EB	All Saints Church & Community Centre, Fulford Road, West Ewell KT19 9QY	EB	No change

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE
COURT	FA	Southfield Park Primary School, Long Grove Road, Epsom KT19 8TF	Not applicable	No longer required
	FB	Community & Wellbeing Centre (Main Hall) Sefton Road, Epsom KT19 9HG	FB	No change
	FC	Bowling Pavilion, Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SB	FA	No change
STAMFORD	GA	The Fellowship Hall, West Hill, Epsom KT19 8JD	GA	No longer required
	GB	The Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Road, Epsom KT19 8NE	GA	No change
	GC	The Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive, Epsom KT18 7LR	GB	No change
STONELEIGH	HA	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh KT17 2HL	H	No change
	HB	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh KT17 2HL	H	No change
NONSUCH	IA	St Paul's Church Centre, Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HS	IA	No change
	IB	NESCOT, Reigate Road, Ewell KT17 3DS	IB	No change

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE
EWELL*	JA	Rose Room, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell KT17 1UF	J	No change
	JB	Glyn School (Staff Room), The Kingsway, Ewell KT17 1NB	J	No longer required
	JC	Defoe Court, 87 East Street, Epsom KT17 1AQ	Not applicable	No longer required
TOWN	KA	Defoe Court, 87 East Street, Epsom KT17 1AQ	KA	No change
	KB	Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom KT18 5AL	KB	No change
	KC	St. Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8TU	KC	No change
COLLEGE	LA	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom KT17 4BU	LA	No change
	LB	The Church House, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX	LB	No change

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE
WOODCOTE*	MA	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7NH	MA	No change
	MB	St Martin's C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 7AD	MB	No change
	MC	Langley Vale Village Hall, Rosebery Road, Epsom KT18 6AF	MC	No change
HORTON	Not applicable	Not applicable – New Ward	N	The Horton Arts Centre, Haven Way, Epsom KT19 8NP

* Wards renamed by the Local Boundary Commission Review

Ewell renamed as Ewell Village

Woodcote renamed as Woodcote and Langley Vale

Total	Currently	Proposed
Number of Polling Places	27	25
Number of Polling Stations	38	36

Appendix B

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Ward Changes from the Local Boundary Commission Review

Cuddington, Auriol & Ewell Court

The recent review made these changes to the Cuddington, Auriol & Ewell Court ward boundaries.

Properties currently in Ewell Court ward on the north side of Kingston Road have been split between Cuddington and Auriol wards.

- The Grange, Kingston Road (370-434 even), Plantagenet Close, Salisbury Road, (1-55 odd & 4-50 even) and The Warren will move to Cuddington ward (AB)
- Bannow Close, Chestnut Avenue, Kingston Road (332-368 even), Sterry Drive and Timbercroft will move to Auriol ward (B)

The review has also moved from Auriol to Cuddington ward

- Salisbury Road (68-72 even) which will move to Cuddington (AB)
- Barn Elms Close will move to Cuddington ward (AA)
- Cuddington Avenue (49-94 even) and Vale Road (Flat 1-6, 156 only) (AA)

Ruxley & West Ewell

The review made these changes to Ruxley and West Ewell ward boundaries.

Properties currently in Ruxley ward

- Chessington Close, Chessington Road (374-478A even), Hemmings Mead, Larch Crescent, Nightingale Drive, Oak Tree Close, Poplar Crescent, Poplar Farm Close will move to West Ewell ward (EA)
- New development at former Epsom & Ewell High School Playing Fields will move to West Ewell ward (EA)
- All properties on what is known as Clarendon Park will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)
- Horton Lane (Farmfield 3 flats) will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)

Ruxley & West Ewell (cont.)

Properties currently in West Ewell ward

- Brook Close, Dee Way, Gibraltar Crescent and Marsh Avenue will move to Court ward (FB)

Court & Stamford

The review made these changes to Court and Stamford ward boundaries.

Properties currently in Court ward

- All properties on what is known as Livingstone Park will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)
- Brettgrave, Briane Road, Chantilly Way, Hook Road (260-330 even & 291-337b odd and Horton Farm House), Long Grove Road, Marston, Parkhurst will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)
- Nos 31-33 (odd) Pound Lane and 72-74 (even) Temple Road will move to Town ward (KC)

Properties currently in Stamford ward

- All properties on what is known as Manor Park will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)
- All properties on what is known as Noble Park will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)
- Burnet Grove, Court Lane (all except The Sidings), Hunters Close, Langlands Rise, Marshalls Close, Sharon Close, Sheraton Drive & West Hill (2-32 even) will move to Town ward (KC)
- Horton Lane will move to the new created ward to be known as Horton (N)

Stoneleigh Ward

No boundary changes were made in the review to Stoneleigh ward.

Nonsuch & Ewell

The review made these changes to Nonsuch and Ewell ward boundaries.

Properties currently in Ewell ward

- Properties west side of Epsom Road (Camelia House to Satis Court), Beech Walk, Hampton Grove, Langton Avenue, St James Avenue, Windmill Avenue & Windmill Lane (3- 21 odd, The Corner House, Eythorne Court & Lammtarra Place will move to Nonsuch ward (IB)
- All properties in polling district Ewell (JC) will move to Town ward (KA)
- No properties are moving out of Nonsuch ward.

The **name** of Ewell ward will change to become

- Ewell Village ward

Town, College & Woodcote

The review made these changes to Town, College and Woodcote ward boundaries.

Properties currently in Town ward

- Hook Road (41–179 odd & 22-164 even), Miles Road & Windsor Gardens will move to Court ward (FB)
- Church Road (5-97 odd & 20-64 even), Church Street (20-26 even, 57-59 odd & Pitt Place), Downside (1, 3 & Gilesmead only), Grove Avenue, Grove Road, The Grove, Pikes Hill, Wyeths Mews & Wyeths Road will move to College ward (LB)

No properties are moving out of College ward

The **name** of Woodcote ward will change to become

- Woodcote and Langley Vale ward

Properties currently in Woodcote ward

- Dalmeny Way will move to Town ward (KB)

Appendix C

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Proposed Polling Districts & Places and Acting Returning Officers'
representations

Cuddington Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	Two
Number of Polling Places:	Two
Electorate in Ward:	4890
Postal Voters in Ward:	759

Boundary Review Changes

The properties now in Cuddington ward we propose to locate as follows

- Barn Elms Close will move to Polling District AA
- Cuddington Avenue (49-94 evens) and Vale Road (Flat 1-6, 156 only) will move to Polling District AA
- The Grange, Kingston Road (370-434 even), Plantagenet Close, Salisbury Road (1-55 odd & 4-50 even) and The Warren will move to Polling District AB
- Salisbury Road (68-72 evens) will move to Polling District AB

Other Changes

We have in the past received complaints from residents who live in Bartlett House, The Avenue (AA) that their polling station is too far and why can they not vote at the polling place at St Mary's Church, which is very close to their block of flats.

To make this change and to neaten the polling district boundary we plan to move other properties in The Avenue, as below, to St Mary's Church as well.

Although this will split The Avenue between Polling Districts AA & AB it will mean that voters will be able to vote at a nearer polling place instead of having to pass one polling station to get to their allocated, more distant polling station.

Cuddington Avenue was previously split between Auriol & Cuddington wards but has been moved by the Boundary Commission Review and is now fully in Cuddington Ward. The existing part of Cuddington Avenue is currently in Polling District AB but in order to ensure that voters do not have to pass by one polling place to get to their own allocated polling station we intend to move the whole road into polling district AA.

Similar to Cuddington Avenue we also intend to move Alsom Avenue, Cardinal Close and Wolsey Close from polling district AB to AA which again means that voters will be able to vote at a nearer polling place.

We intend to make the following internal moves:

- Bartlett House, 49-51 The Avenue and nos. 59-63 (odd) and 52-80 (even) The Avenue move from AA to AB.
- Cuddington Avenue (1-47 odd and 2-46 evens), Alsom Avenue, Wolsey Close and Cardinal Close move from AB to AA

Cuddington Ward (cont)

Polling District	A(A)
Electorate in District:	2743
Postal Voters:	354
Polling Place	Scout Hut (Rowe Hall), Salisbury Road, Worcester Park
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	1
Proposals	Polling Place - No change Polling District – Changes yes see above
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – limited off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.

Proposed New Polling District**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections. No change is proposed to the polling place as it is considered to be appropriate.

The changes to the polling districts will put the existing polling place for AA within its borders, which it is not currently.

Cuddington Ward (cont)

Polling District	A(B)
Electorate in District	2147
Postal Voters	405
Polling Place	St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, Worcester Park
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	2
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking - off-street parking available on site. On-street parking also available around venue. Venue is large enough to accommodate 2 polling Stations if necessary

Proposed Polling District**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received following the May 2021 elections. No change is proposed to the polling place as it is considered to be appropriate.

The planned polling district changes will mean voters will vote at a closer polling station to their homes.

I consider the proposed polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Auriol Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	One
Number of Polling Places:	One
Electorate in Ward:	3389
Postal Voters in Ward	509

Boundary Review Changes

The properties now in Auriol ward are as follows

- Bannow Close, Chestnut Avenue, Kingston Road (332-368 even), Sterry Drive and Timbercroft

This Ward is currently not divided into polling districts, and it is intended that this will remain the same. The main reasons for dividing a ward into polling districts is the size of the electorate and availability of venues to be used as a polling place. There is limited if no other suitable venues in this ward and the current venue is suitable to accommodate the number of voters in the ward.

Auriol Ward (cont)

Polling District	B
Electorate in District	3389
Postal Voters	509
Polling Place	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Centre, Stoneleigh Crescent, Stoneleigh, Ewell
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	3
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.

