

# Electoral Services



## Review of polling districts and polling places 2014

Background information and  
the Returning Officer's proposals

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## **Review of polling districts and polling places in Hammersmith & Fulham**

### **The reason for a review**

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the Council has a duty to divide the borough into polling districts for the purpose of parliamentary elections and to designate a polling place for each district.

In doing so, the authority must seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances and have regard to the needs of electors who are disabled.

In order to satisfy the requirements of section 18C of the RPA 1983 (as amended by section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013), the authority is required to complete a full statutory review of all polling districts and polling places within 16 months from 1 October 2013. The Review does not cover Constituency or Ward Boundaries.

The last statutory review in Hammersmith & Fulham was carried out during 2011. Since then no polling district has been altered, although some polling places have been changed or temporarily moved when building works have affected the usual designated place.

The arrangements made for parliamentary elections are also used at other elections.

### **How the review is conducted**

In general terms, the Council announces that a review is to take place. The Council consults the Returning Officer, who makes representations on existing and proposed polling arrangements. The Council publishes the Returning Officer's proposals and invites comments. These are considered before final decisions are made.

Only a full Council meeting can decide polling district boundaries; the designation of polling places can be done by the Cabinet or the responsible Cabinet member (the Leader).

The consultation must actively seek comments from people who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

Any elector may make representations. Although not specifically required in law, the consultation will include local political parties and elected representatives.

## The role of The Electoral Commission

The Commission has no role in the review process itself. However, it can consider comments if people do not think the review has met the reasonable requirements of electors or taken sufficient account of the needs of disabled electors.

The following people can “appeal” to The Commission:

- 30 or more registered electors
- any person who made comments during the review
- any non-elector who has expertise in access to premises or facilities for disabled people.

As a result, The Commission may direct the Council to alter polling arrangements arising from the review, and can make these alterations itself if the Council does not do so within two months.

## Timetable for this review

Notice of start of review	14 July 2014
Comments from consultation by	15 August 2014
Publication of Returning Officer’s proposals	2 September 2014
Further comments from consultation by	1 October 2014
Report to Council meeting	22 October 2014
Arrangements come into force when the next revised Voters List is published	1 December 2014

## Making comments

The Returning Officer propose to keep the existing polling arrangements for the majority of the borough.

However, the Returning Officer received several submissions requesting changes to polling places or district boundaries.

These have been considered as part of this review, and as a result the Returning Officer is now proposing to make changes to some district boundaries and polling stations. Comments are therefore sought in relation to these proposals.

Comments do not have to be restricted to alternative proposals; comments that support the Returning Officer’s proposals are welcome in order to receive a balance of opinions.

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Comments should be made by 1 October 2014

Throughout the review, all working papers, minutes of meetings, and correspondence will be available for public inspection at the Electoral Services Office. **All items will be published when the review has been completed.**

## **The Returning Officer's proposals**

It is intended to keep changes to a minimum, and only suggest alternatives where absolutely necessary. After the Local Elections in May 2014 all presiding officers were contacted and their comments plus any concerns mentioned in polling station logbooks were considered throughout this review.

### **Guidelines**

The following considerations have been taken into account when drawing up the proposals. Comments made during the consultation should keep these in mind. The first two are required by electoral law; the others are taken from the 2001 review and are guidelines, not strict rules.

- 1) The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- 2) The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.
- 3) Ideally the polling place should be in its own polling district.
- 4) Ideally there should be 2000-2500 electors per polling district.
- 5) No polling place should be shared by two wards.
- 6) Where possible "natural" boundaries should be used, e.g. railways, major roads, waterways.
- 7) All properties in a minor road or estate should be in the same polling district.
- 8) Polling places should be "logical"; that is, electors should not have to pass another polling place to get to their own place.

### **The tables**

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

- The polling district
- The number of electors as at 1 July 2014
- The number of postal votes as at 1 July 2014
- The polling place
- Disabled access, including where this is achieved by use of a temporary ramp

A set of wards maps follows the tables. Where appropriate, more detailed mapping is included to show proposed changes.

## Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2014

Electorates as at 1 July 2014 (total number of electors – all franchises)

### Addison (AD)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
ADA	1893	297	Lena Gardens Primary School, Lena Gardens	Yes
ADB	2270	354	Charecroft Community Hall, Rockley Road	Yes
ADC	2224	364	Addison Primary School, Addison Gardens	Yes, ramped
ADD	2177	357	St Mary's RC Primary School, Masbro Road	Yes

### Returning officer's proposal

**No change**

### Askew (AS)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
ASA	3027	341	Wendell Park School, Cobbold Road	Yes
ASB	3076	280	Askew Road Library, 97/91 Askew Road	Yes
ASC	3906	352	Greenside Primary School, Westville Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

At nearly 4000 electors, ASC is the largest polling district in the borough. However, the station is able to accommodate 3 issuing tables. To avoid unnecessary confusion for electors at the General Election, no change is proposed at this time, although this district and its boundaries will be kept under review, and proposals for future arrangements in this ward sought, with a view to reducing the size of ASC.

**No change**

## Avonmore and Brook Green (AB)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
ABA	1817	278	Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Brook Green	Yes
ABB	1037	109	Springvale Tenants Hall, Blythe Road	Yes
ABC	3108	439	St Mary's Church Hall, Edith Road	Yes, ramped
ABD	2646	330	Avonmore Primary School, Avonmore Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**No change**

## College Park and Old Oak (CP)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
CPA	850	81	Kenmont Primary School, Valliere Road	Yes
CPC	2602	218	Old Oak Community Centre, 76 Braybrook Street	Yes
CPD	1778	176	Brickfields Hall, Shinfield Street, W12	Yes, ramped
CPE	736	74	Bentworth Primary School, Bentworth Road	Yes
CPF	299	26	Wood Lane Community Centre, 78 White City Close	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**CPD** was reviewed in January 2014

**CPF** - A proposal for CPF to share a polling station with WWB could not be considered as the guidelines state that no polling place should be shared by two wards.

**The Returning Officer proposes to make no changes to the arrangements in this ward.**

## Fulham Broadway (FB)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
FBA	2417	450	Clem Attlee Community Centre, Len Freeman Place	Yes
FBB	2950	417	Fulham Primary School, Halford Road	Yes
FBC	2696	412	St John's Church, Walham Green	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**FBA** – Submissions were received requesting the polling station be moved to St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall on Rylston Road or to the Sir John Lillie Primary School were received.

The Returning Officer considers the St Thomas of Canterbury Church Hall building unsuitable for use as a polling station. It lacks toilet facilities, and the entrance is frequently obscured or blocked by vehicles and members of the public using the church itself for weddings/funerals or other services.

The Returning Officer prefers not to use schools as polling stations if avoidable, and therefore does not propose to use the Sir John Lillie Primary School.

**The Returning Officer proposes that no change be made to the arrangements in this ward. More signage will be provided to assist electors from outside the Clem Attlee estate in locating the polling station in the Community Centre.**

## Fulham Reach (FR)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
FRA	1908	206	Melcombe Primary School, Colwith Road	Yes, ramped
FRB	2553	357	Matthews Hall, Margravine Road	Yes
FRC	2087	258	Bishop Creighton House, 378 Lillie Road	Yes
FRD	1906	297	Twynholm Baptist Church, Fulham Cross	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**FRA** - A proposal was submitted to move Beryl Road and St Dunstons Road to FRB as the new development by Frank Banfield Park will increase the size of this polling district. Properties in Fulham Palace Road (101 – 127) would also move to FRB. This makes the boundaries of the polling district more logical, and follows the Electoral Commission's guidelines in using "natural" boundaries be used, the boundary in this case being set by the Fulham Palace Road.

**The Returning Officer proposes to move Beryl Road and St Dunstons Road and the Fulham Palace Road (east) currently in FRA to FRB.**

**FRB** - A proposal was submitted to move Spencer Mews and Tasso Road to FRD. The properties in Greyhound Road (100A – Greyhound Mansions) would also move. This proposal also suggested the use of William Morris Sixth Form College as a polling station to replace Matthews Hall.

The Returning Officer tries not to use schools as polling stations to avoid disruption of pupils' education, and in the case of senior schools, disruption to important examinations. For this reason, the Returning Officer has not accepted the proposal to move the polling station to the William Morris Sixth Form College.

**The Returning Officer proposes to move Spencer Mews and Tasso Road, and Greyhound Road (part) to FRD polling district. The polling station to remain at Matthews Hall.**

**FRC** - The proposal to move the polling station from Bishop Creighton House to Melcombe Primary School was not considered as the guidelines state that the polling place should be in its own polling district.

