

RECOMMENDATIONS REPORT

INTRODUCTION

Local Authorities must comply with a number of legislative requirements regarding the location and accessibility of Polling Districts and Polling Places. The mandatory review process comprises a number of specified steps set out in Schedule A1 to the Representation of the People Act 1983, which include a public consultation.

This review of polling places and polling districts began in October 2018. An initial recommendations report was published for consultation on Monday 5 November on our website and also made available in libraries. In addition, an event was held at the Council House on Friday 7 December to bring the review to the attention of members of the Plymouth Area Disability Action Network (PADAN). The consultation phase of the Polling District and Polling Station Review ended on Friday 14 December 2018.

The review considered representations from local residents and stakeholders in the city, including any issues regarding access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities. In addition, the review also took into account the impact of the next four years' worth of planned residential developments on existing electoral arrangements.

During the 6 weeks consultation period, the polling district consultation page on our website was the object of 477 unique visits from members of the public. In total, 50 residents provided extended comments on our recommendations online, by email, phone or face to face. All comments were published on our website.

It is the Returning Officer's role to select the polling stations. It will be Full Council which will make decisions on any proposed changes to polling districts or polling places. The final scheme for polling arrangements will be adopted by the Chief Executive in accordance with the Council's constitution.

The polling districts, polling places and polling stations finally decided on will be used for the May 2020 local and Police and Crime Commissioner elections.

Scope of the review

Plymouth is divided into 116 polling districts each associated with one of 113 polling stations (three of those polling stations are double). Polling districts, geographic subdivisions of each ward, as well as polling stations for each of those districts are within the scope of this review. The review is considering the continued suitability of the existing arrangements and, when necessary, will make proposals for:

- The creation or removal of districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the boundaries between districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the referencing of those districts,
- "Change" or "no change" to the polling stations within those districts.

Not in scope

City ward boundaries and parliamentary constituency boundaries are not in scope of this review. The legislation requires that ward boundaries are reviewed by the Boundary Commission, not by Local Authorities themselves. We do not have a mandate to suggest alterations to the boundaries between the wards.

The review will not be able to consider comments regarding local authority boundaries, neighbouring parliamentary constituencies, the names of local authorities or other electoral areas within or bordering Plymouth City.

Glossary of terms

Polling District - A polling district is a geographical sub-division of an electoral area.

Polling Place - A polling place is the area in which the Returning Officer selects the polling station. In Plymouth, polling places represent the same area as the polling district to allow a greater degree of flexibility in deciding where a polling station should be located.

Polling Station - The polling station is the room or building where the poll takes place.

Accessing information

The report presents information for each ward of the city. These are presented in alphabetical order and are listed in a contents table on page 3.

In order to illustrate those recommendations for each ward, maps of the existing arrangements as well as maps of our proposed arrangements are available on our polling station page:

<https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/votingandelections/pollingdistrictreview2018>

In the polling district information tables provided for each ward, the word “Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district, as of August 2018.

In the polling station information tables provided for each ward, the expression “Polling Station Electorate” refers to the total number of registered voters in the district who have opted to attend a polling station to vote, as of August 2018. This figure excludes electors from the district who may have opted to vote by other means. This figure informs us of the maximum number of electors who may attend the polling station on polling day.

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BUDSHEAD WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
EA	Mobile Unit at Canterbury Drive	1,415	No change
EB	St. Peters RC Primary School	1,447	No change
EC	Bethany Evangelical Church	1,066	No change
ED	Salvation Army Community Hall	1,410	No change
EE	Mobile Unit at Kirkwall Road	739	No change
EF	Manadon Masonic Hall	854	No change
EG	Derriford United Reformed Church Hall	2,690	Changes of district boundaries

Existing Polling Stations

Polling Station	Polling district	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
Mobile Unit at Canterbury Drive	EA	1,143	Yes ³	No change
St. Peters RC Primary School	EB	1,204	Yes - ramped	No change
Bethany Evangelical Church	EC	881	Yes	No change
Salvation Army Community Hall	ED	1,117	Yes	No change
Mobile Unit at Kirkwall Road	EE	554	Yes ³	Replacement
Manadon Masonic Hall	EF	684	Yes	No change
Derriford United Reformed Church Hall	EG	2,153	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

³ Although mobile polling stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

Recommendations

District EC and ED – Alterations to district boundaries

In order to facilitate access to a polling station for most residents, a small alteration to the boundaries between district EC and ED is suggested.

The residents of the south eastern side of Taunton Avenue, in the portion of the road between Woodfield Primary School and the junction with Lancaster Gardens would now vote at Bethany Evangelical Church in district EC.

One comment was received in support of this change.

The review recommends that this change of district boundaries is implemented.

Mobile Unit at Canterbury Drive in district EA – No change

Although mobile polling stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area. This review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, this must be balanced against the necessity to provide accessible and convenient polling stations that meet the specific needs of each ward. This mobile polling station serves a substantial number of electors in a part of the ward where no alternatives could be identified. No suitable alternatives were put forward during the consultation.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Mobile Unit at Kirkwall Road in district EE - Replacement of polling station

The review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, this must be balanced against the necessity to provide accessible and convenient polling stations that meet the specific needs of each ward.

An alternative polling station has been identified at the Crownhill Community Centre. The Centre is within the polling district, 0.6 miles away from the current polling station. The centre is located on the north east side of Budshead Road. Electors from the south side of Budshead Road would have to cross this main road to access this proposed polling station. The Centre is accessible by public transport and by car, and offers excellent facilities, including disabled car parking spaces and ramped access to the polling room.

One comment was received in relation to this proposal. One resident suggested using the 1st Crownhill Scouts Headquarters on Dayton Close. The site was visited and the location would be suitable as a replacement. However, the Crownhill Community Centre offers excellent facilities,

including excellent access for disabled residents. The centre is deemed more visible and accessible than the Scouts' headquarters.

The review therefore recommends a change of polling station to the Crownhill Community Centre.

District EG – Alterations to district boundaries

Two members of the public asked the council to review the possibility of splitting district EG into two smaller districts alongside Looseleigh Lane, suggesting that EG be split back to what it was in 2005.

One resident commented that the size of the district should warrant a review of its boundaries. The polling station for EG is a long distance to travel for electors who reside south of Looseleigh Lane. The polling station is at the top of a very long hill which makes it hard to access for residents with reduced mobility.

A suitable polling station for the south of the district was not suggested by the residents during the consultation. None could not be identified during the review. The review will not recommend the creation of a new mobile polling unit.

Due to the large number of the electorate, we recommend the creation of two smaller polling districts, EG and EH. Due to the lack of available locations in the south of the district, the polling station for both districts will remain at Derriford United Reformed Church Hall.