Proposed Polling District

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Ewell Court Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	Two
Number of Polling Places:	Two
Electorate in Ward:	3555
Postal Voters in Ward:	584

Boundary Review Changes

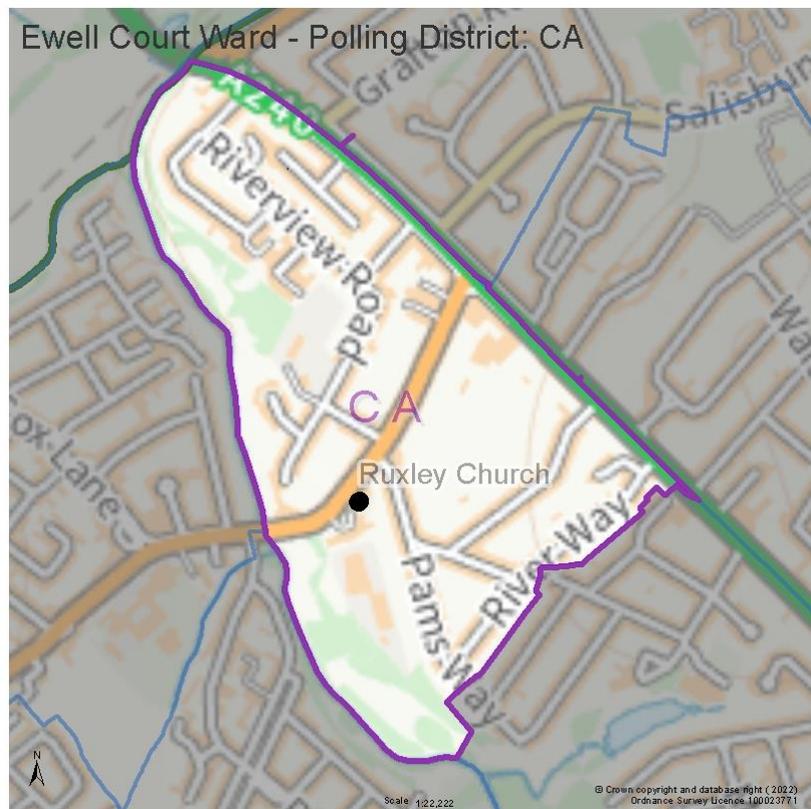
The size of the Ward has been reduced by the removal of properties on the north side of Kingston Road which were part of polling district CA. These properties have been split between Cuddington and Auriol Wards.

- The Grange, Kingston Road (370-434 evens) Plantagenet Close, Salisbury Road, (1-55 odd & 4-50 even) and The Warren will move to Cuddington Ward
- Bannow Close, Chestnut Avenue, Kingston Road (332-368 even), Sterry Drive and Timbercroft will move to Auriol Ward

There are no boundary changes to Polling District CB so it will remain as existing

Ewell Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	C(A)
Electorate in District	1893
Postal Voters	307
Polling Place	Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	4
Proposal	No change other than reduction down to a single polling station from double polling station
Comments	Premises and location - Good Disabled access - Good Parking – off-street parking available on site.

Proposed Polling District**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

The church has been designated as the polling place for C(A) since 2013. No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

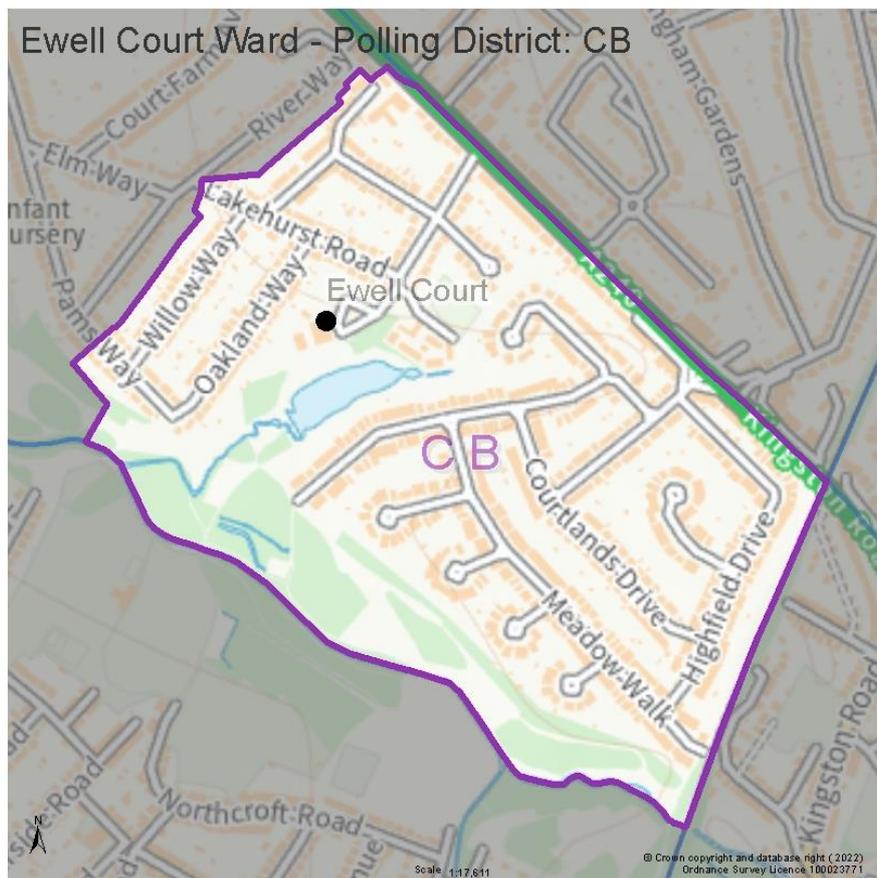
However due to the boundary changes and subsequent reduction in electorate it will now only require a single polling station instead of the current two.

I consider the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Ewell Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	C(B)
Electorate in District	1662
Postal Voters	277
Polling Place	Ewell Court House, Lakehurst Road, Ewell
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	5
Proposal	No change
Comments	Council owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – good via separate side door Parking - off-street parking available

Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

This Council owned venue has been a good polling place for voters, and it is intended to continue to use it due to its good location and the lack of alternatives in the area.

I consider the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Ruxley Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	One
Number of Polling Places:	One
Electorate in Ward:	3682
Postal Voters in Ward	481

Boundary Review Changes

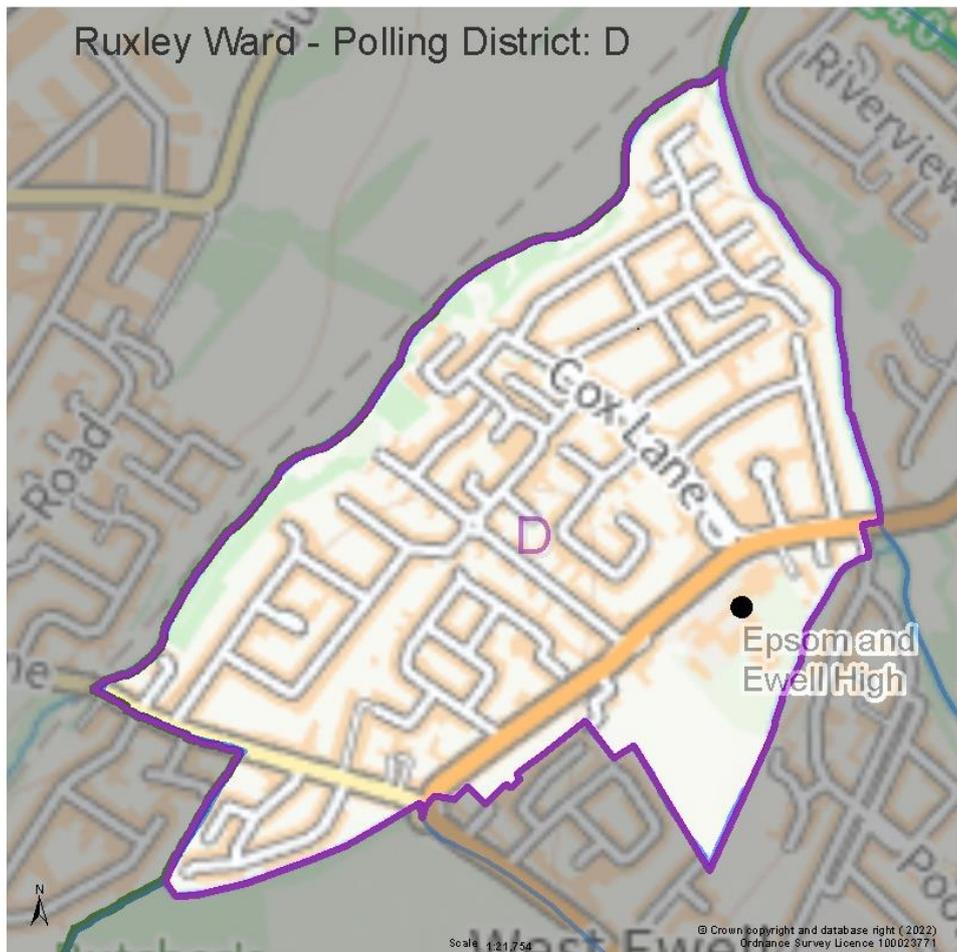
Although there have been some significant changes to Ruxley ward with a large reduction in size it is intended that the ward is not divided into polling districts. The main reason for dividing a ward into polling districts is the size of the electorate and availability of venues to be used as a polling place.

There are no other suitable venues within this ward and the current venue is suitable to accommodate the number of voters in the ward.

Ruxley Ward (cont)

Polling District	D
Electorate in District	3682
Postal Voters	481
Polling Place	Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	6
Proposal	No change
Comments	<p>Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – good Parking – off-street parking available on-site for disabled only during school hours</p> <p>Polling station is located in the North Annexe which is separate from main school building and enables the school to remain open on polling day.</p>

Proposed Polling District



Ruxley Ward (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

It is recognised that the location of the current polling place in a school is not entirely satisfactory, but enquiries have failed to identify any premises suitable for designation as a polling place elsewhere in the ward and there would be a significant cost implication in providing temporary accommodation even if a suitable location could be found.

There have been issues with parking for voters during the school hours, however a compromise has been reached with the school to enable on-site parking for disabled voters. There is on-street parking available in roads close to the school. However, with the removal of the remote Clarendon Estate from the ward, which was not within walking distance, this should reduce the number of voters using vehicles to travel to the polling place.

To advise voters regarding the limited vehicle access, a warning is now printed on poll cards.

