



Public Consultation

Polling District and Polling Places Review

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

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Background

The Representation of the People Act 1983 (the Act) was amended by the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (Section 16) and later by the Electoral Registration Act 2013 (section 17) to detail the current process regarding the way 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 these were subsequently held in December 2014, December 2019 and December 2022. The next statutory review period commenced on 1 October 2023 with all local authorities required to review their UK Parliamentary constituency polling districts before 31 January 2025.

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	27 October 2023
Publication of consultation document	27 October 2023
Closing date for representations	5pm, 1 December 2023
Consideration of all representations	1-8 December 2023
Report to Strategy and Resources Committee	25 January 2024
Report to Full Council	13 February 2024
Publication of notice of amendments to electoral register and intention to publish revised version of register (If necessary)	15 February 2024
Publication of revised version of register (if necessary)	1 March 2024

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, 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, that no more than 2250 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 the last elections held in May 2023. 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 2023 Borough Council elections
- Registered political parties who regularly field candidates in local and parliamentary elections in the Borough
- 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 25 January 2024. The Strategy and Resources Committee will consider the report and make recommendations as it thinks appropriate to full Council on 13 February 2024 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.

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 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 October 2023.

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 districts & places was last conducted in 2022 and this review is available on the Council's website (<https://www.epsom-ewell.gov.uk/council/elections-and-voting/electoral-boundaries>).

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 B.

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 no later than 5pm on 1 December 2023**

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

Representations by email with the subject line Polling District/Place Review, should be sent to:

electoralservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk

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

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 13 February 2024 and, if necessary, a notice of any alterations to the register will be published on the Council's website no later than 16 February 2024.

Any new polling districts and polling places will become effective at all elections held after 1 March 2024.

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

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE
CUDDINGTON	AA	Rowe Hall, 2 nd Cuddington Scout HQ, Salisbury Road, Worcester Park KT4 7LP
	AB	St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, Worcester Park
AURIOL	B	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Centre, Stoneleigh Crescent, Ewell KT19 0RT
EWELL COURT	CA	Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 0JG
	CB	Ewell Court House, Ewell Court Avenue, Ewell KT19 0EB
RUXLEY	D	Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 9JW
WEST EWELL	EA	West Ewell Evangelical Church, 23 Lansdowne Road, West Ewell KT19 9QJ
	EB	All Saints Church & Community Centre, Fulford Road, West Ewell KT19 9QY

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE
COURT	FA	Bowling Pavilion, Court Recreation Ground, Pound Lane, Epsom KT19 8SB
	FB(1) & FB(2)	Community & Wellbeing Centre, Sefton Road, Epsom KT19 9HG
STAMFORD	GA	The Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Road, Epsom KT19 8NE
	GB	The Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive, Epsom KT18 7LR
STONELEIGH	H	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh KT17 2HL
NONSUCH	IA	St Paul's Church Centre, Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HS
	IB	NESCOT, Reigate Road, Ewell KT17 3DS
EWELL VILLAGE	J	Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell KT17 1UF

WARD	CURRENT POLLING DISTRICT	CURRENT POLLING PLACE
TOWN	KA	Defoe Court, 87 East Street, Epsom KT17 1AQ
	KB	Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom KT18 5AL
	KC	St. Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8TU
COLLEGE	LA	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom KT17 4BU
	LB	The Church House, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX
WOODCOTE*	MA	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7NH
	MB	St Martin's C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 7AD
	MC	Langley Vale Village Hall, Rosebery Road, Epsom KT18 6AF
HORTON	N(1) & N(2)	The Horton Arts Centre, Haven Way, Epsom KT19 8NP

TOTALS

Number of Polling Places	25	Number of Polling Stations	35
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Appendix B

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council

**Existing Polling Districts & Places and Acting Returning Officers'
representations**

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Cuddington Ward

Number of Polling Districts: Two
 Number of Polling Places: Two
 Electorate in Ward: **4918**
 Postal Voters in Ward: **779**

Polling District	A(A)
Electorate in District:	2695
Postal Voters:	368
Polling Place	Scout Hut (Rowe Hall), Salisbury Road, Worcester Park KT4 7LP
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	1
Proposals	Polling Place - No change Polling District – No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – limited off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.

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Cuddington Ward AA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Cuddington Ward (cont)

Polling District	A(B)
Electorate in District	2223
Postal Voters	411
Polling Place	St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, Worcester Park KT4 7HL
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

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received following the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

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: **3369**
 Postal Voters in Ward: **512**

Polling District	B
Electorate in District	3369
Postal Voters	512
Polling Place	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Centre, Stoneleigh Crescent, Stoneleigh, Ewell KT19 0RT
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.

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

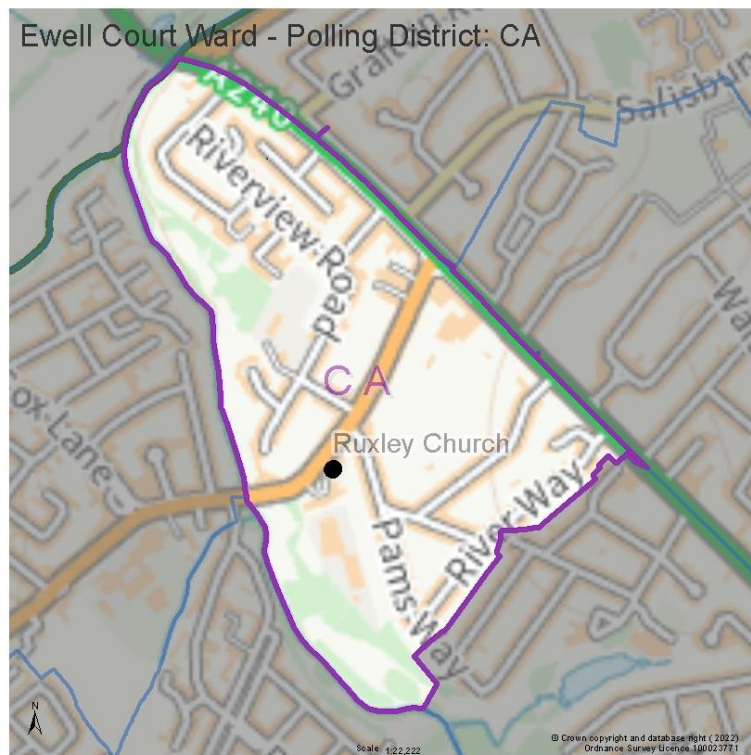
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

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: **3561**
 Postal Voters in Ward: **597**

Polling District	C(A)
Electorate in District	1883
Postal Voters	319
Polling Place	Ruxley Church, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 0JG
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	4
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location - Good Disabled access - Good Parking – off-street parking available on site.