The review therefore recommends that this change of district boundaries is implemented.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
EA	Mobile Unit at Canterbury Drive	At junction with Budshead Road, PL5 4HH	1,415	1,143
EB	St. Peters RC Primary School	Brentford Avenue, PL5 4HD	1,447	1,204
EC	Bethany Evangelical Church	Budshead Road, PL5 4DT	1,078	891
ED	Salvation Army Community Hall	Whitleigh Court, PL5 4AA	1,397	1,106
EE	Crownhill Family Centre	Crownhill Fort Road, PL6 5BX	739	554
EF	Manadon Masonic Hall	Tavistock Road, PL6 5EL	854	684
EG	Derriford United Reformed Church Hall	Powisland Drive, PL6 6AB	1,390	1,153
EH	Derriford United Reformed Church Hall	Powisland Drive, PL6 6AB	1,300	1,000

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

COMPTON WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
LA	Mobile Unit at Kneele Gardens	817	No change
LB	Compton C of E Primary School	1,699	No change
LC	Compton Methodist Church Hall	2,765	No change
LD	Emmanuel Parish Hall	1,907	No change
LE	Mutley Baptist Church - Main Hall	2,071	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
LA	Mobile Unit at Kneele Gardens	700	Yes ³	No change
LB	Compton C of E Primary School	1,327	Yes	No change
LC	Compton Methodist Church Hall	2,270	Yes	No change
LD	Emmanuel Parish Hall	1,514	Yes	No change
LE	Mutley Baptist Church - Main Hall	1,779	Yes	No change

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Recommendations

No changes of polling districts are proposed in this ward.

Mobile Unit at Kneele Gardens in district LA – No change.

Residents around Kneele Gardens currently have access to a mobile polling station. For reasons stated above, this review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, this must be balanced against the necessity to provide accessible and convenient polling stations that meet the specific needs of each district. On this occasion, an alternative polling station could not be identified, this report therefore does not recommend changes.

One comment was received from a member of the public about the location of the mobile polling station in the centre of the green not being suitable. According to the resident, this requires the crossing of a busy road and for mobility impaired residents is a real obstruction to voting.

Alternative locations were investigated in the district. The Golden Hind pub was dismissed on account of not offering a segregated function room that could be reserved for polling.

The position of the mobile unit on the green will be reviewed to ensure it is as accessible as possible given the circumstances.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Compton C. of E. Primary School in district LB – No change

Two members of the public expressed an objection to Compton CofE Primary school being used as a polling station. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was approached as a potential alternative, but this has not resulted in a successful outcome. No alternative polling station was put forward during the consultation, and none other were identified during the review.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

DEVONPORT WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
AA	Marlborough Primary Academy	1,541	Change of boundaries with district AE
AB	Salvation Army Hall	2,361	No change
AC	Keyham Green Places Centre	2,377	No change
AD	Keyham Methodist Community Centre	1,649	No change
AE	Mount Wise Neighbourhood Centre	3,026	Change of boundaries with district AA

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
AA	Marlborough Primary Academy	1,276	Yes	No change
AB	Salvation Army Hall	1,981	Yes	No change
AC	Keyham Green Places Centre	1,938	Yes	No change
AD	Keyham Methodist Community Centre	1,414	Yes	No change
AE	Mount Wise Neighbourhood Centre	2,428	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations**District AA and AE – Alterations to district boundaries**

In order to lower the number of electors in district AE, and to facilitate access to a polling station for most residents, the following alterations to the district boundaries are suggested.

The boundaries between ward district AA and AE would move southwards to include more residents into ward district AA. The residents of the following streets would now vote at Marlborough Primary Academy in Morice Square in district AA:

- Fore Street,
- Phelps Street,
- Wall Street,
- Mill Street,
- Mildren Way,
- St Aubyn Street and

- Duke Street.

No comments were received on this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

No changes of polling stations are recommended in this ward.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
AA	Marlborough Primary Academy	Morice Square, PL1 4NJ	2,117	1,734
AB	Salvation Army Hall	Balfour Terrace, PL2 1RS	2,361	1,981
AC	Keyham Green Places Centre	Renown Street, PL2 2DT	2,377	1,938
AD	Keyham Methodist Community Centre	Admiralty Street, PL2 2BR	1,649	1,414
AE	Mount Wise Neighbourhood Centre	Clowance Street, PL1 4LQ	2,441	1,954

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DRAKE WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
MA	Creative Courts on Central Park Avenue	1,725	No change
MB	Sherwell Church Hall	1,053	No change
MC	Charles-with-St Matthias Church	1,084	No change
MD	Mount Street Primary School	1,922	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
MA	Creative Courts on Central Park Avenue	1,484	Yes	No change
MB	Sherwell Church Hall	952	Yes	No change
MC	Charles-with-St Matthias Church	955	Currently out of order	No change
MD	Mount Street Primary School	1,719	Yes	No change

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Recommendations**Charles-with-St Matthias Church in district MC – No change**

The last elections brought about some comments regarding the continued suitability of this polling station, as the lift which is intended to improve access to the church to disabled electors is not functional.

One comment was received in relation to this proposal. One member of the public suggested approaching Onward House as an alternative to the Church. Attempts at making contact with Onward House were made by email and by telephone on repeated occasions. No response has been received.

A visit was undertaken at the Church on 20 November 2018 to determine whether any action could be taken to support the church. The existing lift is beyond repair. The church has sought quotes to provide an alternative access solution for residents with reduced mobility, but this requires heavy structural work at a cost beyond what is reasonable for the Council to provide. It is recommended that the polling station remains at the church hall. Residents with impaired mobility who would struggle to get access to the church will be assisted at the door by the polling station staff and a mitigation plan will be implemented to facilitate access.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

EFFORD AND LIPSON WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
PA	Mobile Unit at Kensington Road	1,366	No change
PB	Lipson Vale Primary School	1,369	No change
PC	Laira Green Primary School Children's Centre	1,368	No change
PD	Mobile Unit at the corner of Pike Street and Old Laira Road	1,556	No change
PE	Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	708	No change
PF	Mobile Unit near Humber Close	895	No change
PG	St. Pauls Church Community Hall	2,774	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
PA	Mobile Unit at Kensington Road	1,207	Yes ³	No change
PB	Lipson Vale Primary School	1,147	Yes	No change
PC	Laira Green Primary School Children's Centre	1,170	Yes	No change
PD	Mobile Unit at the corner of Pike Street and Old Laira Road	1,241	Yes ³	No change
PE	Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel	585	Yes	No change
PF	Mobile Unit near Humber Close	717	Yes ³	No change
PG	St. Pauls Church Community Hall	2,279	Yes	No change

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Recommendations**No changes are recommended in this ward.**

This review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. This must be balanced against the necessity to provide accessible and convenient polling stations that meet the specific needs of each ward. The mobile polling stations in this district serve substantial numbers of electors in areas of the ward.

Comments were received from members of the public with regards to the mobile polling stations in this ward.

Mobile unit adjacent to Humber Close (near Deer Park Drive).

One resident reported that this mobile unit was difficult to find, and requested consideration be made to use the nearby Austin Farm School or a vacant shopping unit on Frogmore Avenue.

This neighbourhood is removed from the rest of the ward, due to its location on a hillside near the dual carriage way. The two locations suggested are part of a different ward and would not significantly improve access for electors.

The availability of vacant shops cannot be guaranteed for any length of time, therefore vacant premises on Frogmore Avenue cannot be considered as an alternative polling station.