In the absence of any alternatives, I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

West Ewell Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Two
Number of Polling Places	Two
Electorate in Ward	4865
Postal Voters in Ward	627

Boundary Review Changes

The properties now in West Ewell ward are as follows

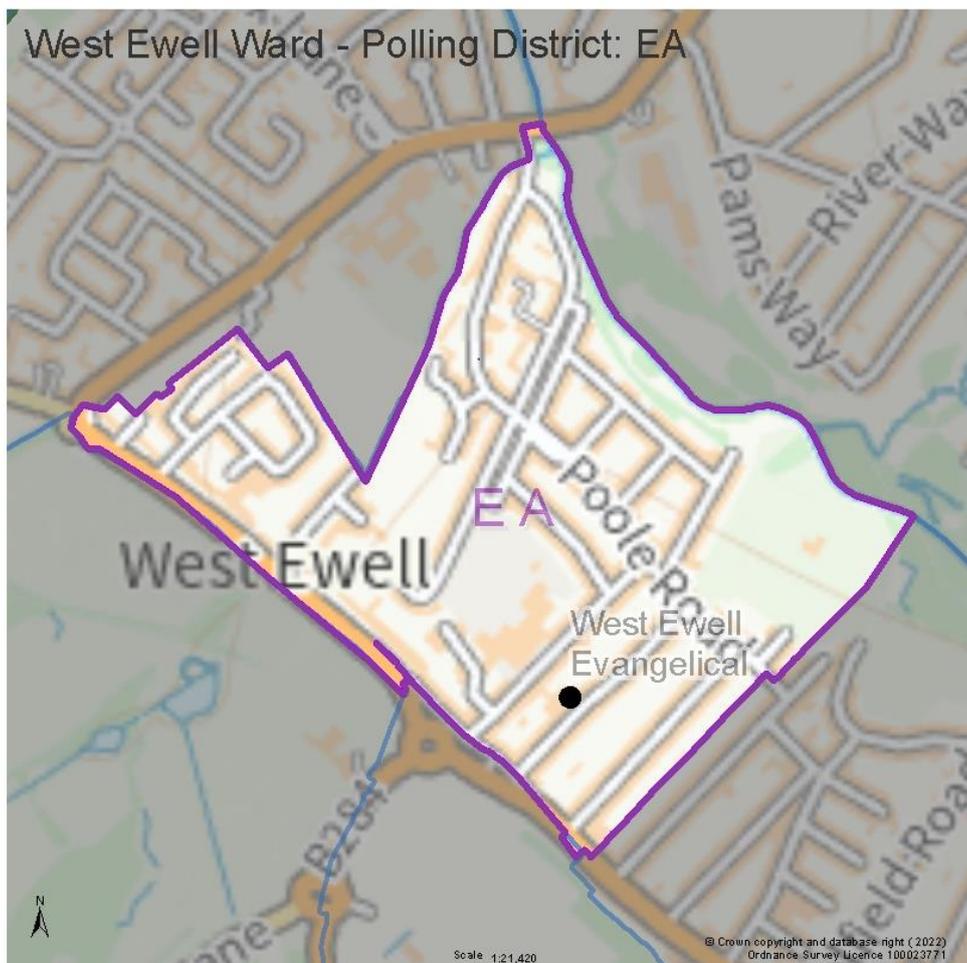
- Chessington Close, Chessington Road (374-478A even), Hemmings Mead, Larch Crescent, Nightingale Drive, Oak Tree Close, Poplar Crescent, Poplar Farm Close will move to West Ewell ward (EA)
- New development at former Epsom & Ewell High School Playing Fields will move to West Ewell ward (EA)

Although some properties have moved out from the southwest corner of West Ewell ward (EB) to Court ward it is not intended to move the existing polling district boundary between EA & EB as the new electorate will still be with acceptable levels for each polling station at this polling place.

West Ewell Ward (cont)

Polling District	E(A)
Electorate in District	1935
Postal Voters	267
Polling Place	West Ewell Evangelical Church, Lansdowne Road, West Ewell
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	7
Proposal	Change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - satisfactory Parking – Limited off-street parking on site; on-street parking on residential road.

Proposed Polling District



West Ewell Ward EA (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

The Church has been used as an alternative to Danetree School since 2013 apart from a short period of time when it was unavailable and the Harrier Centre, Poole Road was used instead. Although the facilities within the Harrier Centre were good there were complaints made by voters regarding parking.

The main car park at the Harrier Centre is quite a distance from the actual building and the access road to the small parking area next to the building is narrow, with limited disabled parking adjacent to the building. The Harriers Athletic Club meets on a Thursday evening, so the main car park becomes full causing voters to have to park on adjacent roads.

Once the Church became available again the polling place for voters was reverted back and has worked very well with no adverse feedback since it's re-instatement.

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the proposed polling district to be appropriate.

I consider the polling place to be appropriate.

West Ewell Ward (cont)

Polling District	E(B)
Electorate in District:	2930
Postal Voters	360
Polling Place	All Saints Church Community Centre Fulford Road, West Ewell
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	8
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – limited off-street parking available on site otherwise on-street parking in residential road.

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Court Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	Two (Previously 3)
Number of Polling Places:	Two (Previously 3)
Electorate in Ward:	4703
Postal Voters in Ward	538

Boundary Review Changes

There have been some significant changes to Court ward with the Livingstone Park estate moving to the newly created Horton ward, parts of West Ewell ward and Town ward will also be moving back into Court ward.

Due to the reduction in its size, it is intended that the Ward is divided into two polling districts instead of the existing three. These will be known as FA and FB.

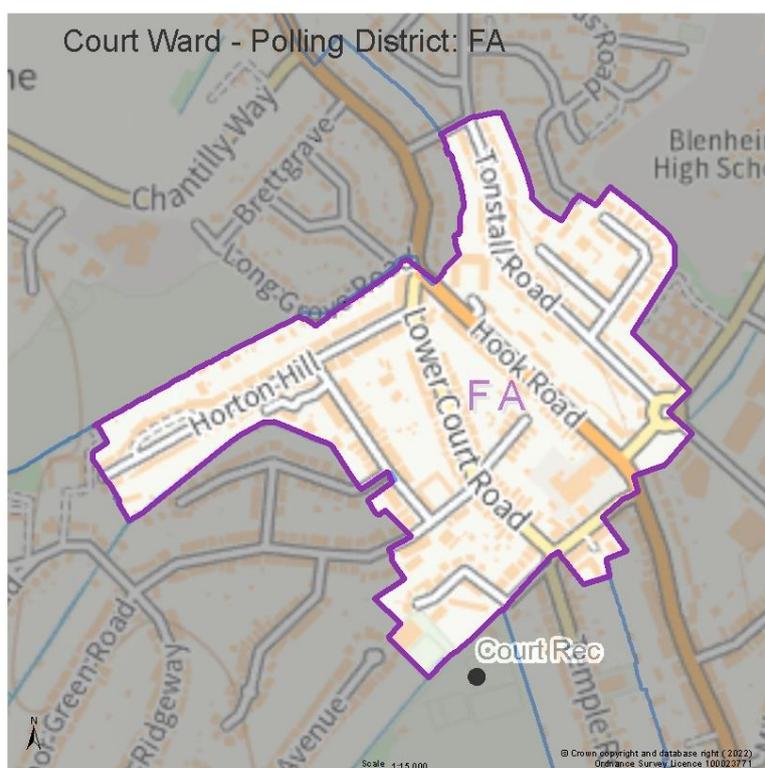
- The current polling district that is known as FC will become the new FA with no extra properties added.
- The current polling district known as FB will stay the same but will increase in size with the addition of Hook Road (41–179 odd & 22-164 even), Miles Road & Windsor Gardens from Town ward (KC) and Brook Close, Dee Way, Gibraltar Crescent and Marsh Avenue from West Ewell ward (EB)

Due to the removal of the Livingstone Park estate to the new Horton ward it is expected that we will not need to use Southfield School as a polling place instead we intend to use Horton Chapel as a polling place for the new ward.

Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	F(A) - Previously F(C)
Electorate in District	1519
Postal Voters	197
Polling Place	Bowling Pavilion, Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SB
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	9
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available in adjacent car park

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

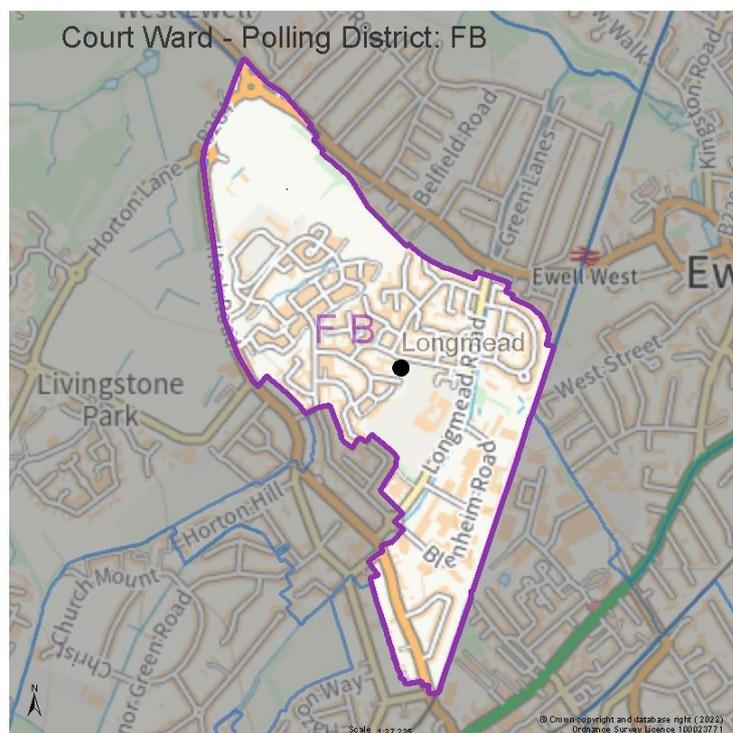
For the elections in 2021 Court Ward FA was split into 2 smaller polling districts FA & FC. The polling place for voters in the newly created FC was located at the Bowling Pavilion, Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SB. This worked well and there were no adverse comments from voters received post the May 2021 elections.

Subject to the above comments, I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	F(B)
Electorate in District	3184
Postal Voters	341
Polling Place	Health and Wellbeing Centre (Former Longmead Centre), Sefton Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	10
Proposal	No change
Comments	Council-owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site. The polling station is located in the main hall.

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

Due to the increase in number of voters the polling place may need to be split into 2 polling stations rather than the usual single polling station. A decision as to this happening will depend on the number of postal votes that are registered in the polling district. The current venue is easily able to accommodate 2 polling stations for voters.

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

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Stamford Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Two (previously 3)
Number of Polling Places	Two (previously 3)
Electorate in Ward	3676
Postal Voters in Ward	656

Boundary Review Changes

There have been some significant changes to Stamford ward with both Manor Park & Noble Park estates moving to the newly created Horton ward and part of GA moving to Town ward.

It is proposed that the ward is divided into two polling districts instead of the existing three. These will be known as GA and GB.

Because of the reduction in size combining the existing polling districts GA & GB to create one new polling district called GA would mean that only one polling place would be required instead of 2. Previously voters in the old GA polling district would vote at the Fellowship Hall in West Hill and those in GB would vote at Christ Church.