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

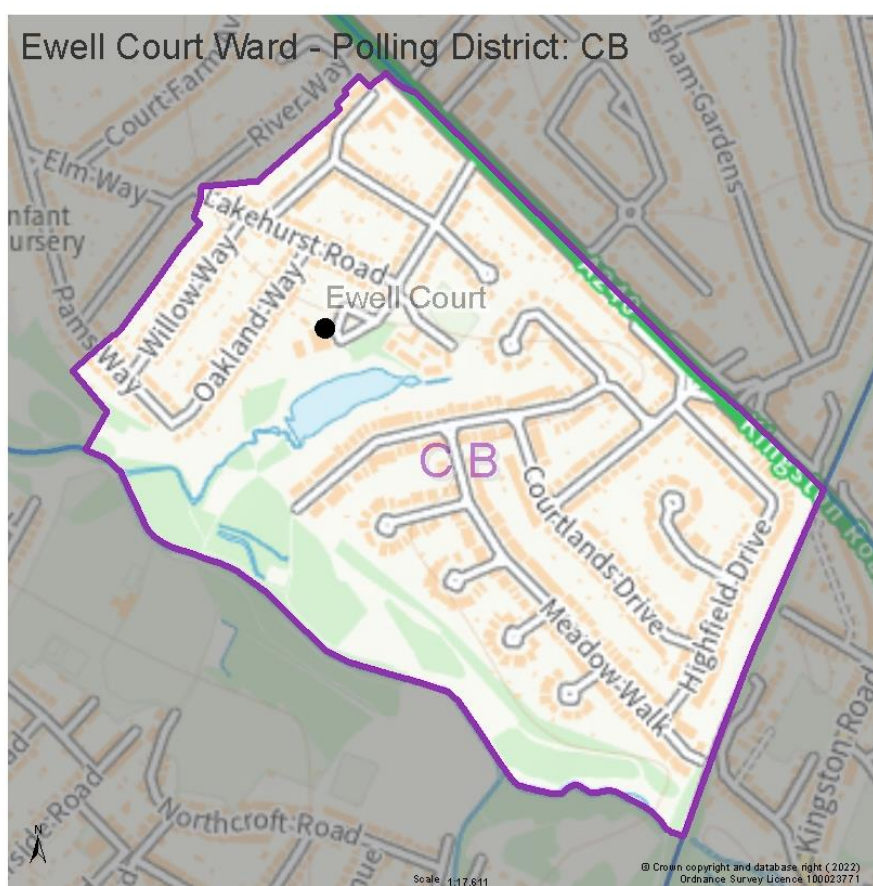
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

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

Ewell Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	C(B)
Electorate in District	1678
Postal Voters	278
Polling Place	Ewell Court House, Lakehurst Road, Ewell KT19 0EB
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 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

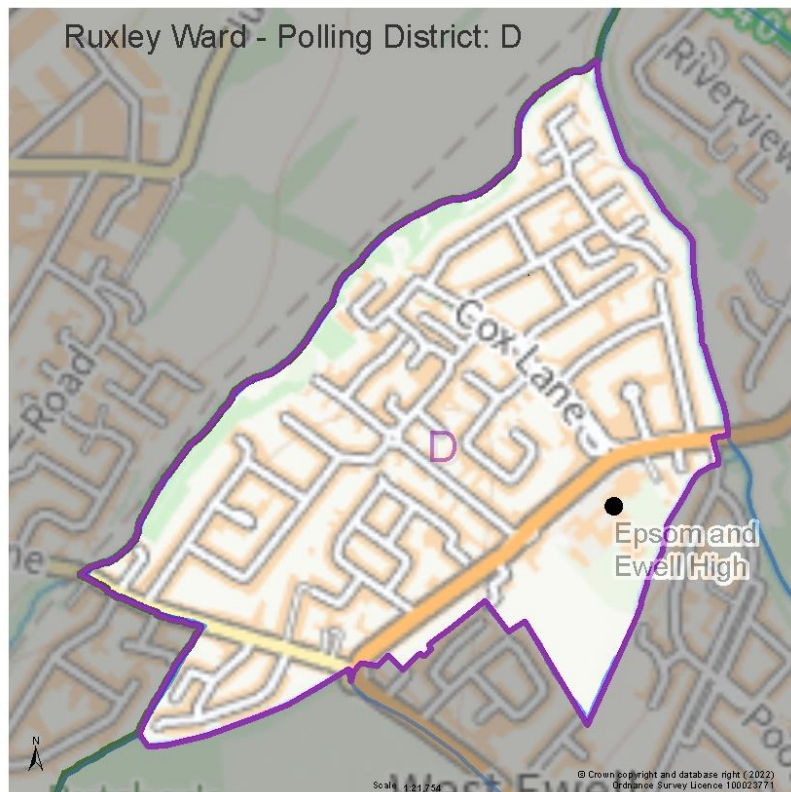
I consider the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.

Ruxley Ward

Number of Polling Districts: One
 Number of Polling Places: One
 Electorate in Ward: **3612**
 Postal Voters in Ward: **488**

Polling District	D
Electorate in District	3612
Postal Voters	488
Polling Place	Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell KT19 9JW
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>

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Ruxley Ward D (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 on roads close to the school.

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

For the elections in May 2023 the school asked that the new pavilion be used instead of the usual location (North Annexe building), but the request was made too late to notify voters. A site visit will be undertaken to further investigate the suitability of the pavilion i.e. disabled access/parking etc. before the end of the consultation process.

In the absence of any suitable 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 **4918**
 Postal Voters in Ward **649**

Polling District	E(A)
Electorate in District	2025
Postal Voters	280
Polling Place	West Ewell Evangelical Church, Lansdowne Road, West Ewell KT19 9QJ
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	7
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access – satisfactory Parking – Limited off-street parking on site; on-street parking on residential road.

