



Report to Council

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LEADER

*Councillor Stephen
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**SECOND STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING
DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2011**

Wards

ALL

CONTRIBUTORS

EDFCG
ADLDS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Council is asked to :

1. To confirm the existing polling district boundaries with no changes.
2. To confirm the polling places as used at the 2011 Referendum with no changes , except
3. To approve three new polling places, namely:
 - a. Fulham Broadway Methodist Church for PGC polling district
 - b. Shepherds Bush Library for SBC polling district
 - c. Langford School for SEC polling district

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide the borough into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. It also has to keep these arrangements under review.
- 1.2 Section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 introduced a number of changes to the 1983 Act in respect of the way reviews must be undertaken.
- 1.3 The most important change required the Council to conduct a full review by 31 December 2007, and then every four years.
- 1.4 Most polling districts and polling places were established with the new wards which came into force at the 2002 council election.
- 1.5 The first statutory review in Hammersmith & Fulham was carried out during 2007. The second statutory review is required by 31 December 2011.

2. THE REVIEW AND CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Returning Officer has reported on existing polling arrangements and proposed changes, and this provided the basis for consultation during September 2011.
- 2.2 In general, the 2001 and 2007 reviews were very thorough and the Returning Officer has proposed to minimise any changes before the 2012 GLA elections.
- 2.3 However, the future disposal of the Council's interest in several buildings affects existing polling stations at former Cambridge School (HBB polling district), Irish Centre (HBC), Greswell Centre (PRB), Fulham Town Hall (PGC), Sands End Community Centre (SEC), and Shepherds Bush Village Hall (SBC).
- 2.4 Where possible, the Returning Officer will continue to use these buildings in 2012, and carry out a further review when future uses are clearer.
- 2.5 In Hammersmith Broadway and Palace Riverside wards, the Returning Officer proposed to keep arrangements unchanged for 2012. He recognised that changes may be required in the future and invited comments.
- 2.6 The Returning Officer proposed three changes of polling stations, namely;
 - 2.6.1 Parsons Green & Walham ward – PGC polling district.
To use Fulham Broadway Methodist Church, 452 Fulham Road in place of Fulham Town Hall.
 - 2.6.2 Sands End ward – SEC polling district
To use Langford School, Gilstead Road in place of Sands End Community Centre.

- 2.6.3 Shepherds Bush Green ward – SBC polling district
To use Shepherds Bush Library, Wood Lane in place of Shepherds Bush Village Hall, Bulwer Street.
- 2.7 Details of the review were sent to local elected representatives and political parties, and to 641 community contacts, including people identified as having particular expertise in relation to access for electors with different forms of disability. All documents were published on the Council's website.
- 2.8 Comments regarding Hammersmith Broadway ward were received from Hammersmith United Charities, who offered their new hall at Sycamore House, Sycamore Gardens (available from early 2012), and Ms Rosemary Pettit who favoured the use of Godolphin & Latymer School. These possibilities will be further investigated after the 2012 elections, and when the future use of the Cambridge School/ West London Free School site and the Irish Centre are clearer.
- 2.9 Peterborough Road and Area Residents' Association supported the move from Fulham Town Hall to Fulham Broadway Methodist Church. However, they did not feel that Langford School was a suitable replacement for Sands End Community Centre, but they did not suggest an alternative.
- 2.10 No other comments were received, either in favour or against the proposals.

3. ACCESS FOR VOTERS

- 3.1 The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- 3.2 Legislation, concerning the conduct of polling district and polling places reviews, requires that the consultation must seek comments from people who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.
- 3.3 No comments have been received from such groups. However, it should be noted that considerable work has been undertaken in the borough over the years to ensure that all polling places that are accessible, if necessary by using temporary ramps.
- 3.4 Information on the accessibility of polling stations will continue to be highlighted in Voter Guides and on poll cards.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Changes to polling stations will be immediate.
- 4.2 As required by the 2006 Act, all comments received during the consultation and other notes have been published on the Council's website.

5. COMMENTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

5.1 As the overall number of polling places remains unaltered, the proposals should be cost neutral in terms of premises hire charges, fees for polling staff and ancillary services.

6. COMMENTS OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR (LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES)

6.1. The legislative requirements of this review are outlined elsewhere in the report.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

No.	Description of Background Papers	Name/Ext. of Holder of File/Copy	Department/ Location
1.	Representation of the People Act 1983. Electoral Administration Act 2006. The Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006	Steve Miller Electoral Services Manager X 2175	FCS Electoral Services Room 28, Hammersmith Town Hall
2.	Review of polling district and polling places – background information and the Returning Officer’s proposals.	Steve Miller Electoral Services Manager X 2175	FCS Electoral Services Room 28, Hammersmith Town Hall
3.	Electoral arrangements review file and working papers	Steve Miller Electoral Services Manager X 2175	FCS Electoral Services Room 28, Hammersmith Town Hall

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Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2011