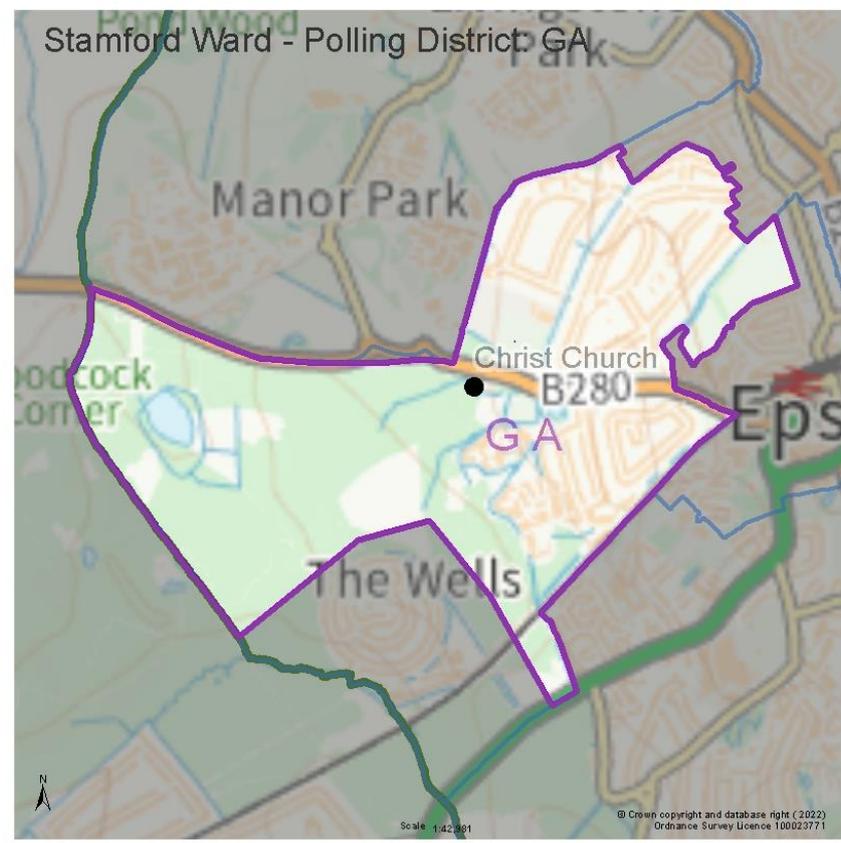
With the reduction in electorate in both GA & GB the current polling place at Christ Church will be able to accommodate 2 polling stations, as it currently does, for all voters in the proposed new polling district of GA, this would mean that the Fellowship Hall, in West Hill would no longer be required as a polling place.

The boundaries for the existing polling district currently known as GC have not changed and GC will be renamed GB.

Stamford Ward (cont)

Polling District	G(A) - Previously G(A) & G(B)
Electorate in District	2686
Postal Voters	529
Polling Place	Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Road Epsom
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	11
Proposal	No change to polling place Change to Polling district
Comments	<p>Premises satisfactory. Location – adequate Disabled access - adequate Parking – car park available on site but not immediately adjacent to building. On-street parking is also available</p> <p>Although the building is on the edge of the Ward/Polling District boundary, it is considered overall to be a good venue for voters. There are two pedestrian crossings on the main road either side of Christ Church Hall.</p>

Proposed Polling District



Stamford Ward GA (cont.)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

The size of this new polling district is similar to the size of the old polling district GB. The venue is good and selected so that we did not have to use Stamford Green School keeping to the Council's policy of not using schools.

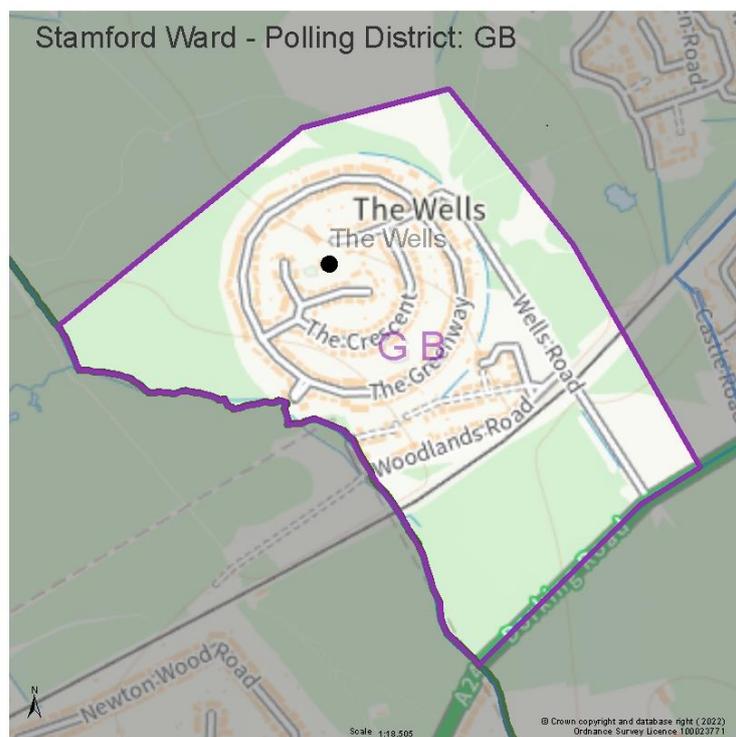
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the proposed new polling district and change to the polling place appropriate.

Stamford Ward (cont)

Polling District	G(B) - Previously G(C)
Electorate in District	990
Postal Voters	127
Polling Place	The Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	12
Proposal	No change
Comments	<p>Council-owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – Good Parking – good – car park on site.</p> <p>The polling station was located in a portable temporary unit in May 2021 due to the unavailability of the main building.</p> <p>This building was subject to a planning application for redevelopment however this is understood to be currently on hold and the centre is to be re-opened and run by a local community group. It is understood that leasing arrangements are in place to enable the use of the hall as a polling place once more and it should be ready and open by May 2023.</p>

Polling District



Stamford Ward G(B) cont**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

The polling station was located in a portable temporary unit in May 2021 due to the unavailability of the main building, this was not ideal for a number of reasons.

The main reason for the temporary unit was because the main building had not been in use since 2019 and due to health & safety reasons was not able to be used.

There were issues with the size of the temporary unit, which was smaller than hoped, because of the narrow vehicular access at the site and made implementing the required covid precautions for staff and voters more challenging. There were also problems with the generator not working which affected, lighting and heating for staff and voters.

However, with the centre being re-opened it is the best option as a polling place for voters as there are no other venues on the Wells Estate that can be used.

Subject to the above comments, I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Stoneleigh Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	One – (Previously 2)
Number of Polling Places:	One
Electorate in Ward:	3612
Postal Voters	474

Boundary Review Changes

There are no ward boundary changes to Stoneleigh ward so it will remain as existing.

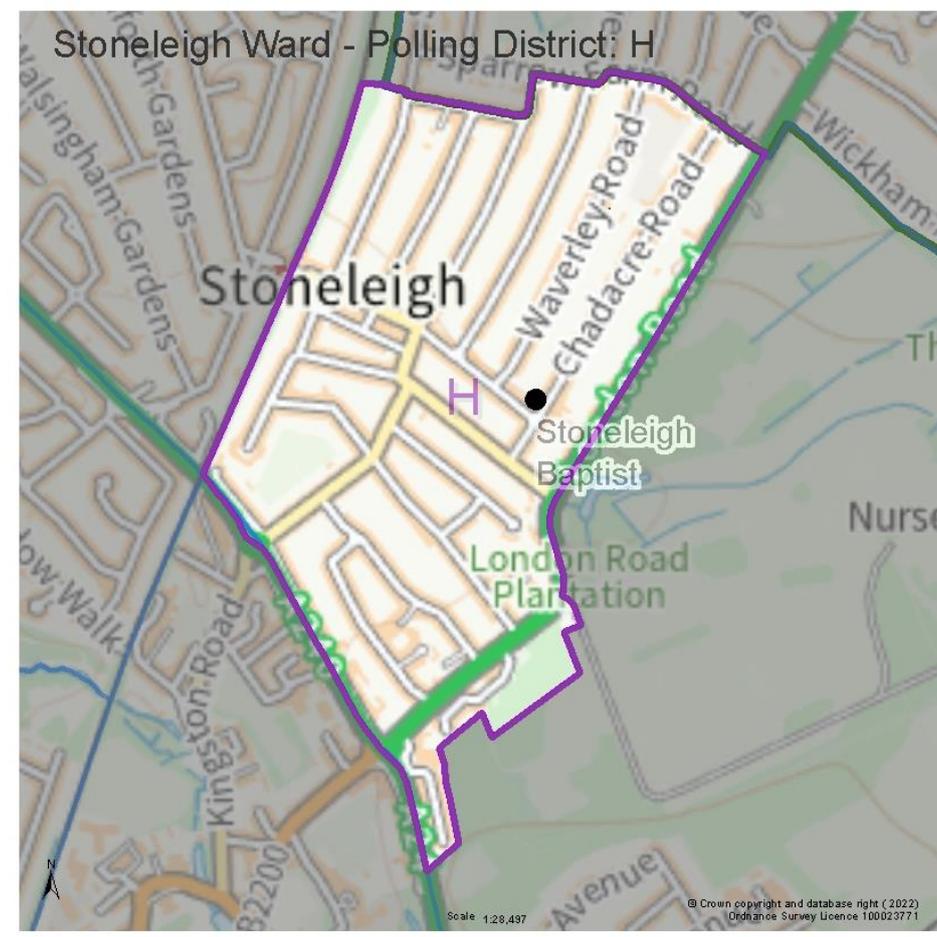
The ward is currently divided into 2 polling districts however it is proposed that they be merged to create a ward called H.

The main reasons for dividing a ward into polling districts is the size of the electorate and availability of venues to be used as a polling place. Currently there is just one polling place used for both polling districts as there are no other suitable venues within the ward so merging both polling districts would be justified.

Stoneleigh Ward (cont)

Polling District	H - previously H(A) & H(B)
Electorate in District	3612
Postal Voters	474
Polling Place	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	13
Proposal	No change to polling place Polling District – merge with HB and rename H
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – limited off street parking available. On-street parking available around venue

Proposed Polling District



Stoneleigh Ward (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

This venue has worked well for many years, in 2021 due to the precautions taken under the Covid regulations a change was made with one polling station in the main hall and the other relocated to the lobby/café area. This worked very well, and it is anticipated that we could repeat this arrangement for future elections, so each station has more space and less confusion with voters getting into the correct polling station queue easier.

I consider the proposal to merge the polling districts to be appropriate.

I consider the current polling place to be appropriate.