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West Ewell Ward EA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

West Ewell Ward (cont)

Polling District	E(B)
Electorate in District:	2893
Postal Voters	369
Polling Place	All Saints Church Community Centre Fulford Road, West Ewell KT19 9QY
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.

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

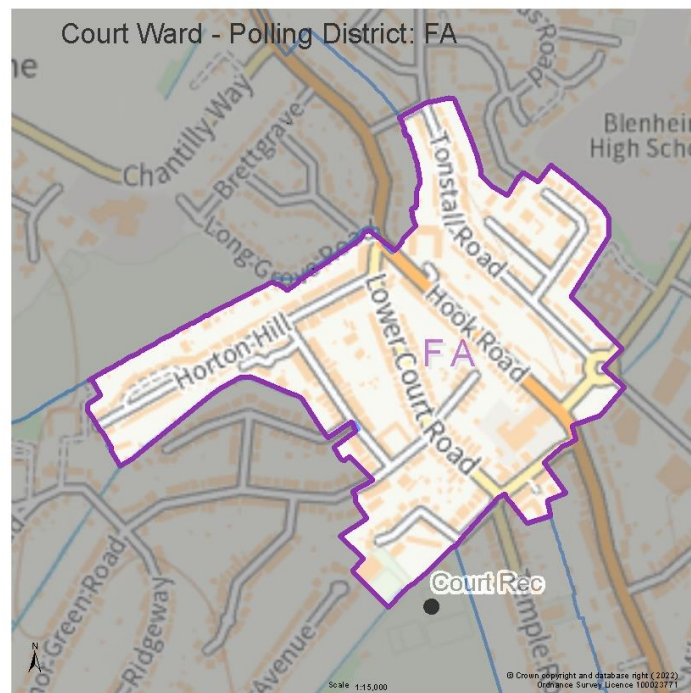
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Court Ward

Number of Polling Districts: Two
 Number of Polling Places: Two
 Electorate in Ward: **4639**
 Postal Voters in Ward **571**

Polling District	F(A)
Electorate in District	1504
Postal Voters	201
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

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

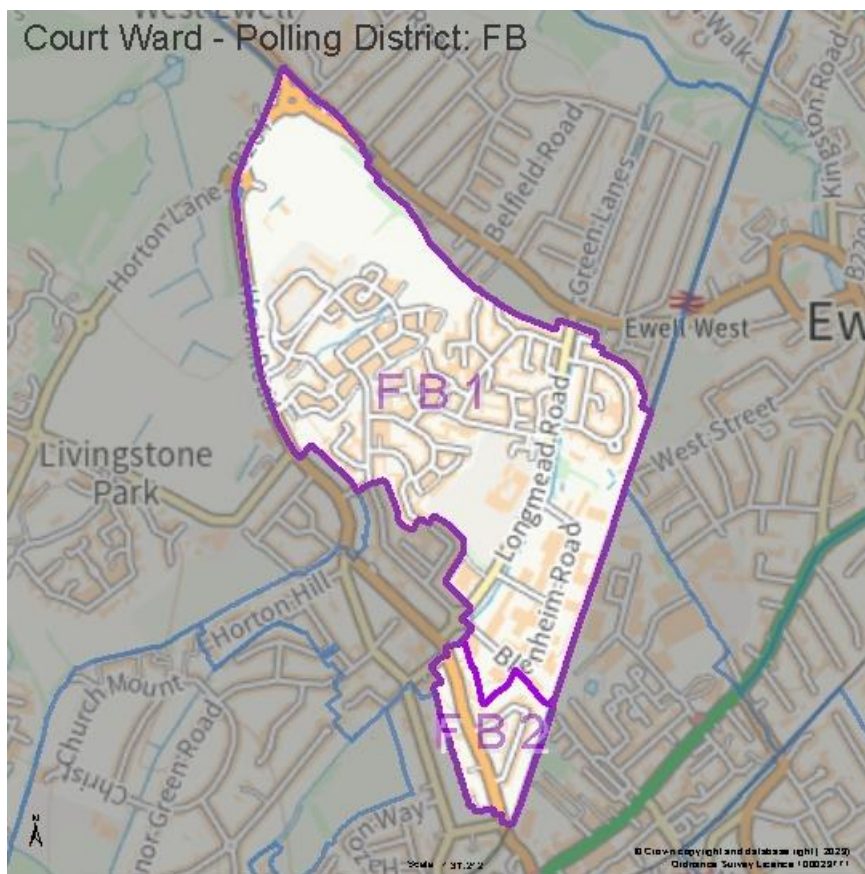
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Court Ward (cont)

Polling District	FB(1) & FB(2)
Electorate in District	3135
Postal Voters	370
Polling Place	Community and Wellbeing Centre, Sefton Road, Epsom KT19 9HG
No. of Stations	2
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.

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Court Ward FB(1) & FB(2) (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

Due to the increase in number of voters , the polling place was split into 2 polling stations for May 2023 rather than the usual single polling station. The venue is easily able to accommodate 2 polling stations for voters.

The reason the polling district is split into 2 is due to the ward currently being in 2 different County Council electoral divisions. This will be revisited after the ongoing County Council boundary review is finished.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

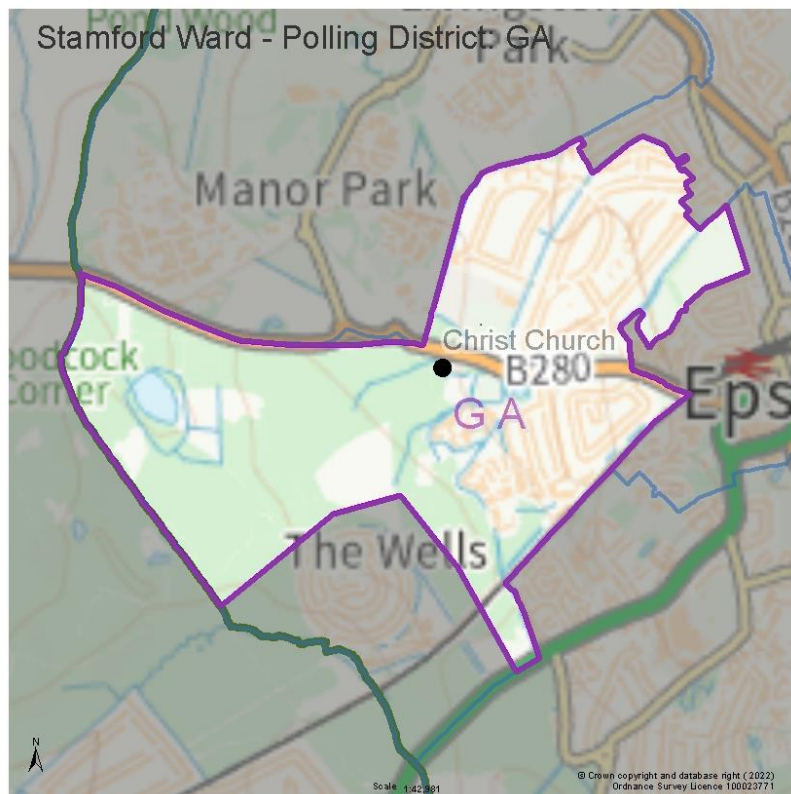
I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Stamford Ward