One of the criteria for the review was also to avoid, whenever possible, using schools as polling stations. Creating a new polling station in a school is not recommended.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Mobile Unit at the corner of Pike Street and Old Laira Road

One resident reported that parking and access were difficult on Pike Road. The resident asked us to consider making use of the nearby St Mary the Virgin church, the old library or the supermarket in Marsh Mills.

A visit was undertaken to the area. The location of St Mary the Virgin Church at the end of a narrow cul-de-sac on a steep hill was deemed unsuitable. The large supermarket on Marsh Mills is a long distance away from the majority of electors in the district. The old library building is currently used privately as a nursery.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Mobile Unit at Kensington Road

One resident informed us that access to this mobile unit was very difficult. The resident asked us to consider using the nearby fire station, or Park Lodge Café in Freedom Fields Park.

The Freedom Park Café is out of ward. Having a polling station out of ward should be avoided unless in exceptional circumstances.

A visit was also carried out to Pure Gym on Alexandra Road. The venue is located on a large road, central to the district, and provides excellent access and car parking facilities. However, the space available within the venue is on a first floor, and no lift is available for disabled residents.

The fire station building at the corner of Longfield Place and Greenbank Road is not deemed a suitable location.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

EGGBUCKLAND WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
HA	Manadon Vale Primary School	1,987	No change
HB	Crownhill Methodist Church	815	No change
HC	Courtlands Special School Academy	1,702	No change
HD	The Village Hall	1,529	No change
HE	Austin Farm Academy - Nursery	2,287	No change
HF	St. Edwards Primary School	1,846	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
HA	Manadon Vale Primary School	1,478	Yes	Change of polling station
HB	Crownhill Methodist Church	652	Yes	No change
HC	Courtlands Special School Academy	1,275	Yes	No change
HD	The Village Hall	1,212	Yes	No change
HE	Austin Farm Academy - Nursery	1,819	Yes	No change
HF	St. Edwards Primary School	1,513	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

No changes of polling districts are proposed in this ward.

Manadon Vale Primary School in district HA

9 comments were received concerning Manadon Vale Primary School. Many residents proposed moving the polling station out of Manadon Vale Primary School due to concerns that the school closure compromises the education of children in the foundation year. The residents expressed concerns as to the safeguarding of children whilst members of the public were allowed to access the site.

Alternative locations suggested by members of the public were investigated. A visit was conducted to the Church of the Ascension Church Hall. The amenities at the hall are excellent, but the Church Hall is located in a part of the district that is difficult to access for residents living in the west of the district.

The Community Hub at Bolitho Park suggested as a replacement to Manadon Vale School, is already being considered as a potential polling station for Honicknowle. The facilities at the Community Hub will be appropriate to accommodate a double polling station.

This review recommends a change of polling station from Manadon Vale Primary School to the Manadon Sports and Community Hub on St Peter's Road.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
HA	Community Hub	Bolitho Park, PL5 3JH	1,987	1,478
HB	Crownhill Methodist Church	Crownhill Road, PL6 5AG	815	652
HC	Courtlands Special School Academy	Widley Lane, PL6 5JS	1,702	1,275
HD	The Village Hall	Miles Mitchell Avenue, PL6 5LY	1,529	1,212
HE	Austin Farm Academy - Nursery	Delamere Rad, PL6 5XQ	2,287	1,819
HF	St. Edwards Primary School	Fort Austin Avenue, PL6 5ST	1,846	1,513

HAM WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district reference	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Proposed changes
BA	St. Philips C of E Church Hall	1,522	No change
BB	Weston Mill Oak Villa Social Club	707	No change
BC	North Prospect Library	2,706	Change of district boundaries
BD	Mobile Unit at Tewkesbury Close ³	561	Merger with BE
BE	Morice Baptist Church	1,703	Merger with BD and change of district boundaries
BF	St. Pancras' Church	3,040	Change of district boundaries

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district reference	Polling Station	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Proposed changes
BA	St. Philip's C of E Church Hall	1,241	Yes	No change
BB	Weston Mill Oak Villa Social Club	552	Yes	No change
BC	North Prospect Library	2,227	Yes	No change
BD	Mobile Unit at Tewkesbury Close	471	Yes ³	Removal
BE	Morice Baptist Church	1,407	Yes	No change
BF	St. Pancras' Church	2,422	Yes	No change

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Recommendations**District BC and BE - Alteration to polling district boundaries**

This review proposes alterations to the western side of this district, between the current district BE and BC.

Residents of the following streets would join district BC and would now attend the North Prospect Library to vote:

- Grassendale Avenue,
- Woodville Close,
- Vixen Way,

- Foliot Road,
- Ash Grove,
- Burrator Gardens and
- Overdale Road.

No comments were received in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District BD and BE – Merger of two districts

District BD is substantially smaller than other districts in the ward. The merger of district BD with district BE is proposed. Morice Baptist Church would become the new polling station for the now larger district. The proposed new district would grow to an estimated size of 1,878 electors.

One comment was received in relation to this proposal. One resident pointed out the difference in size between proposed district BC & BD and the smaller district BB, but acknowledged the difficulty of identifying a suitable polling station in the area.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Mobile Polling Station on Tewkesbury Close – Removal of mobile polling station.

The review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow.

The merger of districts BD and BE would lead to the decommissioning of this mobile polling unit. Residents would now vote at Morice Baptist Church which is located 0.3 miles away from the current polling station. Morice Baptist church is currently used as a polling station and offers good facilities, car parking, and good access.

One comment in support of the proposal was received from a resident.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented and that the mobile polling station on Tweeksbury Close is removed.

District BE and BF - Alteration to polling district boundaries

In order to facilitate access to a polling station for most residents, a small alteration to the boundaries between districts BE and BF is suggested.

The residents of the Conway Gardens would now vote at St Pancras' Church in current district BF.

No comments were received in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

St Phillip's CofE Church in district BA

One resident questioned the arrangements in place for disabled access to St Phillip Church on Bridwell Road in Ham district. Access to the Church is limited due to its location on a steep hill. There is a long flight of steps at the entrance to the church. This is mitigated by an electric stair lift, but the resident expressed concerns at its functionality, especially in poor weather condition. The

resident asked whether an alternative location could be found either at Weston Mill Primary School or at Oak Villa Sports Club. One of the aims of the review was, whenever possible, to avoid using schools in order to minimise disruption to the education of primary school children in the city. It is therefore not recommended to move back to the school. Oak Villa Sports Club is already a polling station for district BB and is out of the boundaries of district BA.

It is recommended that the polling station remains at the church. Residents with impaired mobility who would struggle to get access to the church will be assisted at the door by the polling station staff and a mitigation plan will be implemented to facilitate access.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
BA	St. Philips C of E Church Hall	Bridwell Road, PL5 1AF	1,522	1,241
BB	Weston Mill Oak Villa Social Club	Ferndale Road, PL2 2EL	707	552
BC*	North Prospect Library	North Prospect Road, PL2 2NE	3,243	2,691
BD*	St. Pancras Church	Honicknowle Lane, PL2 3QT	3,095	2,456
BE	Morice Baptist Church	Ham Drive, PL2 2NJ	1,667	1,368

* The creation of double polling stations at those venues is proposed in this district to cater for their large electorate.