Nonsuch Ward

Number of Polling Districts:	Two
Number of Polling Places:	Two
Electorate in Ward:	5280
Postal Voters	934

Boundary Review Changes

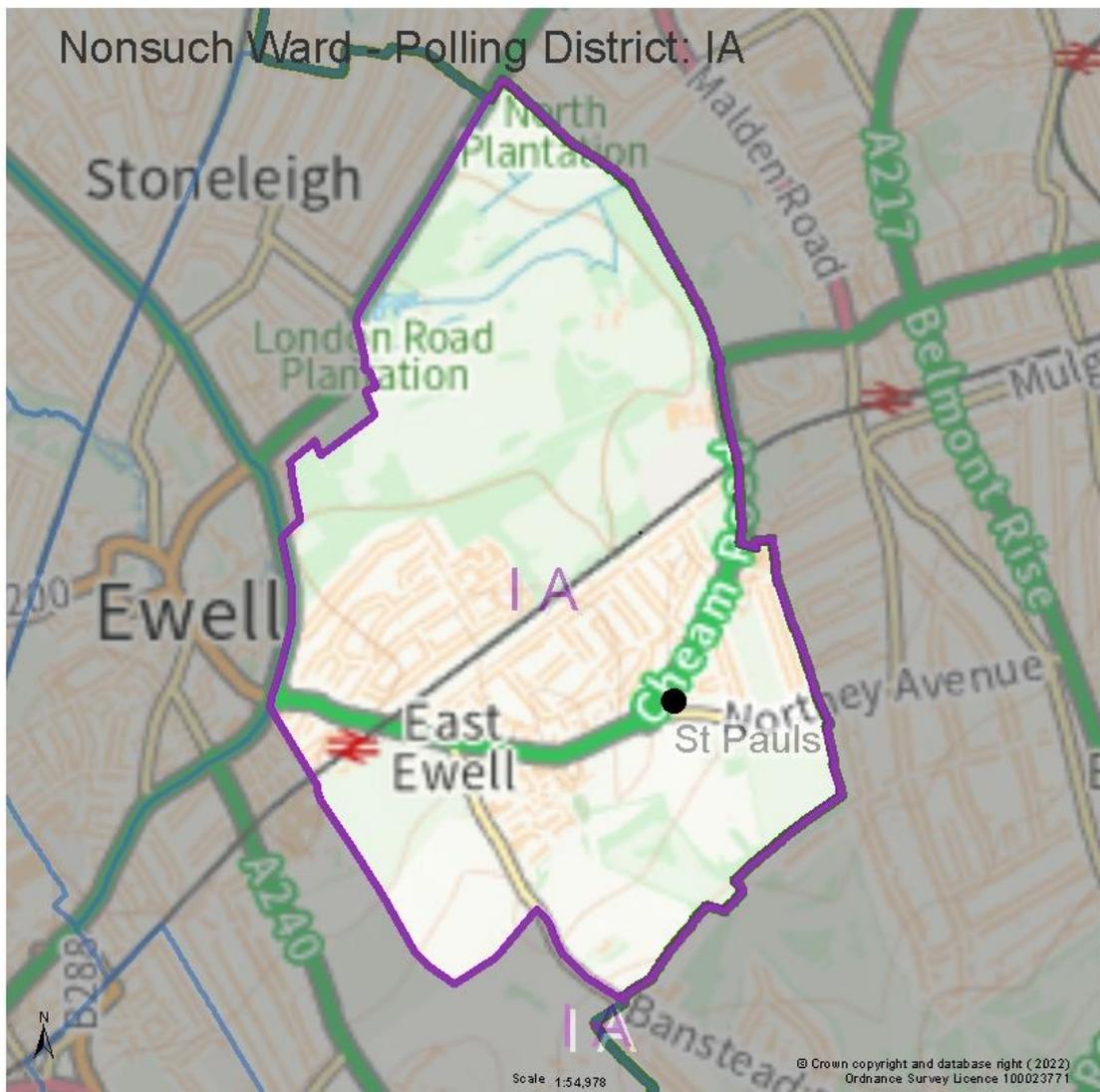
The properties now in Nonsuch ward are as follows

- Properties west side of Epsom Road (Camelia House to Satis Court), Beech Walk, Hampton Grove, Langton Avenue, St James Avenue, Windmill Avenue & Windmill Lane (3- 21 odd, The Corner House, Eythorne Court & Lammtarra Place) will move to Nonsuch ward IB
- It is proposed to move the polling district boundary so that properties in the former NESCOL site move from IA to IB

Nonsuch Ward (cont)

Polling District	I(A)
Electorate in District	3493
Postal Voters	595
Polling Place	St Paul's Church Centre, 15 Northey Ave, Cheam
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	14
Proposal	Change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue

Proposed Polling District



Nonsuch Ward I(A) cont

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

The location of the NESCOL housing estate and the existing polling district boundary means that voters living on the estate currently have to travel quite a distance to their polling place.

The proposal is to move part of the current polling district boundary to run along the back of the properties in Chatsfield, Conaways Close and St Normans Way. Such a change would move this area into Nonsuch IB polling district, and these voters will then vote at a NESCOL College which is within walking distance.

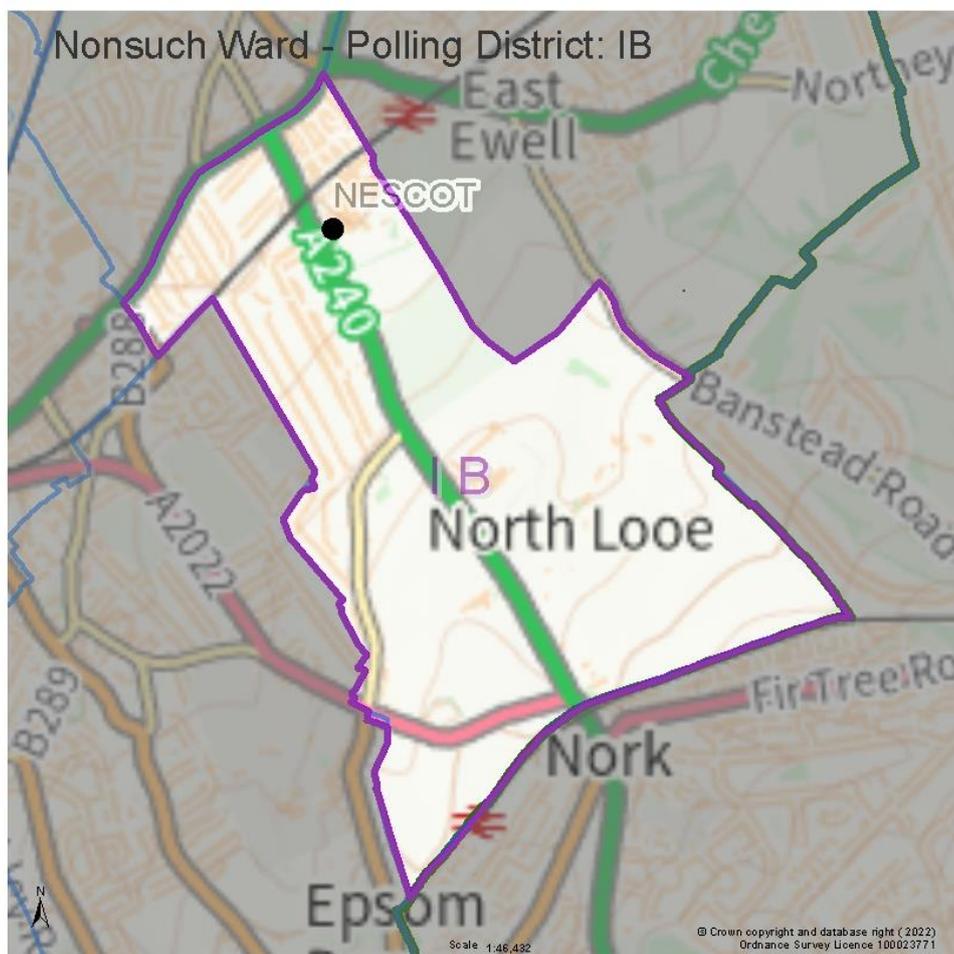
Subject to the above changes to the polling district, I consider the proposed polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Nonsuch Ward (cont)

Polling District	I(B)
Electorate in District	1787
Postal Voters	339
Polling Place	NESCOT College, Reigate Road, Ewell
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	15
Proposal	No Change
Comments	<p>Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – good Parking – off street parking available in large car park close to venue.</p> <p>Previously Wallace Fields Junior School was used as a polling station which was unpopular with parents of students and caused many complaints every scheduled and unscheduled election even though the school had been given plenty of notice of planned election dates and could have planned one of their inset days to be on election day.</p> <p>In 2021 we trialled the use of NESCOT, Reigate Road as an alternative. The original room planned for the polling station was not available due to Covid precautions, so the Adrian Mann Theatre was used instead. The polling station was located on the theatre's stage and voters accessed via the side stage door.</p> <p>Although using the theatre was not ideal it was seen to be a better option than closing Wallace Fields school again. We hope to be able to find a better location within the grounds of NESCOT, preferably a room closer to the main car park for future elections.</p> <p>The planned change to the polling district boundary, so that properties within the NESCOT housing estate become part of Nonsuch IB and with the addition of properties formerly in Ewell JB will increase the electorate at this polling place.</p>

Nonsuch Ward IB (cont)

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

At the time of the previous review, it was noted that, although the Council has a policy to avoid the use of schools there was no alternative to Wallace Fields Junior School. NESCOT had been approached in the past but responded at the time, that, because of the intensity of use of the site, they could not make any accommodation available unless an election was held in a half term or vacation period (which was unlikely).

Further site visits undertaken to NESCOT in 2019 established that the former restaurant could be available, and it was proposed that it would be used on a trial basis in May 2020. However, due to the pandemic no elections were held in 2020 and when the May 2021 elections were due the restaurant had been re-purposed for use by the College as a covid test area for staff and pupils so was not available which is why the theatre was used instead.

Nonsuch Ward IB (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations (cont)

We would like to continue to use NESCOL and see if there is other suitable accommodation other than the theatre or if none is available investigate the use of having a temporary polling station unit at this site on polling day instead.

Other than Wallace Fields Junior School there are limited venues in the area. A site visit was made to investigate the use of the pavilion at the playing fields owned by Glyn School adjacent to NESCOL, but it was found to be unsuitable due to the usage by the school and its internal layout.

Subject to the above comments being accepted I consider the proposals for the changes to the polling district to be appropriate.

The polling place is considered to be appropriate in light of the current constraints.

Ewell Village Ward

Number of Polling Districts: One (previously 3)

Number of Polling Places: One (previously 3)

Electorate in Ward: **3301**

Postal Voters **495**

Boundary Review Changes

The first change to Ewell ward is that its name was changed as part of the Local Boundary Commission review and will now be known as Ewell Village Ward.

The ward is currently divided into 3 polling districts. Part of JB and all of JC are moving to adjacent wards, so it is proposed that the remaining part of JB and JA be merged to create a ward with a single polling district called J.