Number of Polling Districts Two
 Number of Polling Places Two
 Electorate in Ward **3675**
 Postal Voters in Ward **652**

Polling District	G(A)
Electorate in District	2684
Postal Voters	522
Polling Place	Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Road Epsom KT19 8NE
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	11
Proposal	No change
Comments	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.

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Stamford Ward GA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

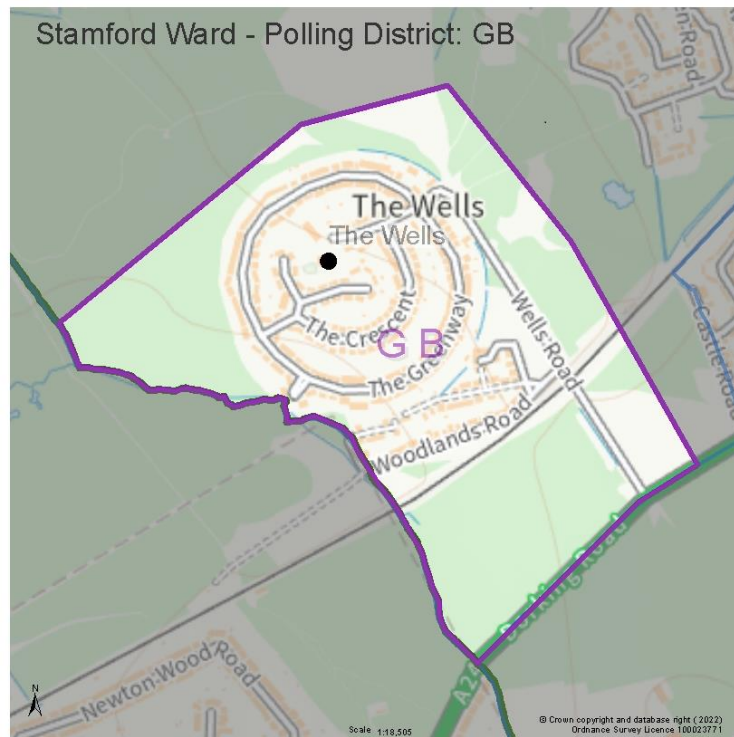
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Stamford Ward (cont)

Polling District	G(B)
Electorate in District	991
Postal Voters	130
Polling Place	The Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive, Epsom KT18 7LR
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 2023 due to the unavailability of the main building.</p> <p>The centre has now 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 for the next scheduled elections in May 2024</p>

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Stamford Ward G(B) cont

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The polling station was located in a portable temporary unit in May 2021 & 2023 due to the unavailability of the main building.

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.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

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

Stoneleigh Ward

Number of Polling Districts: One
 Number of Polling Places: One
 Electorate in Ward: **3593**
 Postal Voters **494**

Polling District	H
Electorate in District	3593
Postal Voters	494
Polling Place	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh KT17 2HL
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	13
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – limited off street parking available. On-street parking available around venue

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

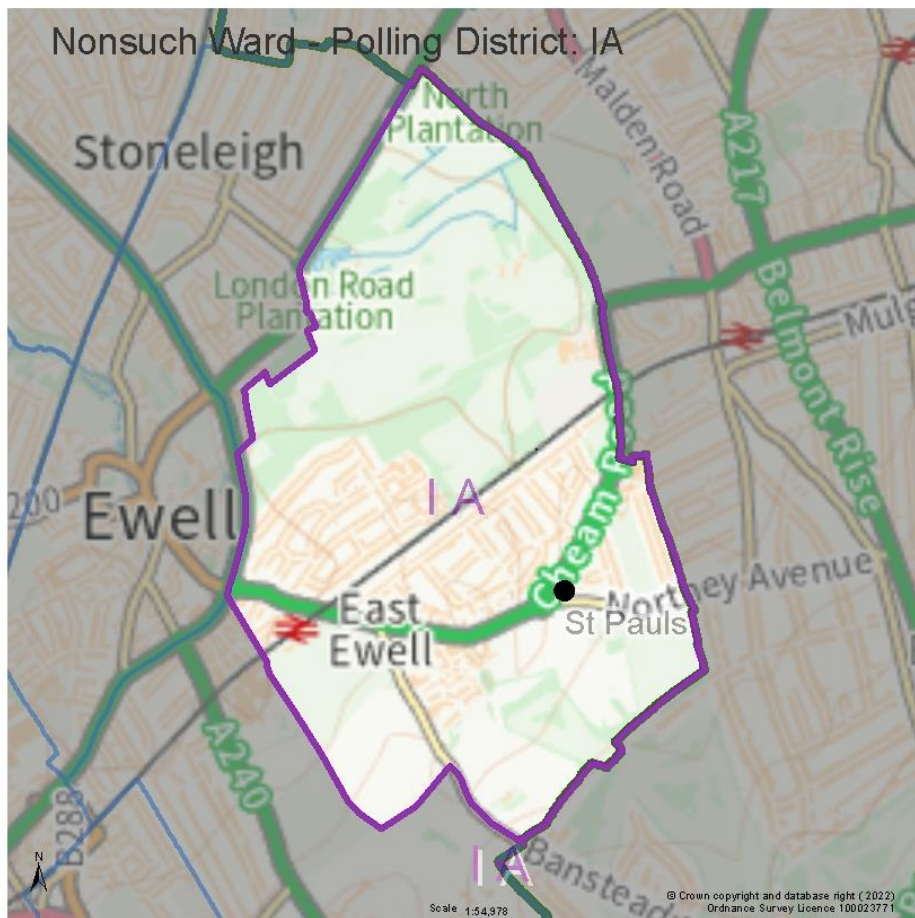
I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Nonsuch Ward