HONICKNOWLE WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
DA	West Park Library	1,338	No change
DB	Honicknowle Youth & Community Centre	1,837	Change of boundaries with district DG
DC	Mobile Unit at Chaucer Way	1,343	No change
DD	Mobile Unit at Sedley Way	1,342	No change
DE	Ernesettle Community School	1,208	No change
DF	St. Aidan's Church Hall	2,020	No change
DG	Knowle Primary School	1,180	Change of boundaries with district DB

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled Access	Recommendations
DA	West Park Library	1,132	Yes	Replacement
DB	Honicknowle Youth & Community Centre	1,562	Yes	No change
DC	Mobile Unit at Chaucer Way	1,100	Yes ³	No change
DD	Mobile Unit at Sedley Way	1,131	Yes ³	Replacement
DE	Ernesettle Community School	1,002	Yes	No change
DF	St. Aidan's Church Hall	1,649	Yes - ramped	No change
DG	Knowle Primary School	970	Yes	No change

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Recommendations**Districts DB and DG – Alterations to district boundaries**

In order to even out the electorate between the two districts, and to simplify access to a polling station, it is proposed that residents from the following streets will move from district DB to DG:

- Shaldon Crescent,
- Marldon Close,
- Modbury Close,
- Kenn Close,

- Haytor Close and
- Foxtor Close.

Those residents would now vote at Knowle Primary School instead of the Honicknowle Youth and Community Centre.

One resident expressed his support for the proposed changes.

This review recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Districts DE and DF – Alterations to district boundaries

In order to even out the electorate between the two districts, and to simplify access to a polling station, it is proposed that residents from the following streets will move from district DF to DE:

- Redhill Close,
- Acklington Place,
- Yelverton Close,
- Culdrose Close and
- Perranporth Close.

Those residents would now vote at Ernesettle Community School instead of St Aidan's Church Hall. One resident expressed his support for the proposed changes.

This review recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

West Park Library – Replacement of Polling Station

There is a plan to repurpose the use of West Park Library building in the next few years. As a replacement, this report proposes to move the polling station to St Francis Church on Little Dock Lane in the east of the district. St Francis Church is located 0.4 miles away from the current polling station. Although this proposed polling station is not central to the district, it is very accessible on foot and by public transport.

No comments were received about this proposal.

This review recommends a change of polling station from West Park Library to the St Francis of Assisi Church on Little Dock Lane.

Mobile unit at Chaucer Way in district DC

This review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, in this instance, no suitable alternatives were identified in the area. The review therefore does not recommend a change unless suitable alternative polling arrangements are put forward during the consultation.

One comment was received in relation to this proposal. One resident expressed concerns as to the accessibility of this mobile polling station. The resident suggested considering replacing this mobile unit by a polling station at Shakespeare School or in the supermarket on transit way.

One of the criteria for the review was also to avoid, whenever possible, using schools as polling stations. Creating a new polling station in a school is not recommended. A visit took place to the supermarket but no suitable location was identified.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Mobile unit at Sedley Way in district DD

This review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, in this instance, no suitable alternatives were identified in the district.

In extreme circumstances, polling stations can be situated outside a polling district. The lack of a suitable accessible location in this district constitutes such a circumstance. An alternative location has been put forward on the boundary between this ward and Eggbuckland ward. The Manadon Sport and Community Hub, on the site of the former Ministry of Defence pitches on St Peter's Road is very close to the current mobile polling station. It is very accessible and visible to residents in this district. The Hub is in its final phase on construction and scheduled to be complete March 2019. Its suitability as a polling station will be investigated further after construction.

One resident expressed his support for the proposed changes. A visit to the site was undertaken and construction plans indicate the site will provide excellent facilities for a polling station in 2020.

This review recommends a change of polling station from the mobile unit at Sedley Way to the Manadon Sports and Community Hub on St Peter's Road.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
DA	St Francis of Assisi Church	Little Dock Lane, PL5 2LP	1,338	1,132
DB	Honicknowle Youth & Community Centre	Honicknowle Green, PL5 3PX	1,471	1,246
DC	Mobile Unit at Chaucer Way	Entrance to Masefield Gardens, PL5 3EF	1,343	1,100
DD	Manadon Sports and Community Hub	St Peters Road, PL5 3FD	1,342	1,131
DE	Ernesettle Community School	Biggin Hill, PL5 2RB	1442	1,179
DF	St. Aidan's Church Hall	Ernesettle Green, PL5 2SS	1,783	1,467
DG	Knowle Primary School	Ringmore Way, PL5 3QG	1,542	1,276

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

MOOR VIEW WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
GA	Leigham Community Hall	2,233	No change
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	1,206	No change
GC	Elm Community Centre	2,061	Creation of a new district
GD	Thornbury Primary School	2,573	Creation of a new district
GE	St. Anne's Church Hall - Glenholt	1,823	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
GA	Leigham Community Hall	1,857	Yes	No change
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	978	Yes	No change
GC	Elm Community Centre	1,641	Yes	No change
GD	Thornbury Primary School	2,083	Yes	No change
GE	St. Anne's Church Hall - Glenholt	1,412	Yes	No change
GF	A new Polling Station is to be commissioned in the proposed new district			

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations

The number of electors in the ward is large. In district GD and GC the number of electors is slightly higher than the recommended 2,000 electors by district. The number of electors in the district could grow beyond this limit in the next five years as the ward is anticipated to welcome 1000 new electors by 2020 due to developments.

The creation of a new District GF is proposed in the western side of the ward. This new district would reduce the size of district GD and GC.

The proposed boundary for this new district would follow a near vertical line across the ward. It would run along Runway Road to the north, down to its junction with Plymbridge lane, then along Derriford Road, down Blunts Lane all the way down to its junction with Forder Valley Road.

Residents in the south west of this new boundary would join the new district GF. This new district would comprise Derriford Hospital and the Plymouth Science Park.

In the north of the ward, residents of the following streets would join the new district GF:

- Runway Road
- Radar Road,
- Albacore Drive,
- Lysander Lane,
- Canberra Road,

- Piper Street,
- Brymon Way,
- Airborne Drive and
- the South East of Plymbridge Lane.

Residents of the new Palmerston Heights and Bircham Combe estates, south of William Prance Road would join the new district GF. This includes:

- Buttercup Road,
- Bluebell Street,
- Sandpiper Road,
- Cornflower Walk,
- Pintail Way and
- Jackdaw Road.

Residents in the north east of the new boundary would continue to be part of district GD and vote at Thornbury Primary School. All estates to the east of Blunts Lane, and adjacent to Miller Way would remain in Ward District GD.

Residents in the south east of the new boundary would continue to be part of district GC and vote at the Elm Community Centre.

One comment was received in relation to this proposal. The resident was appreciative of the need to create a new district in this ward, but expressed his concerns as to the availability of suitable polling stations.