Currently voters in Ewell JB use Glyn School, The Kingsway as a Polling Place. The polling station is currently located in the staff room so that the school can remain open on polling day.

Using this room has been less than ideal as the Staff room is small and accessed via a flight of stairs. Disabled access is via a lift and to access the lift voters need to ring a bell on the ground floor for assistance from the school reception staff.

During school hours there are also access issues to the school for both pedestrians and vehicles as the main gates are closed to provide security for the pupils. There is also very limited parking both on site during school hours and with on-street parking in the area.

Due to the pandemic, for the elections in 2021, the polling place was moved on a trial basis to Bourne Hall and located in The Studio. Although Bourne Hall already has 2 polling stations and system to direct voters in JB to the correct room worked well on the day.

There will be an increase in electorate in merging JA & JB, but the new electorate figures are within the range set down by the Electoral Commission for voter numbers at a polling place especially once the number of postal voters is taken into account

Ewell Village Ward (cont)

Polling District	J - Previously J(A) & J(B)
Electorate in District	3301
Postal Voters	495
Polling Place	Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	16
Proposal	No change to Polling Place Polling District – merge with remainder of JB and rename J
Comments	Council-owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available (public car park). The polling station is located in the Rose Room.

Proposed Polling District



Ewell Village Ward J (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

Not using Glyn School will be in line with the Council's policy of not using schools where possible.

I consider the proposed polling district to be appropriate.

I also consider the polling place appropriate.

Town Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Three
Number of Polling Places	Three
Electorate in Ward	5248
Postal Voters	742

Boundary Review Changes

There are some significant changes to Town ward.

All properties in polling district Ewell JC will move to Town ward so will be merged into Polling district KA.

These properties currently in KB - Church Road (5-97 odd & 20-64 even), Church Street (20-26 even, 57-59 odd & Pitt Place), Downside (1, 3 & Gilesmead only), Grove Avenue, Grove Road, The Grove, Pikes Hill, Wyeths Mews & Wyeths Road will move to College ward LB.

These properties currently in KC - Hook Road (41–179 odd & 22-164 even), Miles Road & Windsor Gardens will move to Court ward FB.

It is recommended that the properties previously in Stamford ward GA - Burnet Grove, Court Lane (all except The Sidings), Hunters Close, Langlands Rise, Marshalls Close, Sharon Close, Sheraton Drive & West Hill (2-32 even) be merged into polling district (KC).

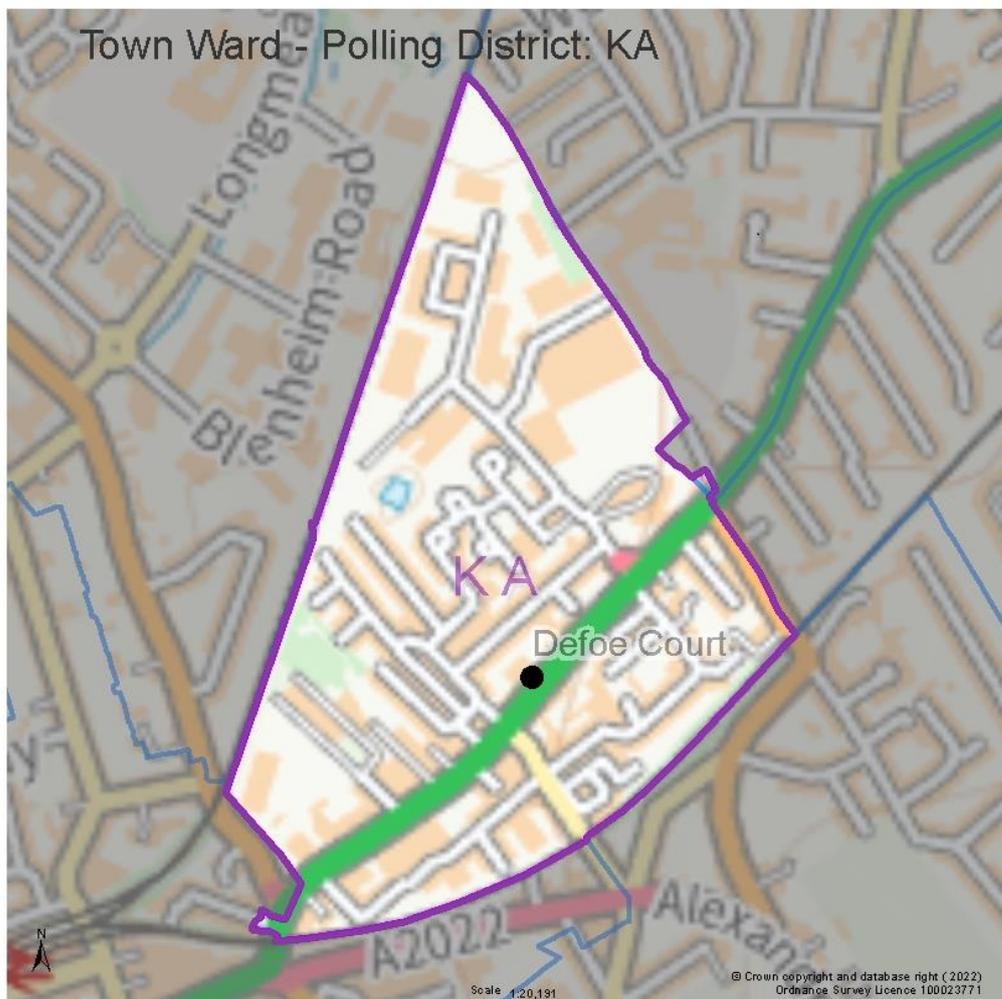
This is because the loss of Miles Road & Hook Road from KC to Court ward has reduced the electorate numbers that will vote at St Barnabas Church which is the current polling place for KC. If the voters in GA are merged with KC, it will bring the electorate up to a decent level and it will also keep them in the same County Council electoral division.

It is also proposed that the boundary of KA be adjusted and that the properties in Hook Road and Adelphi Road also be moved into KC.

Town Ward (cont)

Polling District	K(A)
Electorate	1869
Postal Voters	269
Polling Place	Defoe Court, 87 East Street, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	17
Proposal	No Change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – no parking available The polling station is located in the conference room.

Proposed Polling District



Town Ward KA (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

When trialled back in 2001, The Ebbisham Centre was not a popular choice with the electorate owing largely to the issue of parking (there is no free or convenient on-street parking in the vicinity of the building). However, this would apply to the majority of locations in the Town centre. The options for polling station accommodation in this area were very limited and no other suitable premises had been located.

Since Defoe Court has been available, this has been a much better located polling place. It has good disabled access and 24-hour staff on duty for any assistance needs. Although there is no parking, the station is much more centrally placed in the polling district.

This same building was used for voters who voted in the old polling district JC which has now become part of Town ward and been merged with KA.

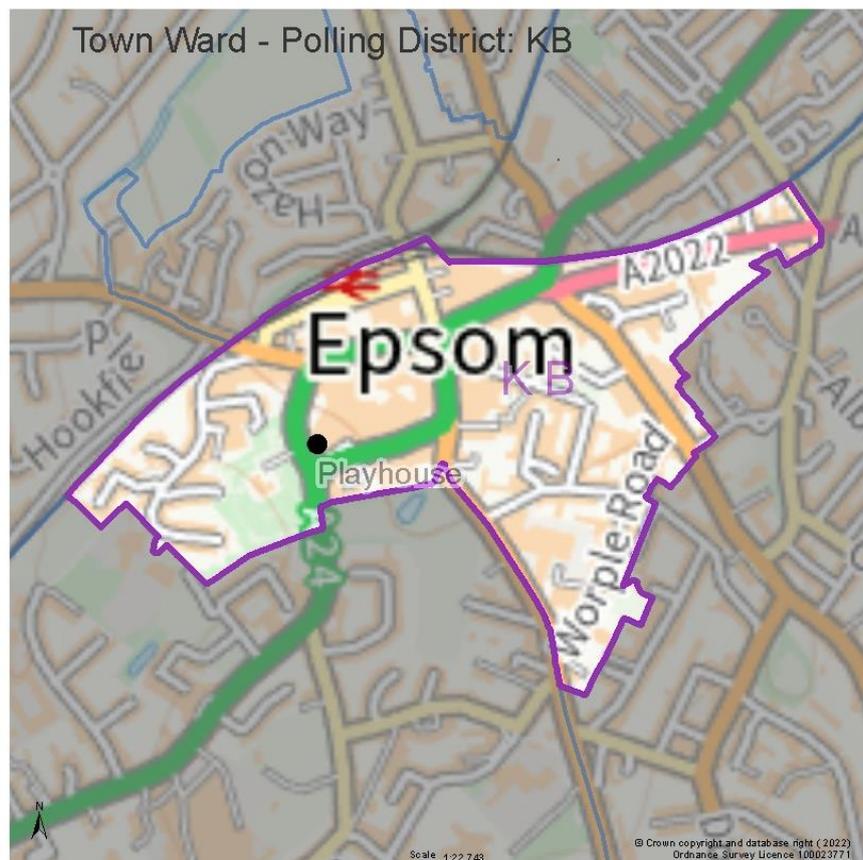
Previously we had to keep the voters from different wards separate by dividing the room to create 2 polling stations, but this will not be required once the 2 polling districts are merged.

I consider the polling district and the continued use of the existing polling place to be appropriate.

Town Ward (cont)

Polling District	K(B)
Electorate in District	2267
Postal Voters	333
Polling Place	Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	18
Proposal	No change
Comments	Council owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking - Multi storey public car park adjacent to Playhouse. No on-street parking close to venue. The Polling Station is located in the Myers Hall.