Number of Polling Districts: Two
 Number of Polling Places: Two
 Electorate in Ward: **5218**
 Postal Voters **951**

Polling District	I(A)
Electorate in District	3444
Postal Voters	609
Polling Place	St Paul's Church Centre, 15 Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HS
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	14
Proposal	No change
Comments	Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue

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Nonsuch Ward IA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

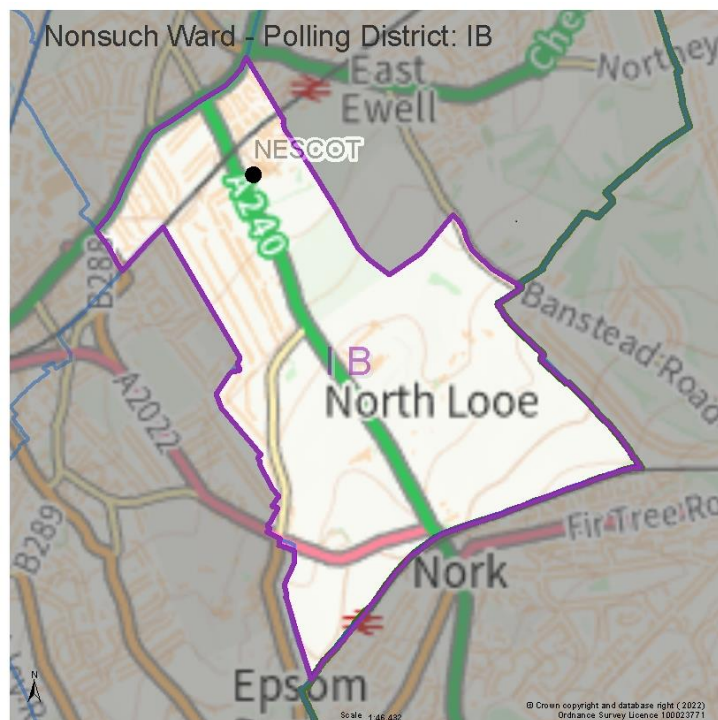
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Nonsuch Ward (cont)

Polling District	I(B)
Electorate in District	1774
Postal Voters	342
Polling Place	NESCOT College, Reigate Road, Ewell KT17 3DS
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 Adrian Mann Theatre was used for those elections but in 2023 the theatre was not available so instead a temporary portable unit was used in the main car park.</p>

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Nonsuch Ward IB (cont)**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

In 2023 neither the theatre nor other suitable accommodation was available in the main buildings so to continue to use NESCOL we instead had a temporary polling station unit in the main car park. The unit was able to be placed away from the main buildings and worked well for voters.

Other than Wallace Fields Junior School there are no other suitable 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 continued use of NESCOL to be appropriate and no further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Ewell Village Ward

Number of Polling Districts: One
 Number of Polling Places: One
 Electorate in Ward: **3337**
 Postal Voters **511**

Polling District	J
Electorate in District	3337
Postal Voters	511
Polling Place	Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell KT17 1UF
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	16
Proposal	No changes
Comments	Council-owned premises Premises and location satisfactory Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available (public car park). The polling stations are normally located in the Rose Room.

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Ewell Village Ward J (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

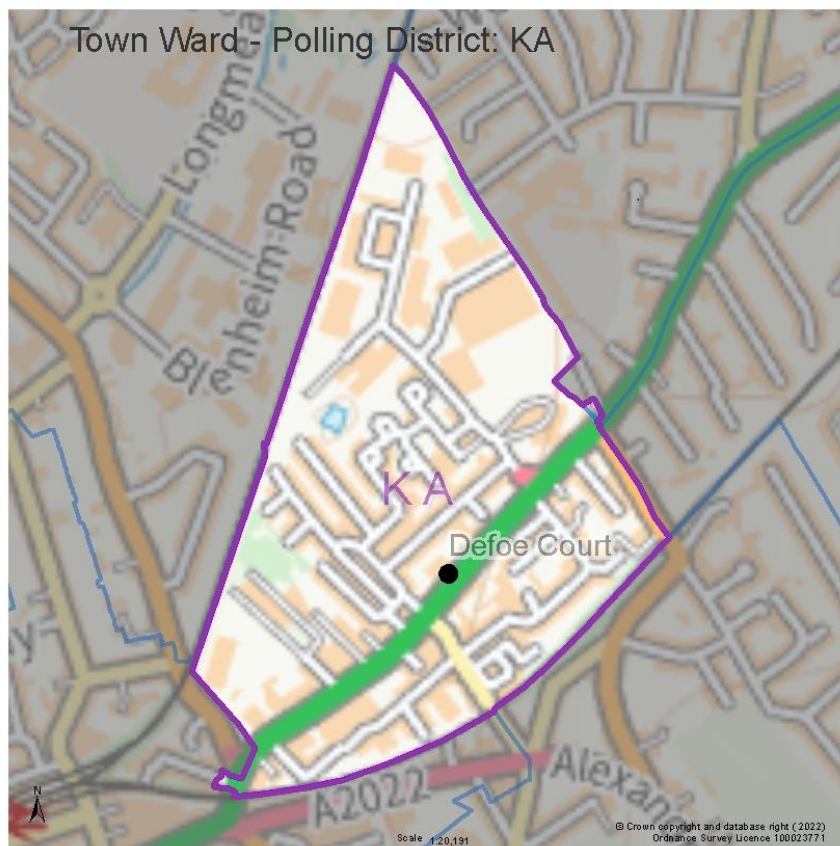
I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Town Ward

Number of Polling Districts Three
 Number of Polling Places Three
 Electorate in Ward **5212**
 Postal Voters **759**

Polling District	K(A)
Electorate	1816
Postal Voters	281
Polling Place	Defoe Court, 87 East Street, Epsom KT17 1AQ
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.