A number of organisations were approached in response to this comment. The medical centres the coroner's office and the army base were dismissed as unsuitable due to the nature of their sectors. The office of DELT Shared Services were visited and deemed unsuitable for holding the election, as were the facilities at Adrenalin Leisure centre due to limited accessibility.

The Future Inn hotel provides excellent facilities to host a polling station, which include a large car park and wide accessible conference rooms.

This review recommends the creation of a new district GF and the creation of a new polling station at the Future Inn hotel on William Prance Road.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
GA	Leigham Community Hall	Thurlestone Walk, PL6 8QG	2,233	1,857
GB	Mainstone Sports & Social Club	Pattinson Drive, PL6 8RU	1,206	978
GC	Elm Community Centre	Leypark Walk, PL6 8UE	1,846	1,447
GD	Thornbury Primary School	Miller Way, PL6 8UL	2,142	1,732

GE	St. Anne's Church Hall - Glenholt	Glenholt Road, PL6 7JA	1,823	1,412
GF	Future Inn Hotel	William Prance Road, PL6 5ZD	637*	530*
*The electorate numbers in this district will increase with the new developments at Palmerston Heights and Bircham Combe.				

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

PEVERELL WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling stations	Electorate¹	Recommendations
KA	St. Gabriel The Archangel Church	2,675	Alterations to district boundaries
KB	St. Edward's Church Hall	2,021	Alterations to district boundaries
KC	Montpelier Primary School	2,378	Alterations to district boundaries
KD	Pennycross Methodist Church Hall	2,193	Alterations to district boundaries
KE	Trinity United Reformed Church Hall	1,157	Alterations to district boundaries

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling stations	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
KA	St. Gabriel The Archangel Church	2,191	Yes	No change
KB	St. Edward's Church Hall	1,674	Yes – temporary ramp	No change
KC	Montpelier Primary School	1,850	Yes	Replacement
KD	Pennycross Methodist Church Hall	1,855	Yes	Replacement
KE	Trinity United Reformed Church Hall	931	Yes – temporary ramp	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations**District KA and KB – changes to district boundaries**

The boundary between district KA and KB would move northwards to include more residents into district KB. Residents of the following streets would move to district KB and vote at St Edward's Church on Home Park Avenue:

- Elim Terrace,
- Hawkers Lane,
- Trelorin Gardens and
- Verden Close.

Residents of the whole of Weston Park Road would remain in district KB. Residents of Wesley Avenue and Wesley Cottages would remain in district KA and vote at St Gabriel the Archangel on Peverell Terrace.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District KB and KD – changes to district boundaries

The boundary between district KD and KB would move northwards to include more residents into district KB. Residents of Bickham Park Road and Burleigh Park Road would move to district KB and vote at St Edwards' Church Hall. Residents of Torr View Avenue, Pounds Park Road and St Martin's Avenue would remain in district KD and vote at Holy Family Church on Beacon Park Road.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District KB and KE – changes to district boundaries

The boundary between district KE and KB would move northward to include more residents into district KB. Residents of Pine Gardens would now join district KB and vote at St Edward's Church on Home Park Avenue.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District KC and KD – changes to district boundaries

In order to ensure the new polling stations are central to the districts, the following alterations to the district boundaries are suggested.

The boundaries between ward district KC and KD would move southwards to include more residents into ward district KD. Residents of the following streets would move to district KD and vote at Holy Family Church on Beacon Park Road:

- Beaconfield Road,
- Elmcroft,
- Birchfield Avenue,
- Oakcroft Road,
- Fircroft Road,
- Cedarcroft Road,
- Beehcroft Road,
- St Boniface Drive,
- Beacon Park Rd (No. 186 to No. 200),
- Belair Villas,
- St Boniface Close and
- Vaughan Close.

Residents of Montpelier Road, Elphinstone Road and all road adjacent to these would remain in district KD and vote at Holy Family Church on Beacon Park Road.

Residents of Northdown Road, Parker Road, Lyndhurst Road, and all roads south of these would remain in district KC and vote at St Bartholomew on Outland Road.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District KD and KE – changes to district boundaries

The boundary between district KD and KE would move northwards to include more residents into districts KE. The new boundary would now run along the west side of West Park Road. Residents of Limetree Road and Chestnut Road would now join district KE and vote at the Trinity United Reformed Church on Torr Lane.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Montpelier Primary School in district KC - Replacement of polling station

The last elections brought about comments regarding the continued suitability of this polling station due to the limited size of the polling room and the impact of the poll on the running of the school.

This report proposes to move the polling station to St Bartholomew on Outland Road in the south of the district. St Bartholomew is located 0.5 miles away from the current polling station. Although this proposed polling station is not central to the district, it is very accessible by car, on foot and by public transport. The venue provides good facilities and a car park.

Two comments were received from members of the public in relation with this proposal.

One resident expressed the view that Montpelier Primary School should be retained as a polling station for district KD in Peverell Ward as it is a good location for the many elderly residents in the vicinity who may struggle with mobility.

Another resident expressed some concerns that the elections turnout in district KD may be affected by moving the polling station to the border of the ward, which increases the travelling distance for some residents. The distance between the two polling station being less than 0.5 miles, this is likely to have a minimal effect on voter turnout. The change of polling station will benefit another group of residents in the south of the district.

The changes of district boundaries between district KC and KD also minimise the impact on residents. Most residents north of Montpelier primary school will change district and vote at the Holy Family Catholic Church, which is only 0.2 miles away from the school.

This review recommends a change of polling station from Montpelier Primary School to St Bartholomew Church on Outland Road.

Pennycross Methodist Church Hall in district KD - Replacement of polling station

The 2018 elections brought about a comment about the poor accessibility of this polling station, due to its location in a narrow cul-de-sac, and the shortage of amenities for elections staff.

This reports proposes to move the polling station to Holy Family Roman Catholic Church on Beacon Park Road in the north of the district. Holy Family Church is located 0.2 miles away from the current polling station on a main road. Although this proposed polling station is out of the current district boundaries, it is provides ramped access throughout and offers good facilities. A redrawing of the district boundaries will be necessary to ensure this station is central to the new district.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review recommends a change of polling station from Pennycross Methodist to Holy Family Roman Catholic Church on Beacon Park Road.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
KA	St. Gabriel The Archangel Church	Peverell Terrace, PL3 4JJ	2,515	2,058
KB	St. Edward's Church Hall	Home Park Avenue, PL3 4PG	2,370	1,942
KC	St Bartholomew Church	Outland Road, PL2 3BZ	1,688	1,291
KD	Holy Family Catholic Church	Beacon Park Road, PL2 3JR	2,507	2,100
KE	Trinity United Reformed Church Hall	Torr Lane, PL3 5NY	1,313	1,065

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

PLYMPTON CHADDLEWOOD WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
QA	Chaddlewood Primary School	874	Merger with district QB or redrawing of boundaries
QB	Glen Park Primary School	2,727	Merger with district QA or redrawing of boundaries
QC	Chaddlewood Farm Community Centre	2,472	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
QA	Chaddlewood Primary School	715	Yes	Removal or No change
QB	Glen Park Primary School	2,168	Yes	No change
QC	Chaddlewood Farm Community Centre	2,091	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations

Two options have been identified with regards to district QA and QB.