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

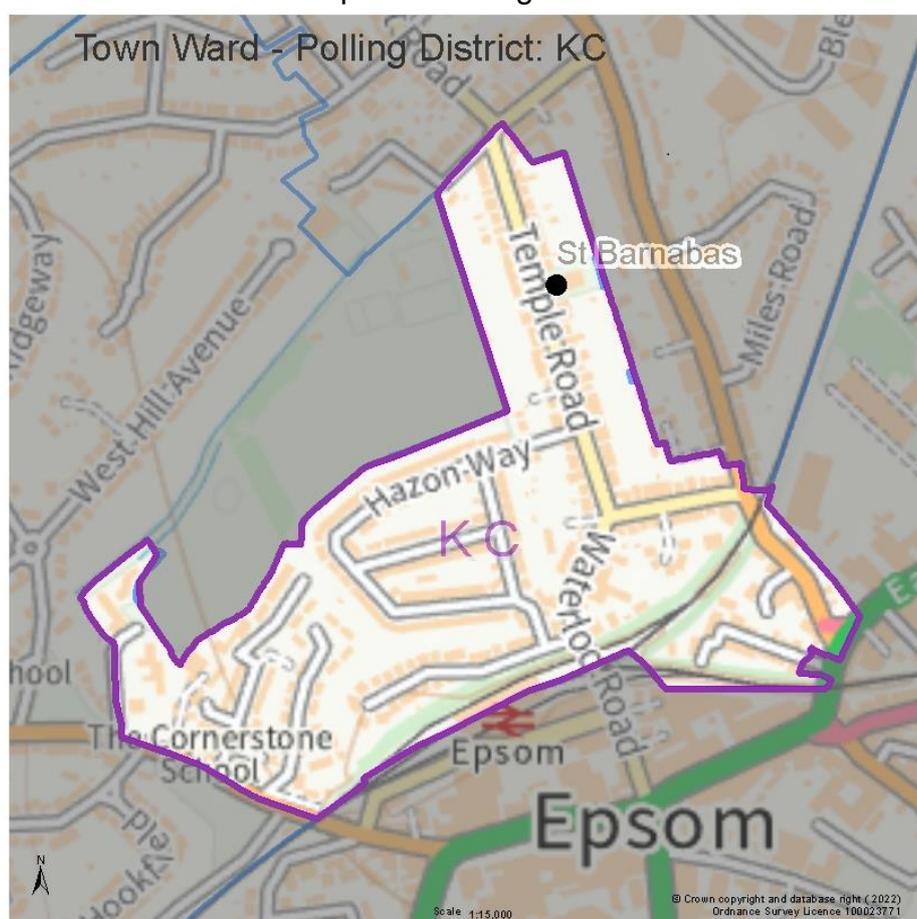
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I therefore consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Town Ward (cont)

Polling District	K(C)
Electorate in District	1112
Postal Voters	140
Polling Place	St Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	19
Proposal	No change to polling place Polling District to merge with voters previously in GA and Hook Road & Adelphi Road move from KA to KC
Comments	Premises and location good Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site.

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the proposed polling district and polling place appropriate.

College Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Two
Number of Polling Places	Two
Electorate in Ward	4952
Postal Voters	1059

Boundary Review Changes

There is just one property moving out of the existing College ward following a minor boundary adjustment which moves the Epsom Bowling Club in Worple Road to Town ward but as the site is non-residential it will not affect the electorate in its current use.

No other properties are moving out of College ward just into from Town ward
KB

The properties moving into College ward from Town ward are

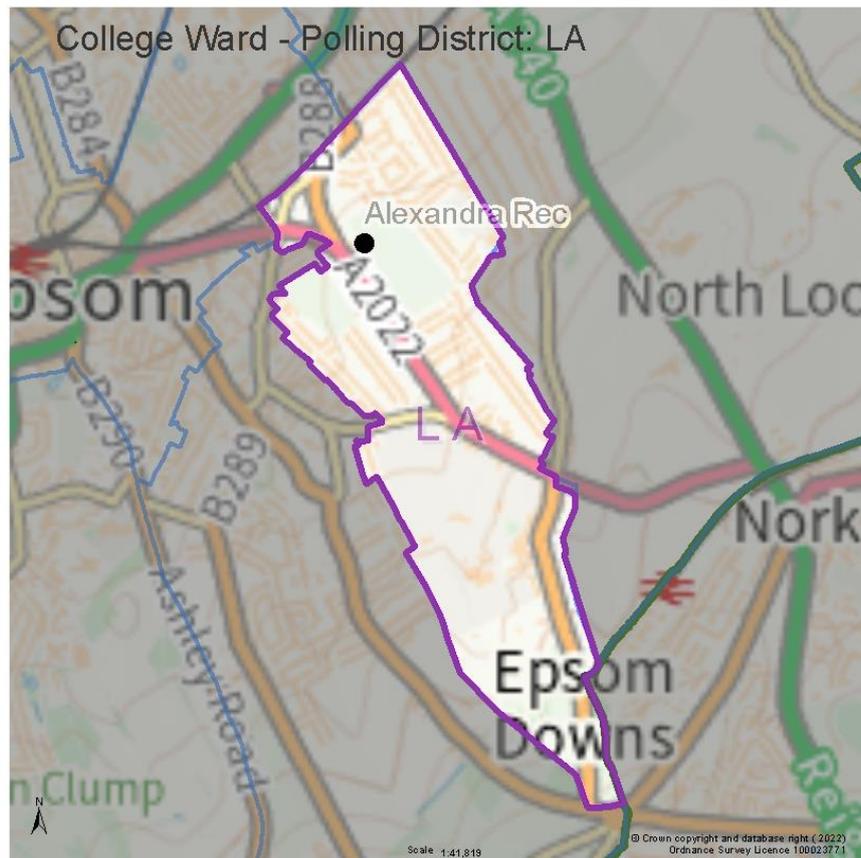
- Church Road (5-97 odd & 20-64 even), Church Street (20-26 even, 57-59 odd & Pitt Place), Downside (1, 3 & Gilesmead only), Grove Avenue, Grove Road, The Grove, Pikes Hill, Wyeths Mews & Wyeths Road.

It is intended to put these properties into polling district LB rather than LA as the polling place for LB is located within the properties that have moved and is better placed for accommodating these extra voters than the polling place in LA

College Ward (cont)

Polling District	L(A)
Electorate in District	1929
Postal Voters	361
Polling Place	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	20
Proposal	No change
Comments	Council owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - Adequate Parking – close to pavilion for staff & disabled. In main car park for other voters.

Polling District

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

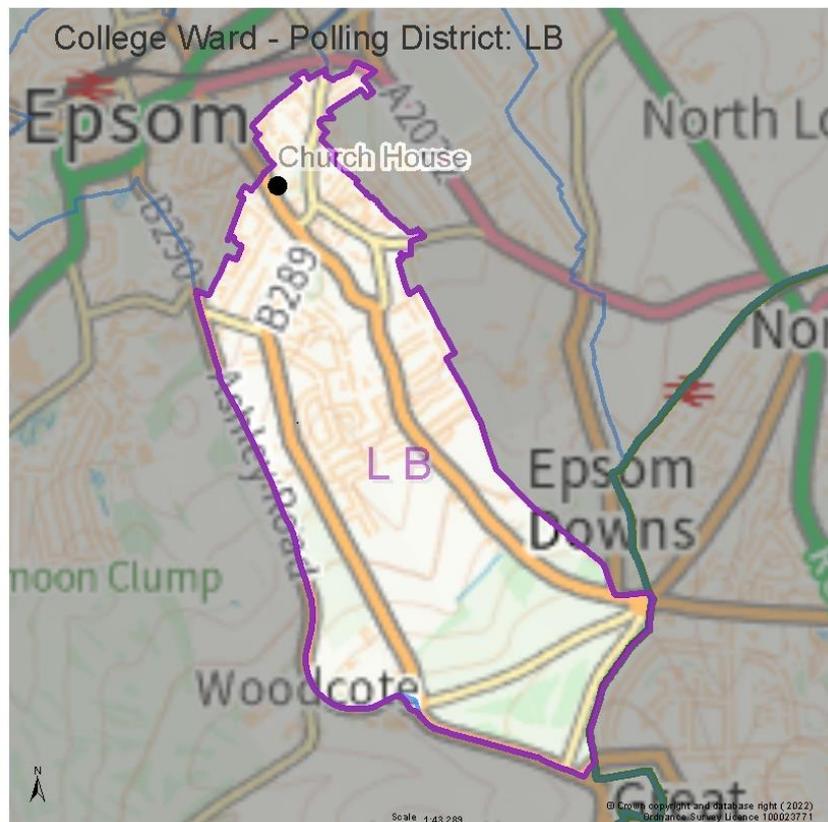
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

College Ward (cont)

Polling District	L(B)
Electorate in District	3023
Postal Voters	698
Polling Place	The Church House, Church Street, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	21
Proposal	No change
Comments	<p>Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site. No on-street parking close to venue.</p> <p>Previously the polling place was not located within the College ward boundaries but due to the recent boundary changes it now is. The venue has worked very well for many years and depending on the number of postal voters should be able to accommodate a double polling station if required. As far as the Council is aware, there are no other suitable premises (halls etc) within the College Ward/Polling District boundaries.</p> <p>The polling station is located in The Wisley Room.</p>

Proposed Polling District



College Ward LB (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Three
Number of Polling Places	Three
Electorate in Ward	4411
Postal Voters	895

Boundary Review Changes

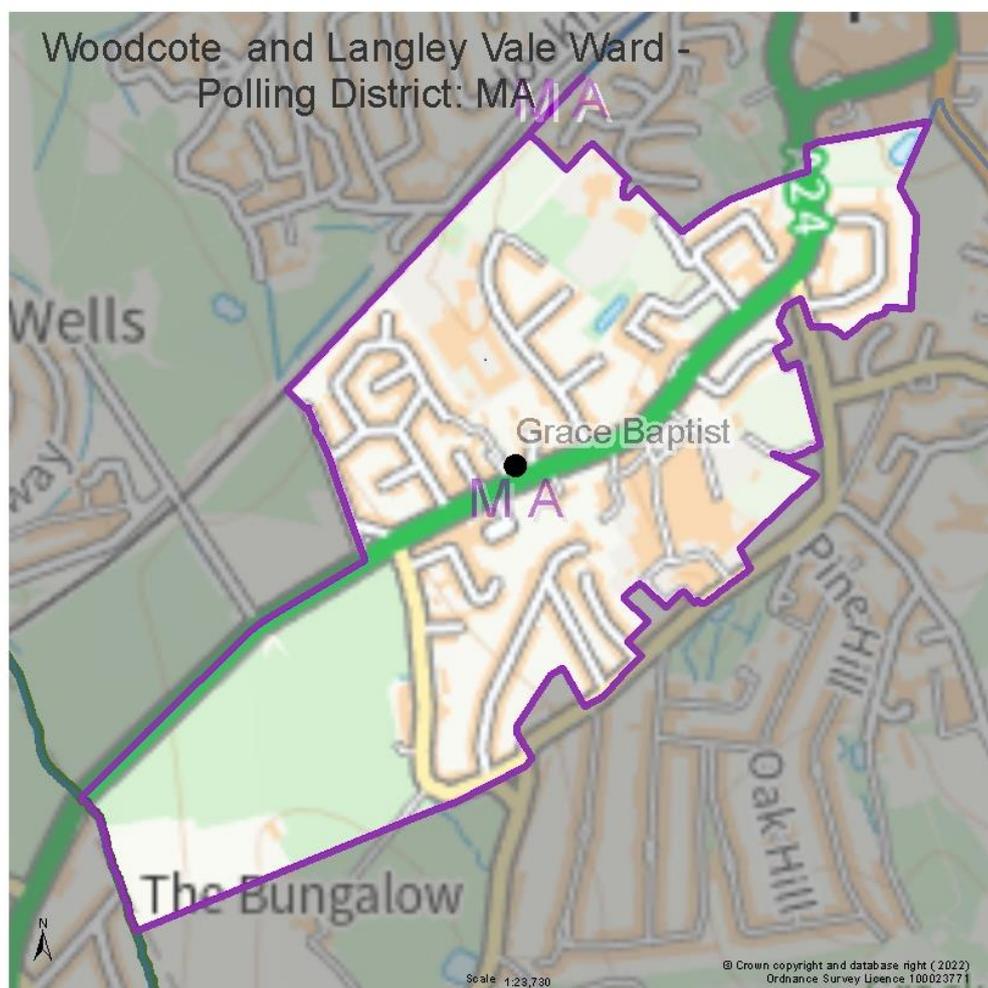
The main change to Woodcote ward is that its name was changed as part of the Local Boundary Commission review and will now be known as Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward.