**No change**

**FRD** - A proposal was submitted to move the polling station from Twynholm Baptist Church to Tasso Baptist Church, numerous attempts have been made to contact the church office but unfortunately have so far been unsuccessful. The second proposal to use St Augustine's RC Primary School was not considered as the council avoid the use of schools as polling places if at all possible.

**The Returning Officer proposes Spencer Mews, Tasso Road, and Greyhound Road (part) be moved into this district. No change to the polling station at this time.**

**Number of polling districts :**

An alternative solution to move Fulham Reach polling district boundaries to make a three polling district ward was considered but rejected as overly disruptive for electors prior to a General Election. This suggestion would also breach the Electoral Commissions guidelines that there should be 2000 – 2500 electors per polling district.



## Hammersmith Broadway (HB)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
HBA	2704	377	Brackenbury Primary School, Brackenbury Road	Yes
HBB	1798	240	West London Free School, Cambridge Grove	Yes, ramped
HBC	1584	180	Macbeth Centre, Macbeth Street, W6	Yes
HBD	2568	296	St Paul's CE Primary School, Worlidge Street	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

HBC was reviewed in January 2014. A proposal to use rooms at the Lyric Theatre (HBC) in Lyric Square will be considered once major renovation work has been completed in 2015 (unlikely to be completed before May 2015).

A proposal to use an area within Hammersmith Tube station was considered he Hammersmith Broadway Shopping centre management have informed Electoral Services that there are no rooms available for hire of a suitable size or location within the building.

A proposal to use the Sacred Heart High School (HBC) was considered unsuitable as the use of schools as the Returning Officer prefers to avoid the use of schools as polling stations if possible, and alternative suitable buildings are currently available.

**The Returning Officer proposes that no changes are made to arrangements in this ward.**

## Munster (MU)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
MUA	1621	185	Fulham Cross School, Strode Road	Yes
MUB	2062	245	Childerley Centre, Childerley Street	Yes
MUC	2480	261	St Peter's Church, St Peters Terrace	Yes
MUD	1944	216	St John's School, Filmer Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**No change**

## North End (NE)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
NEA	3609	425	Bhavan Centre, Challoner Street	Yes
NEB	1256	200	West Kensington Estate Tenants Hall, Lillie Road	Yes
NEC	3376	490	St Andrew's Church, Star Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**No change**

## Parsons Green and Walham (PG)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
PGA	1118	139	New Kings School, New Kings Road	Yes
PGB	2758	516	Holy Cross School, Basuto Road, W6	Yes
PGC	2445	299	Fulham Broadway Methodist Church, Fulham Road	Yes
PGD	1504	214	Manor Court, Bagleys Lane	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

PGB was reviewed in January 2014

**No change**

## Palace Riverside (PR)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
PRA	2042	268	Queen's Manor Primary School, Lysia Street	Yes
PRB	2143	343	Greswell Centre, Greswell Street	Yes
PRC	1403	407	Temporary polling station, Fulham High Street	Yes, ramped

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**No change**

## Ravenscourt Park (RP)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
RPA	2580	519	John Betts House, Rylett Road	Yes
RPC	2250	379	Holy Innocents Church Hall, Paddenswick Road	Yes
RPD	2145	326	St Peter's CE Primary School, St Peters Road	Yes
RPE	639	90	Corinthian Sailing Club, 60 Upper Mall	Yes, via rear door ramped

### Returning officer's p comments and proposals

**No change**

## Sands End (SE)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
SEA	1300	206	Temporary Station, Daisy Lane/Peterbrough Road	Yes
SEB	3209	408	St Matthew' Church Hall, Wandsworth Bridge Road	Yes
SEC	2363	308	Langford Primary School, Gilstead Road	Yes
SED	2303	405	Wharf Rooms, Imperial Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**SEA** – Parsons Green Club have been granted permission for a temporary clubhouse and this will be available for May 2015.

**The Returning officer proposes to return to the Parsons Green Club, Broomhouse Lane, subject to the temporary buildings being confirmed suitable for use.**

**SEB** - This district is considerably larger than the other polling districts in this ward. Additionally, there are multiple new housing units due to be built in this district.

A proposal was submitted to reduce the size of SEB (see above) by moving Althea Street, Hamble Street, the eastern side of De Morgan Road and part of Stephendale Road to SEC.