Option 1 – Redrawing of the boundaries between district QA and QB

The number of polling station electors in district QB is currently 2,168, which is higher than the recommended number of electors by district. It is adjacent to district QA which is smaller than the recommended size of electorate per district.

A change of district boundaries between district QA and QB is proposed in order to balance the electorate across both wards. Both existing polling stations would be retained.

The new boundary between district QA and QB would move eastwards and run along Hillcrest Drive.

Residents of the following streets would move to district QA and vote at Chaddlewood Primary School:

- Hillcrest Close,
- Kenmare Drive,
- Chelmer Close,
- Beauy Close,
- Deveron Close,
- Wensum Close,
- Wain Park,

- Grange Road,
- Manor Park Road and
- Chaddlewood Close.

No comments were received on this proposal during the consultation.

Option 2 - Merger of districts QA and QB

The merger of district QA and QB and the relocation of the polling station to Glen Park Primary school are proposed. Although the resulting district would become very large, the merger has the benefit of reducing the number of schools being used as polling stations. However, this new district would be larger than the maximum number of electors recommended by the electoral commission.

No alternative to the primary schools were identified during the consultation and the review.

Three comments were received by members of the public in relation to this proposal. One resident supported the proposal to merge district QA and QB in Plympton Chaddlewood, thus decommissioning one of the schools. One resident supported the proposal to merge districts QA & QB of Plympton Chaddlewood and the use of Glen Park Primary as a polling station central to the new district.

One of the ward councillors suggested using the Chaddlewood Farm Community Centre only as a polling station for all districts of Plympton Chaddlewood, thus freeing both schools. This proposal is not viable in light of the size of the ward.

This review attempted, whenever possible, to limit the impact of elections on schools. On this occasion it was found that the need to comply with Electoral Commission guidance on size of the electoral should take precedence over this objective. Two polling stations could not cater effectively for a large number of electors, especially during national elections when the turnout is more than 70%. The review finds that the total number of electors in the ward warrants the existence of three districts.

Option 3 – No change

This option would maintain the existing polling districts and polling stations in their current state. This would mean that the imbalance in the electorate between district QA and QB would be maintained. The review recommends against this option as this would lead to a less than optimal use of election resources.

This review recommends that Option 1 is implemented.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
QA	Chaddlewood Primary School	Hemerdon Heights, PL7 2EU	1,519	1,194
QB	Glen Park Primary School	Glen Road, PL7 2DE	2,069	1,679
QC	Chaddlewood Farm Community Centre	Chaddlewood Centre, PL7 2XS	2,472	2,091

PLYMPTON ERLE WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
SA	St. Mary's C of E Infants School	1,379	Merger with district SB
SB	Mobile Unit at Merafield Road	1,026	Merger with district SA
SC	Rees Youth & Community Centre	851	No change
SD	Longcause Community School	1,512	No change
SE	Yealmpstone Farm Primary School	2,019	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
SA	St. Mary's C of E Infants School	1,153	Yes	Replacement
SB	Mobile Unit at Merafield Road	838	Yes ³	Removal
SC	Rees Youth & Community Centre	701	Yes	No change
SD	Longcause Community School	1,177	Yes	Replacement
SE	Yealmpstone Farm Primary School	1,652	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

³ Although mobile polling stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

Recommendations**St Mary's C. of E. Infant School in district SA – Replacement of polling station**

The last elections brought about concerns regarding the closing of the school on polling day. St Mary's Church Hall is being put forward as an alternative to this polling station. St Mary's Church Hall is located immediately next to the school. Amenities are very good, and include good car parking facilities.

Two comments were received from residents in support of this proposal.

This review recommends a change of polling station from St Mary's C. of E. Infant School to St Mary's Church Hall on Market Road.

District SA and SB – Merger of the districts

In order, whenever possible, to reduce the number of mobile polling stations, a merger of district SA and district SB is suggested. There is a possibility of creating a large district served by a polling station at St Mary's Church Hall, which is a well-appointed polling station.

Residents of the following streets would now join district SA and vote at St Mary's Church Hall on Market Road:

- Merafield Road,

- Grantham Close,
- Woodland Drive,
- Amados Close,
- Merafield Drive and
- Amados Drive.

The mobile unit at Merafield Road in district SA would be decommissioned as a result of the merger. No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Longcause Community School in district SD – Replacement of polling station

The last elections brought about a representation from the management of the school regarding the continued suitability of the schools' main hall for use as a polling station. Concerns were raised about the impact of the poll on the running of the school and the wellbeing of its pupils.

The creation of a new polling station in alternative location within the district is proposed. The Brook Inn was put forward during the consultation. This venue is located 0.2 miles away from the school and offers a car park with disabled spaces, and a convenient function room which would need to be ramped on polling day to enable access to disabled residents.

No comments were received from residents in relation to this proposal.

This review recommends a change of polling station from Longcause Community School to the Brook inn in Plympton St Maurice.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
SA	St Mary's Church Hall	Market Road, PL7 IQW	2,405	1,991
SB	Rees Youth and Community Centre	Mudge Way, PL7 2PS	851	701
SC	The Brook Inn	Longbrook Street, PL7 1 NJ	1,512	1,177
SD	Yealmpstone Farm Primary School	Meadowfield Place, PL7 1XQ	2,019	1,652

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

PLYMPTON ST MARY WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling place	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
RA	Woodford Methodist Church	2,200	No change
RB	St. Peters Lutheran Church	1,721	No change
RC	Boringdon Primary School	2,300	No change
RD	Colebrook Community Centre	1,868	No change
RE	Plympton Fire Station	2,059	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling place	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
RA	Woodford Methodist Church	1,755	Yes	No change
RB	St. Peters Lutheran Church	1,374	Yes	No change
RC	Boringdon Primary School	1,821	Yes	No change
RD	Colebrook Community Centre	1,518	Yes	No change
RE	Plympton Fire Station	1,653	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

No changes of polling districts or polling stations are proposed in this ward.

Two comments were received from members of the public in relation to this ward.

Plympton Fire Station in district RE

One resident expressed their support for our proposal to retain the Plympton Fire Station as a polling station for district RE in Plympton St Mary ward.

St Peter's Lutheran Church in district RB

One resident expressed their satisfaction with the proposals to continue using St Peter's Lutheran Church as a polling station for district RB in Plympton St Mary ward.