The only other change to the ward is a minor change to the existing polling district MA in that all of Dalmeny Way has been moved into Town ward KB. Other than this change there have been no other property moves to Woodcote ward and it is proposed to retain the existing polling districts.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward (cont)

Polling District	M(A)
Electorate in District	1569
Postal Voters	315
Polling Place	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	22
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - adequate Parking – limited off-street parking on site

Proposed Polling District

**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

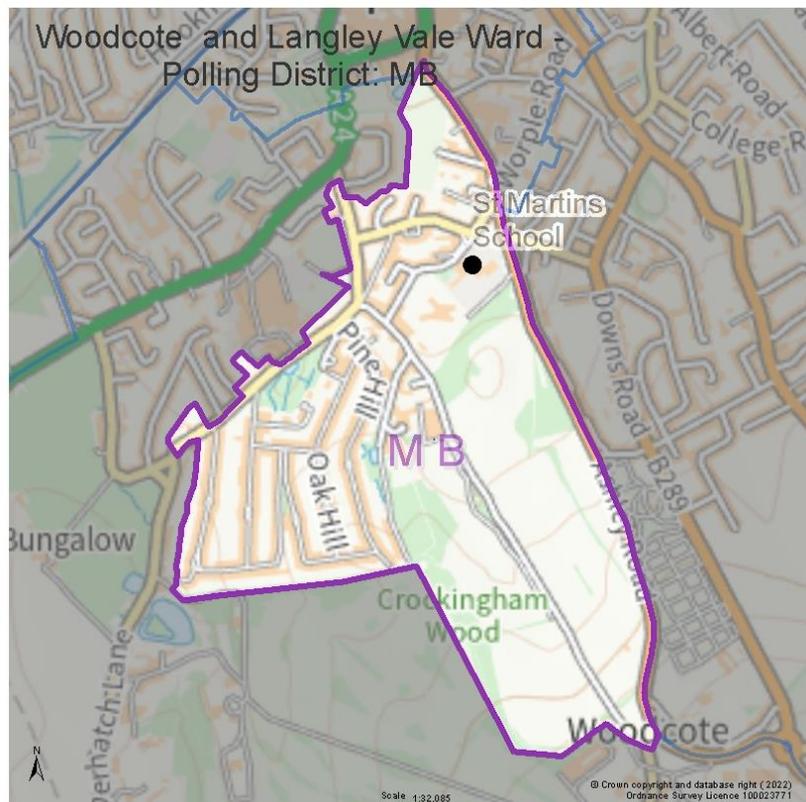
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward (cont)

Polling District	M(B)
Electorate in District	1556
Postal Voters	374
Polling Place	St. Martins C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	23
Proposal	No change
Comments	<p>Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – adequate Vehicle access via Ashley Road only Parking – off-street parking available on school premises</p> <p>It is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible but there are no other suitable premises in the area. Schools are notified of scheduled elections as early as possible, preferably before the start of the academic year, to allow schools the option of setting an INSET day. However, the polling station is located in the Music block, as this building is separate from the main building and can be cordoned off from the rest of the school so that it can remain open on polling day.</p>

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Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward MB (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

At the time of the previous review, it was reported that as a result of reconfiguration of the premises, discussions with the Headteacher had resulted in the offer of the use of a separate classroom block close to the Ashley Road entrance. These facilities had the advantage of being self-contained and close to the car park for disabled voters. Since this review the accommodation has been used, without the rest of the school having to close. A ramp for the slight lip into the classroom is provided and for the curb from the car park.

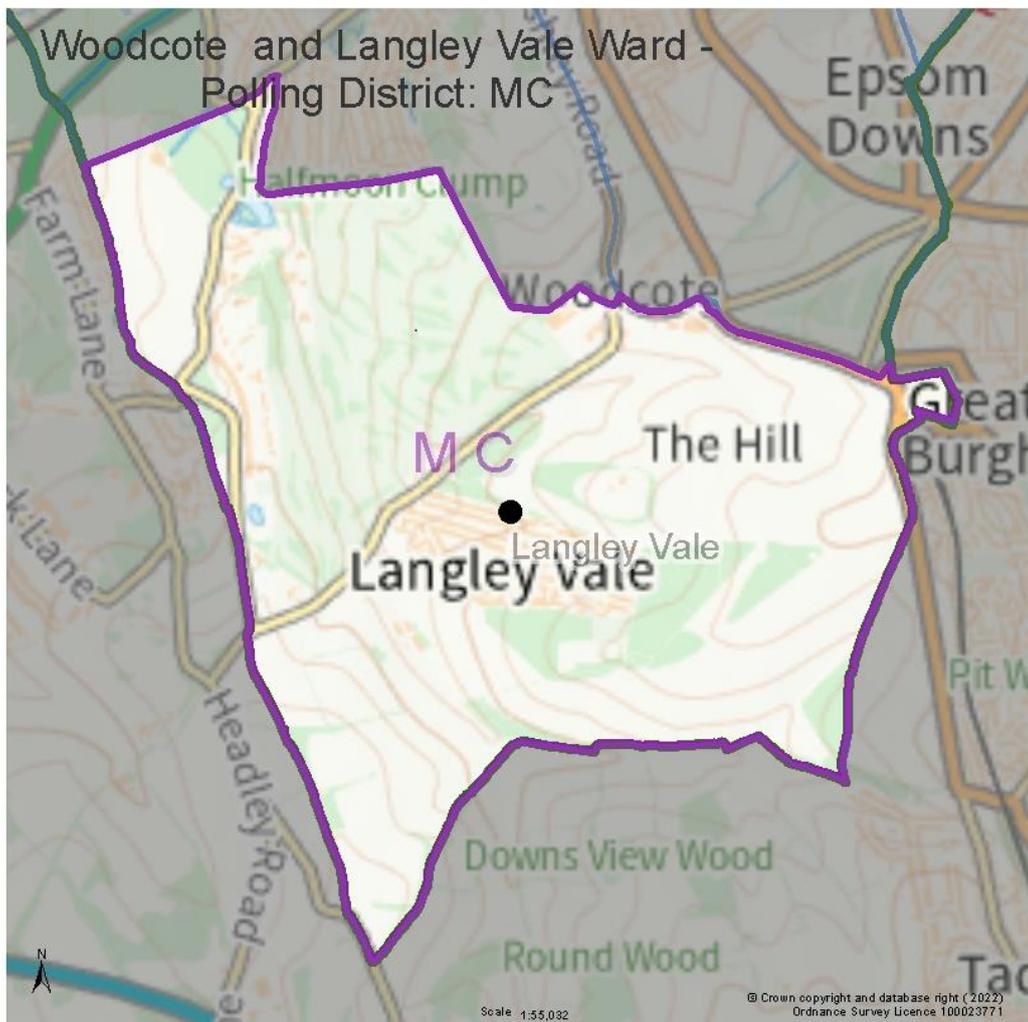
With the use of this classroom block polling day has been successful with the school able to remain open for all elections. The access to the polling station for vehicles is via Ashley Road only and a message to voters is now included on all poll cards so they are aware.

I consider the polling district to be appropriate and in the absence of any alternatives I consider the polling place appropriate.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward (cont)

Polling District	M(C)
Electorate in District	1286
Postal Voters	206
Polling Place	Langley Vale Village Hall, Rosebery Road, Epsom
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	24
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – on-street parking available around venue.

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Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward MC (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

During previous reviews there were concerns about accessibility for disabled people due to the sloping access to the Village Hall. It was suggested that the adjacent Church Hall or the school at Langley Vale might be a more appropriate venue.

It is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible and the school is less conveniently located than the current polling station. A site visit was also made to the Church Hall and although the slope to the building is less than at the Village Hall, the layout of the building was considered unsuitable as a polling place and there would be no advantage in relocating there.

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2021 elections.

I therefore consider the current polling district and polling place appropriate.

Horton Ward

Number of Polling Districts	One
Number of Polling Places	One
Electorate in Ward	3307
Postal Voters	648

Boundary Review Changes

This a new Ward created from properties previously in Ruxley, Court & Stamford Wards. The Local Boundary Commission review agreed the name of the ward as Horton as part of the review.

The properties that will make up this new ward are

- All those on what is known as Clarendon Park, Livingstone Park, Manor Park and Noble Park
- Also moving are Brettgrave, Briane Road, Chantilly Way, Hook Road (260-330 even & 291-337b odd and Horton Farm House), Long Grove Road, Marston, Parkhurst and Horton Lane.

We do not intend to divide this ward into polling districts but keep it as one polling district. The main reason for dividing a ward into polling districts is electorate and availability of venues to be used as a polling place.

There are limited if no other suitable venues in this ward other than Southfield School which we do not want to use if at all possible, keeping to Council policy of not using schools, and the planned venue is suitable to hold 2 polling stations and accommodate the number of voters in the new created ward.

Horton Ward (cont)

Polling District	N
Electorate in District	3307
Postal Voters	648
Polling Place	The Horton Arts Centre, Haven Way, Epsom
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	25
Proposal	New polling place New Ward
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – venue car park on site

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Horton Ward (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

We received many complaints over the years when we used Southfield School due to it being a double polling station and it was usually closed on polling day. This was due to there being no other suitable venue in the area. The refurbishment of Horton Chapel has taken a long time and had been suggested by many as an alternative to the school in the past. However, now that the work has finished, and the venue is open we hope to use it as a polling place containing 2 polling stations.

I consider the polling district proposals to be appropriate and the planned polling place to be suitable.