**The Returning Officer proposes to reduce the size of SEB by moving Althea Street, Hamble Street, the eastern side of De Morgan Road and Stephendale Road (part) to SEC. The new boundary to from De Morgan Road in a straight line to the River Thames but kept under review as new housing and other developments are planned and built.**

**SEC** – A proposal was submitted to increase SEC (as above) and move the polling station from Langford Primary School to Townmead Youth Centre, Townmead Road.

Assuming the Returning Officer’s proposals to change the district boundaries are accepted, the Youth Centre would provide a more central location for the voters in the new district than Langford Primary School. It would also avoid the disruption to pupil’s education that the use of a school as a polling station entails.

The Youth Centre has reasonable facilities for a polling station, and disabled access is available, although subject to further assessment hand rails may need to be fitted to the stairwell and ramp to the entrance.

**The Returning Officer proposes to change the location of the polling station to the Townmead Youth Centre on Townmead Road, subject to polling district changes being accepted.**

**SED** - A proposal to use an area outside Imperial Wharf as a polling station was considered but the owners of the land already allow the free use of the Wharf Rooms and were reluctant to allow the use of a temporary cabin on this site. Temporary cabins are very expensive to hire and disabled accessed can be difficult, so the Returning Officer prefers not to use them if viable premises are otherwise available.

However to address the issue of voters not easily locating the polling station, the poll card map will be revised to give more clarity, and more signage will be made available on the day. Electoral Services will approach the management of Orient House, Imperial Wharf station and the owners of the road in which the station is located to ask that extra signage be displayed on their premises to assist electors in locating this station.

**The Returning Officer proposes to make no changes to the polling arrangements in this polling district, but more signage and revision of poll card maps to provide more assistance to voters in locating the station.**

### **Shepherds Bush Green (SB)**

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
SBA	2899	272	Church of God, 1A Loftus Road	Yes
SBB	2759	300	Miles Coverdale Primary School, Coverdale Road	Yes
SBC	1777	145	Village Hall, 58 Bulwer Street	Yes
SBD	1125	144	Edward Woods Community Centre, 60-70 Norland Road	Yes

### **Returning officer’s comments and proposals**

A proposal to merge SBC and SBD could not be considered as the guidelines state that the polling place should be in its own polling district. A proposal to have a polling station at Shepherds Bush Station could not be considered as a suitable area could not be found.

**No change**

## Town (TW)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
TWA	2515	302	New Kings School, New Kings Road	Yes
TWB	3449	451	Fulham Library, Fulham Road	Yes
TWC	2045	231	Lancaster Court Residents Hall, Darlan Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

**No change**

## Wormholt and White City (WW)

Existing arrangements				
Polling district	Electors	Postal Voters	Polling Place	Disabled access
WWA	2723	292	Wormholt Park Primary School, Bryony Road	Yes
WWB	3277	343	White City Community Centre, India Way, W12	Yes
WWC	2915	304	St Luke's Church, Uxbridge Road	Yes

### Returning officer's comments and proposals

WWB was reviewed in January 2014

**No change**

# Summary of Returning Officers proposals

## No changes proposed in the following wards:

Addison  
 Askew  
 Avonmore & Brook Green  
 College Park & Old Oak  
 Fulham Broadway (but see comments and table below)  
 Hammersmith Broadway (but see comments and table below)  
 Munster  
 North End  
 Parsons Green & Walham  
 Palace Riverside  
 Ravenscourt Park  
 Shepherds Bush Green  
 Town  
 Wormholt & White City

No.	Ward	Polling Districts affected	Proposal
1	Fulham Reach	FRA/FRB	Beryl Road, St Dunstons Road and Fulham palace Road ( 101 – 127) move to FRB
2	Fulham Reach	FRB/FRD	Spencer Mews and Tasso Road and part of Greyhound Road ( number 100 up to the Greyhound Mansions) move to FRD.
3	Fulham Broadway	FBA	Improve signage in surrounding area
4	Hammersmith Broadway	HBC	To consider the Lyric Theatre as a Polling Station after May 2015
5	Sands End	SEA	To use the temporary Parson's Green Club clubhouse in May 2015
6	Sands End	SEB	Polling place to be Townmead Youth Centre, Townmead Road
7	Sands End	SEB/SEC	Extend boundary south of Stephendale Road to include Althea Street, Hamble Street and the eastern side of De Morgan Road from SEB
8	Sands End	SED	Improve signage in surrounding area and produce new polling station map