PLYMSTOCK DUNSTONE WARD

Existing Polling Districts

Polling district	Polling station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
UA	Mobile Unit at Holmwood Avenue	1,112	Merger with district UB
UB	Staddiscombe Club Function Room	1,687	Merger with district UA
UC	Goosewell Primary School	1,949	No change
UD	Elburton Methodist Church	2,220	No change
UE	Morley Youth & Community Centre	1,647	No change
UF	St. Matthews Church	1,177	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
UA	Mobile Unit at Holmwood Avenue	933	Yes ³	Decommissioning
UB	Staddiscombe Club Function Room	1,449	Yes – temporary ramp	No change
UC	Goosewell Primary School	1,459	Yes	No change
UD	Elburton Methodist Church	1,706	Yes	No change
UE	Morley Youth & Community Centre	1,302	Yes	Change
UF	St. Matthews Church	942	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

³ Although mobile polling stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

Recommendations

District UA and UB – Merger of the districts

The residents on Holmwood Avenue currently have access to a mobile polling station. One of the criteria for the review was to explore, whenever possible, the possibility to reduce the number of mobile polling stations. Therefore, the merger of district UA and UB and the relocation of the polling station to the Staddiscombe Club on Staddiscombe Road are proposed. This would result in the creation of a large ward, served by a double polling station at the Staddiscombe Club Function Room.

Residents of the following streets would now vote at the Staddiscombe Club Function Room:

- Paddock Close
- Great Orchard Close
- Southgate Avenue
- Southgate Close
- Basinghall Close
- Tudor Close
- Holmwood Avenue
- Hurst Close
- Arnison Close
- Budleigh Close and
- Marlow Gardens
- Cophorn Gardens
- Goosewell Road
- Goswela Gardens
- Long Park Close
- Gowela Close

The Staddiscombe Club is already the polling stations for district UB. There is capacity at the club to cater for the needs of this enlarged ward, with spacious parking facilities and existing arrangements to improve access for people with reduced mobility. There are existing public transport connections to this polling station from both district UA and district UB. Paddock Close, which is the furthest away from the proposed polling station, is a 0.7 miles walking distance away from the Staddiscombe Club.

One comment was received from a member of the public in support of this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Elburton Methodist Church in district UD

Two resident expressed concerns about the suitability of Elburton Methodist Church as a polling station for district UD in Plymstock Dunstone, due to concerns about its accessibility for disabled residents, as well as issues with the facilities available to polling staff on the day of the poll.

Elburton Village Hall was visited to see whether it would provide a suitable alternative location. The facilities at the Village Hall would be suitable to host a polling station but would not offer a substantial improvement on our current arrangements. A meeting at Elburton Methodist Church took place to discuss mitigation and resolve the issues that arose in the last elections. Elburton Methodist Church provides excellent car parking and access facilities that we will be able to take full advantage of in the next election. This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

This review recommends no change to this polling station.

Morley Centre in district UE

The Morley Centre is currently owned by Plymouth City Council but is due to be put for sale soon after the 2 May 2019 elections. There is no precise timescale, however, for the sale and redevelopment of the site. The building will remain standing until the redevelopment is complete, which may take a number of months. The site is currently divided between a private children's nursery, which is still running and the disused youth centre's premises where the elections are normally held.

We have assessed the Plymstock Children's Centre, near Dunstone school, to be the most suitable replacement. There will be no disruption to the school. The disruption to families will be minimal, and disruption to electors will also be minimal, due to the new site being so close to the existing location.

This review therefore recommends a change of polling station from the Morley Centre to the Plymstock Children's Centre in Shortwood crescent.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
UA	Staddiscombe Club Function Room	Staddiscombe Road, PL9 9LT	2,799	2,382
UB	St. Matthews Church	Sherford Road, PL9 8DQ	1,177	942
UC	Goosewell Primary School	Furzehatt Villas, PL9 9HD	1,949	1,459
UD	Elburton Methodist Church	Springfield Road, PL9 8PR	2,220	1,706
UE	Plymstock Children's centre	Shortwood Crescent, PL9 8TQ	1,647	1,302

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

PLYMSTOCK RADFORD WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district reference	Polling place	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
TA	Oreston Methodist Church	1,543	Change of district boundaries
TB	Hooe Baptist Church	3,761	Change of district boundaries
TC	Goosewell Primary School	1,120	Change of district boundaries
TD	Plymstock Sports Pavilion	2,305	Change of district boundaries
TE	Pomphlett Methodist Church Hall	2,072	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district reference	Polling place	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
TA	Oreston Methodist Church	1,256	Yes	No change
TB	Hooe Baptist Church	3,002	Yes	No change
TC	Goosewell Primary School	889	Yes - temporary ramp	Replacement
TD	Plymstock Sports Pavilion	1,792	Yes - temporary ramp	No change
TE	Pomphlett Methodist Church Hall	1,775	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations**District TB and TC – change of boundaries between districts**

The number of polling station electors in district TB is currently 3,002, which is higher than the recommended 2,000 electors by district. It is adjacent to district TC which is smaller than the recommended size of electorate per district.

A change of district boundaries between district TB and TC is proposed in order to balance the electorate across both wards, and facilitate access to a polling station to the greatest number of residents. An alternative polling stations in Radford Park is proposed for the new district TC.

The east of district TB would now be combined with district TC. The following streets would now be included into district TC:

- Homer Park,
- Homer Park Lane,
- Furland Close,
- Broom Park,
- Westcombe Crescent,
- Reddicliff Road,

- Reddicliff Close,
- Rowland Close,
- Barnwood Close,
- White Lady Road,
- Badger View and
- Mitchell Close.

The Beckly Centre near Radford Park is proposed as the new polling station for district TC, as a replacement to Goosewell Primary School.

No comments were received in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Districts TD and TA – change of boundaries between districts

In order to even out the electorate between ward TD and TA and improve accessibility to residents some changes of boundary are proposed. Residents of the following streets could join district TA and now vote at Oreston Methodist Church instead of the Plymstock Sports Pavilion:

- Dean Park Road,
- Quarry Park Road and
- Quarry Park Avenue.

No comments were received in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District TC and TD – change of boundaries between districts

To improve accessibility to residents, moving the boundary between the north of district TC and the south of district TD is proposed.

Residents on both sides of Burrow Hill would move from TC to TD and now vote at the Plymstock Sports Pavilion.

Cobb Lane, and the portion of Furzehatt Road parallel to it would be removed from district TC and included to district TD. Residents of Cobb Lane and this short stretch of Furzehatt Road would now vote at the Plymstock Sports Pavilion.

No comments were received in relation to this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Goosewell Primary School in district TC – replacement of polling station

The last election brought about some comments from members of the public about the suitability of using this school to hold elections. Goosewell Primary School currently hosts a double polling station, which is inconvenient and confusing for electors. In addition, this polling station is currently out of the boundaries of this ward, which should be avoided unless in extreme circumstances.

The Beckly Centre near Radford Park is proposed as the new polling station for district TC, as a replacement to the school. This change is subject to the changes of district boundaries being approved.

The Beckly Centre is location near the junction between Hooe Road and White Lady Road. Although this is not a central location, this is accessible to all residents of the new district. There are car parking facilities near the centre. There are existing public transport connections to this polling station from across district TC. The west side of Staddon Park Road, which is the furthest away from the proposed polling station, is a 0.7 miles walking distance away from the Beckly Centre.

No comments were received on this proposal

This review recommends a change of polling station from Goosewell Academy to the Beckly Centre on Mayers Way.