Polling District 2023



Town Ward KA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Town Ward (cont)

Polling District	K(B)
Electorate in District	2285
Postal Voters	323
Polling Place	Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom KT18 5AL
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	18
Proposal	No change
Comments	<p>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.</p> <p>The Polling Station is normally located in the Myers Hall.</p>

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Town Ward KB (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

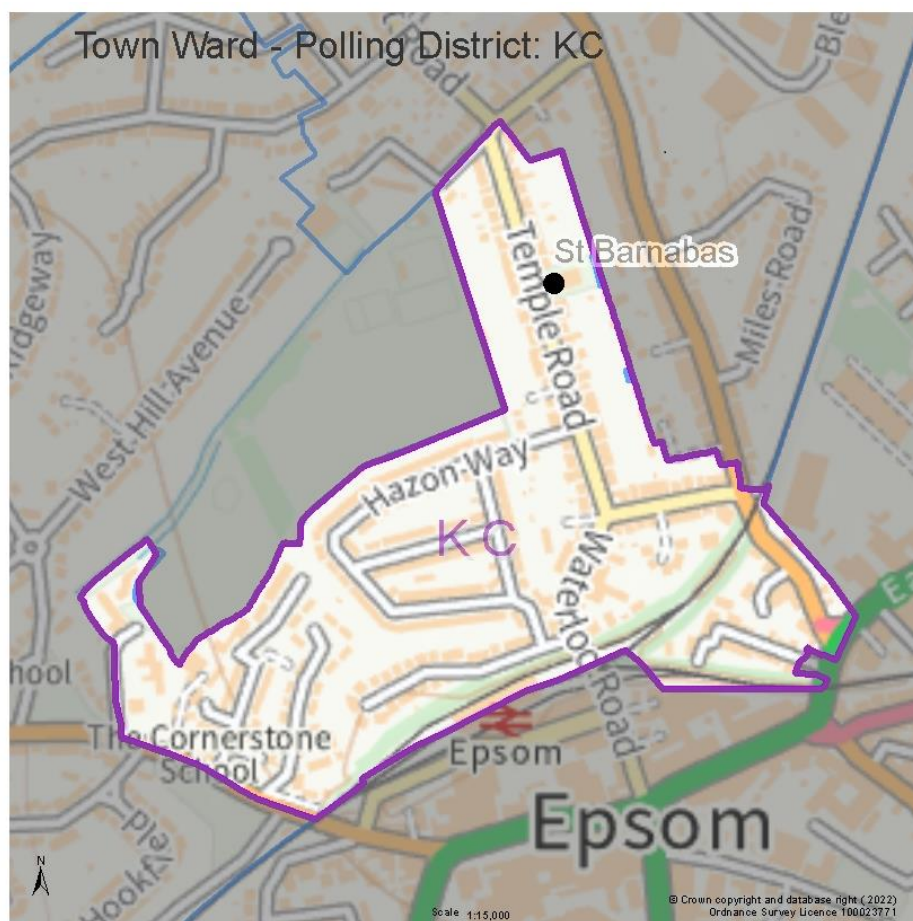
The number of polling stations was reduced down to 1 for the May 2023 elections due to the drop in electorate. The Presiding Officer that was on duty has advised that at a Parliamentary election it may be necessary to increase the number of polling stations back up to 2 as the number of electors was just manageable at the May 2023 elections. The premises does have sufficient space to accommodate this if required.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Town Ward (cont)

Polling District	K(C)
Electorate in District	1111
Postal Voters	155
Polling Place	St Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom KT19 8TU
No. of Stations	1
Map Ref.	19
Proposal	No change to polling place
Comments	Premises and location good Disabled access - good Parking – off-street parking available on site.

Polling District 2023**Acting Returning Officer's Representations**

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

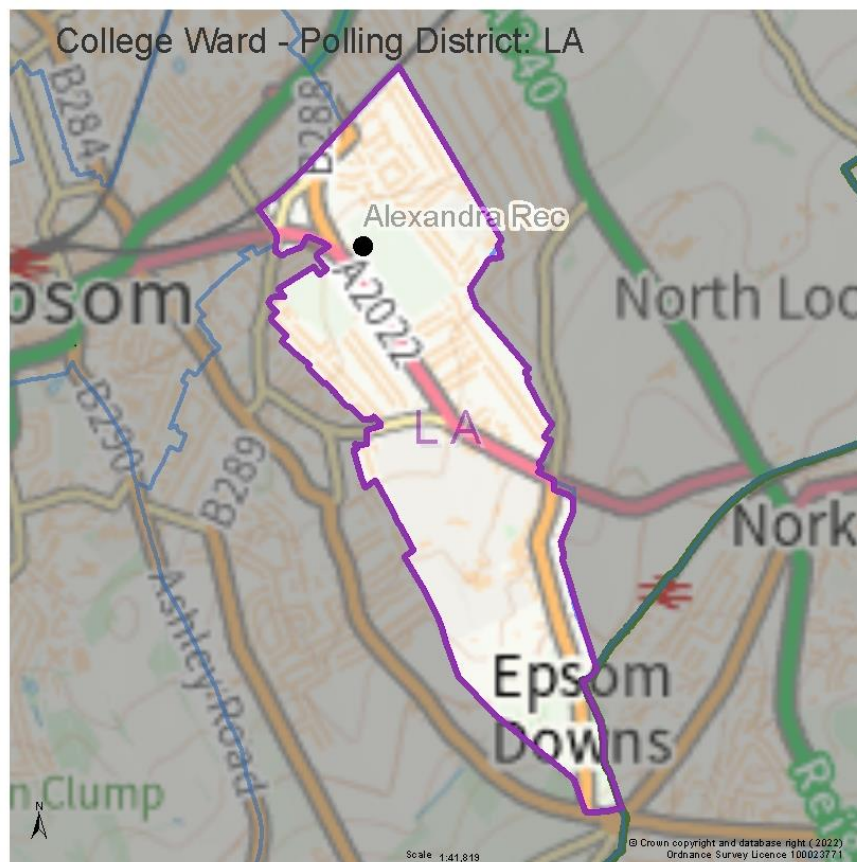
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

College Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Two
Number of Polling Places	Two
Electorate in Ward	5008
Postal Voters	1085

Polling District	L(A)
Electorate in District	2143
Postal Voters	447
Polling Place	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom KT17 4BU
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.