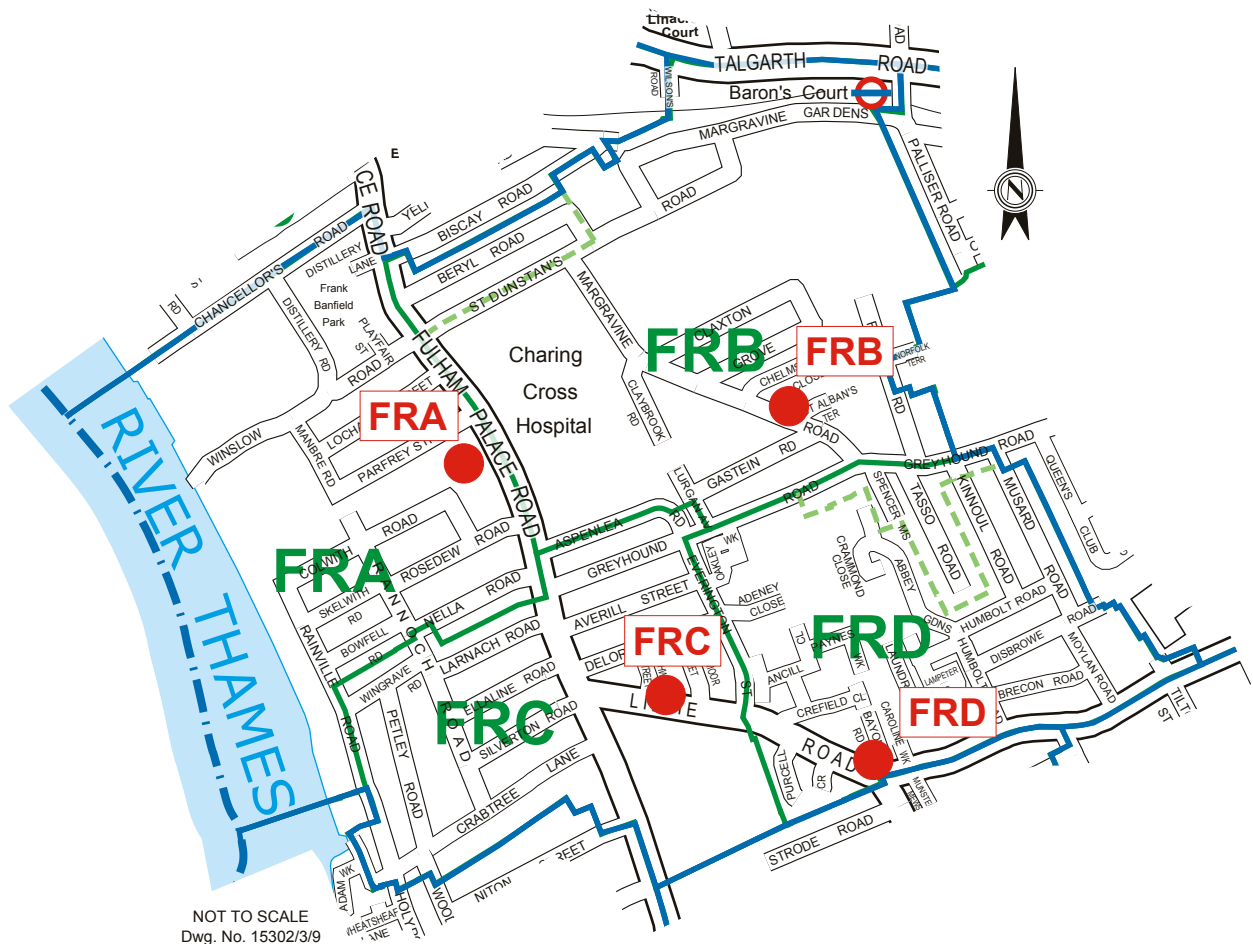
## Fulham Reach (FR)

New arrangements					
Polling district	Electors 2014	Proposed Electors 2015	Polling Place	Disabled access	Notes
FRA	1908	1551	Melcombe Primary School, Colwith Road	Yes, ramped	New buildings 2015 (approx.) will increase size
FRB	2553	2262	Matthews Hall, Margravine Road	Yes	
FRC	2087	2087	Bishop Creighton House, 378 Lillie Road	Yes	
FRD	1906	2209	Twynholm Baptist Church, Fulham Cross	Yes	