Electorates as at 1 September 2011 (total number of electors – all franchises)

Addison (AD)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ADA	1789	Lena Gardens Primary School, Lena Gardens	Yes
ADB	2117	Charecroft Community Hall, Rockley Road	Yes
ADC	2197	Addison Primary School, Addison Gardens	Yes, ramped
ADD	2135	St Mary's RC Primary School, Masbro Road	Yes

Askew (AS)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ASA	2743	Wendell Park School, Cobbold Road	Yes
ASB	2859	Askew Road Library, 97/91 Askew Road	Yes
ASC	3629	Greenside Primary School, Westville Road	Yes

Avonmore and Brook Green (AB)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
ABA	1736	Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Brook Green	Yes
ABB	1007	Springvale Tenants Hall, Blythe Road	Yes
ABC	2934	St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road	Yes, ramped
ABD	2539	Avonmore Primary School, Avonmore Road	Yes

College Park and Old Oak (CP)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
CPA	828	College Park Community Centre, Rigeley Road	Yes
CPC	2437	Old Oak Community Centre, 76 Braybrook Street	Yes
CPD	1254	Pioneer Way Community Centre, Du Cane Road	Yes, ramped
CPE	712	Bentworth Primary School, Bentworth Road	Yes
CPF	279	Wood Lane Community Centre, 78 White City Close	Yes

Fulham Broadway (FB)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
FBA	2293	Clem Attlee Community Centre, Len Freeman Place	Yes
FBB	2876	Fulham Primary School, Halford Road	Yes
FBC	2512	St John's Church, Walham Green	Yes

Fulham Reach (FR)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
FRA	1805	Melcombe Primary School, Colwith Road	Yes, ramped
FRB	2328	Matthews Hall, Margravine Road	Yes
FRC	1957	Bishop Creighton House, 378 Lillie Road	Yes
FRD	1812	Twynholm Baptist Church, Fulham Cross	Yes

Hammersmith Broadway (HB)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
HBA	2625	Brackenbury Primary School, Brackenbury Road	Yes
HBB	1758	Cambridge School, Cambridge Grove	Yes, ramped
HBC	1260	Irish Centre, Blacks Road	Yes
HBD	2387	St Paul's CE Primary School, Worldidge Street	Yes

Munster (MU)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
MUA	1445	Fulham Cross School, Strode Road	Yes
MUB	1983	Childerley Centre, Childerley Street	Yes
MUC	2286	St Peter's Church, St Peters Terrace	Yes
MUD	1881	St Johns's School, Filmer Road	Yes

North End (NE)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
NEA	3423	Bhavan Centre, Challoner Street	Yes
NEB	1200	Gibbs Green School, Mund Street	Yes
NEC	3092	St Andrew's Church, Star Road	Yes

Parsons Green and Walham (PG)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
PGA	1084	New Kings School, New Kings Road	Yes
PGB	2657	Lady Margaret School, Parsons Green	Yes
PGC	2342	Fulham Town Hall, Fulham Broadway	Yes
PGD	1398	Manor Court, Bagleys Lane	Yes

Palace Riverside (PR)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
PRA	2027	Queen's Manor Primary School, Lysia Street	Yes
PRB	2057	Greswell Centre, Greswell Street	Yes
PRC	1415	Temporary polling station, Fulham High Street	Yes, ramped

Ravenscourt Park (RP)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
RPA	2579	John Betts House, Rylett Road	Yes
RPC	2248	Holy Innocents Church Hall, Paddenswick Road	Yes
RPD	2112	St Peter's CE Primary School, St Peters Road	Yes
RPE	598	Corinthian Sailing Club, 60 Upper Mall	Yes, via rear door ramped

Sands End (SE)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
SEA	1272	Parsons Green Club, Broomhouse Lane	Yes
SEB	3083	St Matthew' Church Hall, Wandsworth Bridge Road	Yes
SEC	2279	Sands End Community Centre, 59/61 Broughton Road	Yes
SED	2039	Wharf Rooms, Imperial Road	Yes

Shepherds Bush Green (SB)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
SBA	2819	Church of God, 1A Loftus Road	Yes
SBB	2700	Miles Coverdale Primary School, Coverdale Road	Yes
SBC	1676	Village Hall, 58 Bulwer Street	Yes
SBD	1114	Edward Woods Community Centre, 60-70 Norland Road	Yes

Town (TW)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
TWA	2455	New Kings School, New Kings Road	Yes
TWB	3241	Fulham Library, Fulham Road	Yes
TWC	1890	Lancaster Court Residents Hall, Darlan Road	Yes

Wormholt and White City (WW)

Existing arrangements			
Polling district	Electors	Polling Place	Disabled access
WWA	2511	Wormholt Park Primary School, Bryony Road	Yes
WWB	3119	Fatima Community Centre, Commonwealth Avenue	Yes
WWC	2883	St Luke's Church, Uxbridge Road	Yes