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College Ward LA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

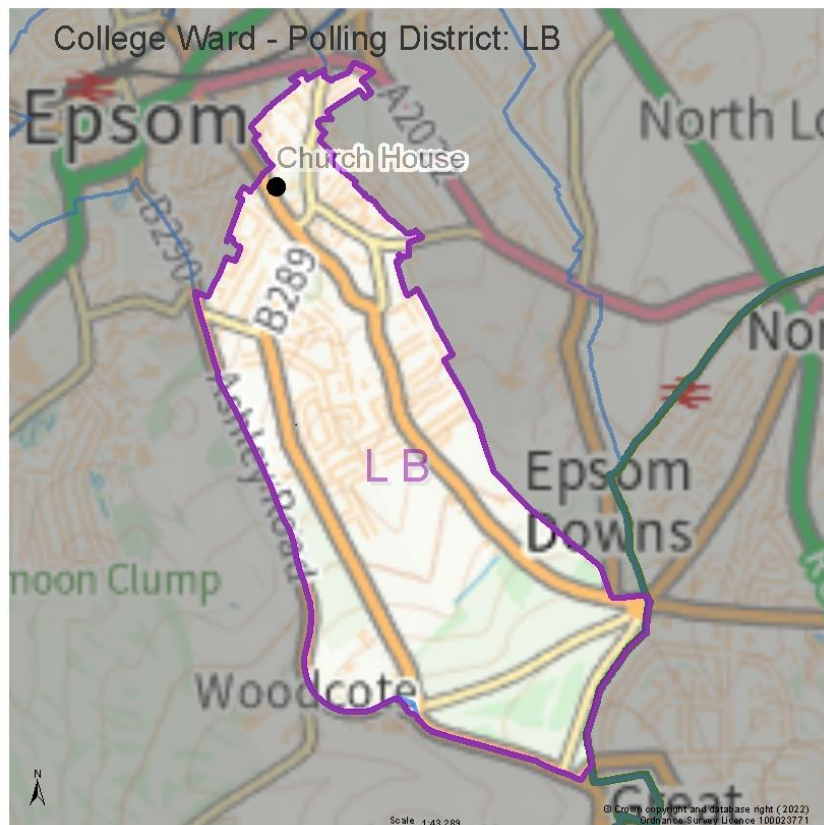
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

College Ward (cont)

Polling District	L(B)
Electorate in District	2865
Postal Voters	638
Polling Place	The Church House, Church Street, Epsom KT17 4PX
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>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 normally located in The Wisley Room.</p>

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College Ward LB (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

This polling station historically has a high turnout of voters. If a double station was required, it may need to be located in the upstairs room. This room has lifts both inside and outside of the building so should be suitable for use at a Parliamentary election.

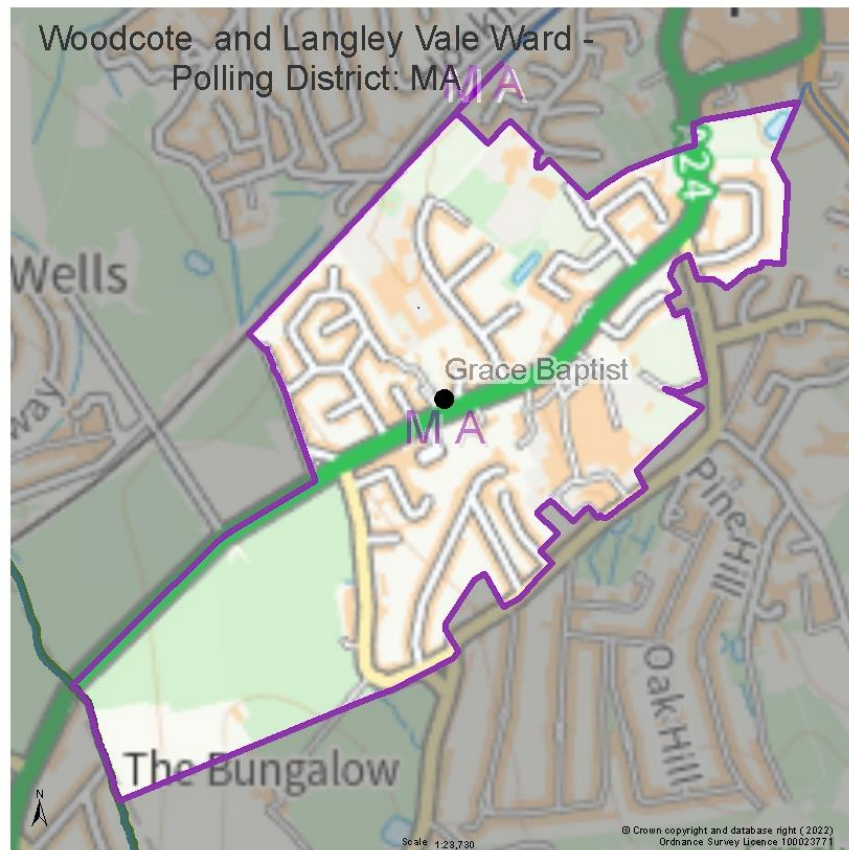
No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Three
Number of Polling Places	Three
Electorate in Ward	4487
Postal Voters	901

Polling District	M(A)
Electorate in District	1539
Postal Voters	317
Polling Place	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom KT18 7NH
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

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Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward MA (cont)