## Sands End (SE)




New arrangements					
Polling district	Electors 2014	Proposed Electors 2015	Polling Place	Disabled access	Notes
SEA	1300	1300	Parsons Green Temporary Club House	Yes	Keep under review
SEB	3209	2693	St Matthew's Church Hall, Wandsworth Bridge Road	Yes	
SEC	2363	2886	Townmead Youth Centre	Yes	
SED	2303	2303	Wharf Rooms, Imperial Road	Yes	

# FULHAM REACH WARD PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



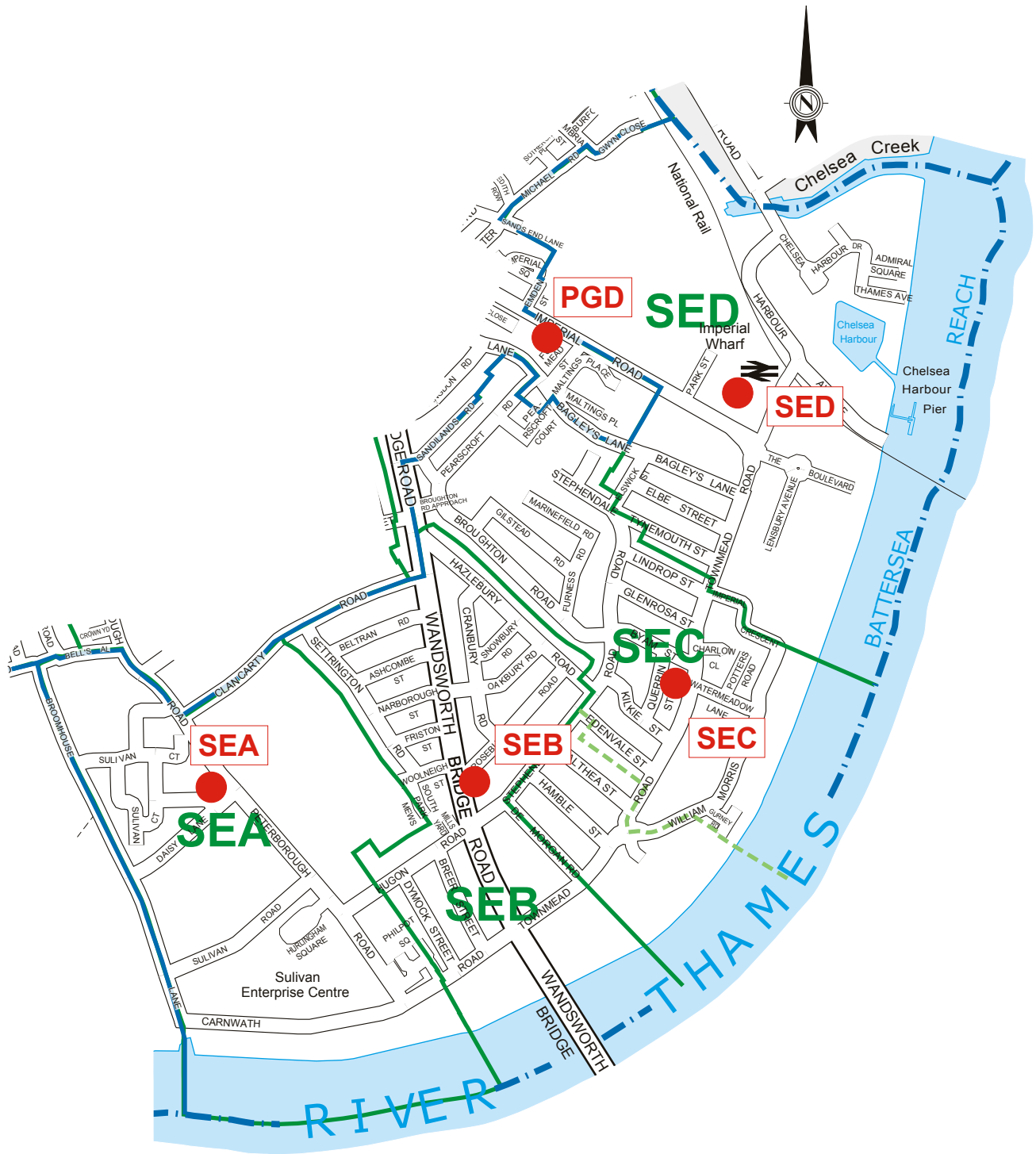
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# SANDS END WARD PROPOSED POLLING DISTRICT BOUNDARIES



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