Acting Returning Officer's Representations

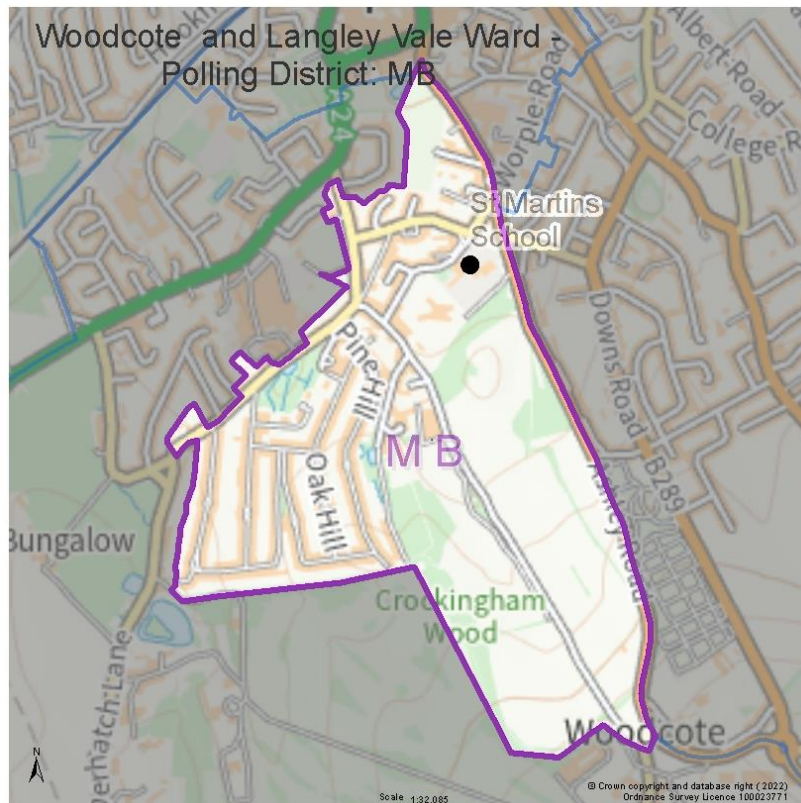
No adverse feedback has been received post the May 2023 elections.

No further changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward (cont)

Polling District	M(B)
Electorate in District	1647
Postal Voters	377
Polling Place	St. Martins C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom KT18 7AD
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 them the option of setting an INSET day. 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**

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.

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 (the Music 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 that review the accommodation has been used for polling without the rest of the school having to close. Ramps are provided to accommodate for the slight lip into the classroom and for the curb from the car park.

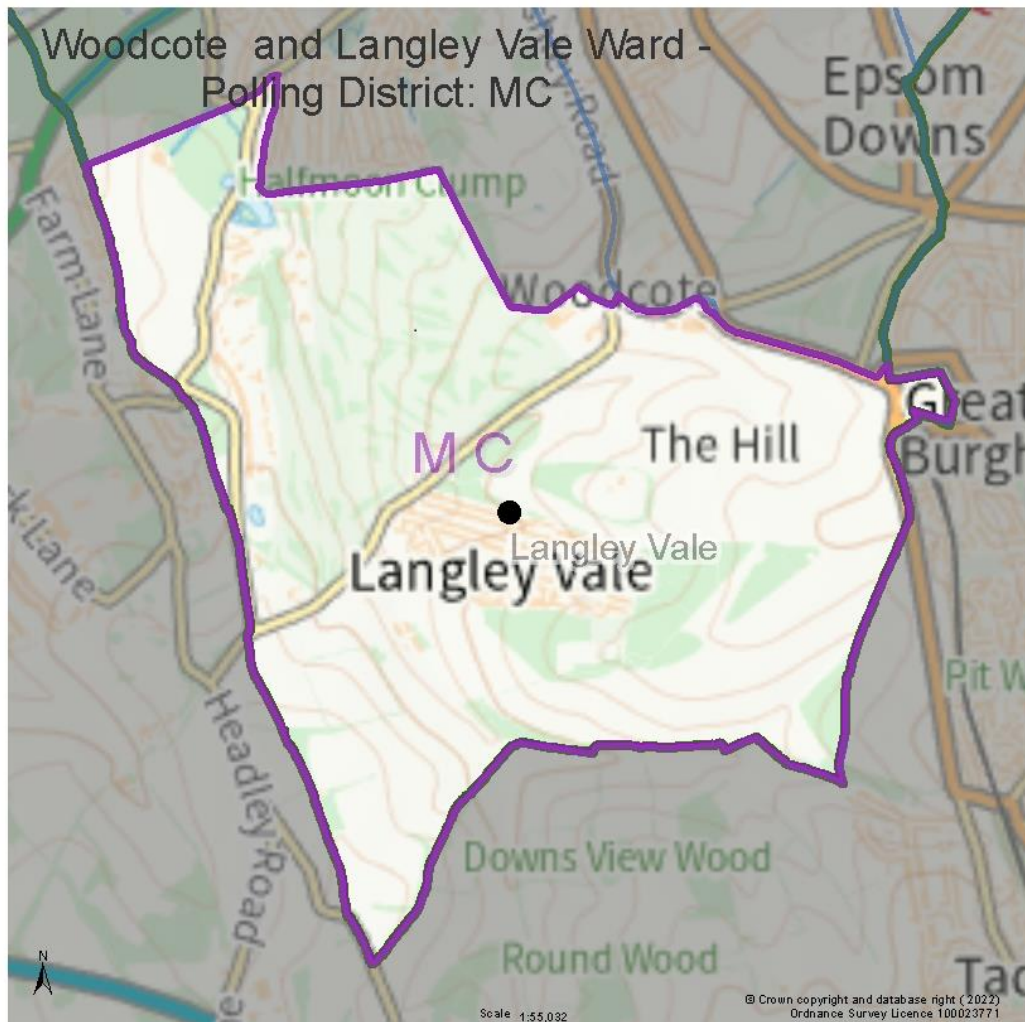
With the use of this classroom block, polling day has been successful with the school able to remain open for all elections. The access to the polling station for vehicles is via Ashley Road only and a message to voters is now included on all poll cards so they are aware.

Following the elections in May 2023 the school asked that the Children Centre be used instead of the usual location (Music Block). A site visit will be undertaken to further investigate the suitability of this building i.e., disabled access/parking etc. before the end of the consultation process.

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

Woodcote and Langley Vale Ward (cont)

Polling District	M(C)
Electorate in District	1301
Postal Voters	207
Polling Place	Langley Vale Village Hall, Rosebery Road, Epsom KT18 6AF
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 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 2023 elections.

No changes are proposed to the polling district at this time

I consider the polling district and polling place appropriate.

Horton Ward

Number of Polling Districts	Two
Number of Polling Places	One
Electorate in Ward	3291
Postal Voters	658

Polling District	N(1) & N(2)
Electorate in District	3291
Postal Voters	658
Polling Place	The Horton Arts Centre, Haven Way, Epsom KT19 8NP
No. of Stations	2
Map Ref.	25
Proposal	No change
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

The use of the Horton Arts Centre in May 2023 worked well, and we hope to continue to use it as a polling place for all future elections.

The reason the polling district is split into 2 is due to the ward currently being in 2 different County Council electoral divisions. This will be revisited after the ongoing County Council boundary review is finished.

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