Pomphlett Methodist Church in district TE

During the consultation, Pomphlett Methodist Church conveyed their willingness to continue providing their premises for the purposes of Elections

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
TA	Oreston Methodist Church	Plymstock Road, PL9 7LL	1,659	1,340
TB	Hooe Baptist Church	Hooe Road, PL9 9RS	2,897	2,337
TC	The Beckly Centre	Mayers Way, PL9 9DF	1,878	1,460
TD	Plymstock Sports Pavilion	Dean Cross Road, PL9 7AZ	2,234	1,725
TE	Pomphlett Methodist Church Hall	Pomphlett Road, PL9 7BL	2,065	1,762

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

SOUTHWAY WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
FA	Mary Dean Primary School	679	Merger with district FA
FAB	Mary Dean Primary School	992	Merger with district FAB
FB	Mobile Unit at Dunnet Road	1,317	No change
FC	Southway Youth Centre	1,165	No change
FD	Beechwood Primary School	1,380	No change
FE	Widewell Primary School	1,451	Changes to boundaries with district FF
FF	Church of the Holy Spirit	2,187	Changes to boundaries with district FE
FG	Mobile Unit at Hessary Drive ³	808	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
FA	Mary Dean Primary School	522	Yes – temporary ramp	No change
FAB	Mary Dean Primary School	766	Yes – temporary ramp	No change
FB	Mobile Unit at Dunnet Road	1,005	Yes ³	No change
FC	Southway Youth Centre	968	Yes	No change
FD	Beechwood Primary School	1,074	Yes	No change
FE	Widewell Primary School	1,155	Yes	No change
FF	Church of the Holy Spirit	1,727	Yes	No change
FG	Mobile Unit at Hessary Drive	683	Yes ³	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

³ Although mobile polling stations are suitably equipped to enable access for all voters (ramps and handrails for disabled access) there are still ongoing concerns due to inherent characteristics of mobile units, such as their narrow entrance and limited internal area.

Recommendations

This review investigates opportunities to remove mobile polling stations whenever circumstances allow. However, this must be balanced against the necessity to provide accessible and convenient polling stations that meet the specific needs of each ward.

Mobile Unit at Dunnet Road in district FB – no change

In this instance, no suitable alternative could be identified. The area is residential only, with no suitable alternative polling station. Residential development are taking place in the district on the site of the old Oakwood primary school, and the number of electors is anticipated to grow.

One resident commented that the location of the mobile polling unit in Dunnet Road in district FB (situated at the bottom of a hill, near the junction between Dunnet Road and Tamerton Foliot Road) is not adequate. A visit to the site did not uncover any other suitable alternative location within the district boundaries.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Mobile Unit at Hessary Drive – FG – no change

District FG is the smallest in the ward with 808 electors, but it is also geographically isolated from the rest of the ward, due to the topography of the area. The only access to the area is via a dual carriage way, and there are few practicable walkways to connect this north-eastern district to others. It is therefore not practicable to suggest a merger with a neighbouring district. No suitable alternative polling stations were identified in the area or its vicinity.

One resident expressed their dissatisfaction with this mobile unit, and proposed the use of Roborough Church. Roborough Church and Roborough Recreation Hall are out of the Local Authority's boundaries. No alternative polling stations could be identified as a replacement.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Districts FA and FAB - Merger of the two districts

The number of electors in each district is currently lower than the numbers recommended by good practice. Residents from both districts vote at the same polling station at Mary Dean Primary School.

The review recommends the merger of district FA and FAB at Mary Dean Primary School.

Two residents expressed concerns about the continued use of Mary Dean's Primary School as a polling station. Those resident proposes moving the polling station out of Mary Dean's Primary School due to concerns about the suitability of the school building to hold the polling station whilst remaining open for children. One resident suggested the relocation of the polling station to the church hall in Tamerton Foliot.

A visit to St Mary's Church and Church Hall was undertaken in response to these comments in November 2018. Neither the Church nor the Church Hall provide suitable facilities for the conduct of elections: the church itself could be used, but the staff welfare facilities inside were very limited. The church hall provides excellent facilities, but access for residents with disabilities is very limited due to the topography of the site. There is no direct access from the car park, the route to the venue is a steep slope and there are two steps leading to the front door.

Contact has been made with local businesses to identify whether they would be suitable locations. A visit to the site is pending.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented. No change to this polling station is recommended until a suitable alternative location can be identified.

District FF and District FE – Changes to district boundaries

District FF is the largest district in the ward, and its electorate is anticipated to grow in the next five years. It is adjacent to district FE which has a much smaller electorate. In addition, electors in the east and south east of district FF may have equivalent, or better access to the polling station for district FE, Widewell Primary School.

Redrawing the district boundaries between district FF and district FE will ensure that the electorate is more evenly distributed across both districts. This will create capacity in district FF to sustain growth in the next five years.

The review proposes changes to the district boundary between FF and FE. Other boundaries will not be affected.

The district boundary along the south-east of Southway Drive would be moved. The south-east and east portion of the current district FF could merge with district FE. The south-east boundary of district FF would now run along the watercourse at the back of Barningham Gardens.

Residents of the following streets, known as Birdcage Farm, would now vote at Widewell Primary School:

- Barningham Gardens,
- Corsham Close,
- Davenham Close,
- Barndale Crescent and all streets adjacent to Barndale Crescent.

Residents of the west side of Tavistock Road, up to Widewell Lane, including residents of Boundary Place will now join district FE and vote at Widewell Primary School.

Residents of Frewin Gardens and Butler Close would remain in district FF and continue to vote at the Church of the Holy Spirit.

No comments were received on this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

Beechwood Primary School in district FD

One resident expresses an objection to Beechwood Primary School being used as polling stations, due to the impact of elections on safeguarding children and the disruption caused to parents.

No alternative to the school could be identified during the review, and none were proposed in response to the consultation.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Widewell Primary School in district FE

Four residents expressed an objection to Widewell Primary School being used as polling stations, due to the impact of elections on safeguarding children and the disruption caused to parents. As an alternative, the resident suggests using a mobile polling station either to a fenced off area to the side of the school, or at Beverston Green. One of the objective of the review was to reduce, whenever possible, the use of mobile polling stations, the creation of a new mobile unit is therefore not proposed. No alternative to the school could be identified during the review.

This review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
FA	Mary Dean Primary School	Mary Dean Avenue, PL5 4LS	1,671	1,288
FB	Mobile Unit at Dunnet Road	Near junction with Tamerton Foliot Road, PL6 6LR	1,317	1,005
FC	Southway Youth Centre	Hendwell Close, PL6 6TB	1,165	968
FD	Beechwood Primary School	Rockfield Avenue, PL6 6DX	1,380	1,074
FE	Widewell Primary School	Lulworth Drive, PL6 7ER	2,154	1,676
FF	Church of the Holy Spirit	Cliffatford Road, PL6 6DJ	1,479	1,192
FG	Mobile Unit at Hessary Drive	Hessary Drive, PL6 7DG	808	683

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

ST BUDEAUX WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
CA	Tamar View Community Resource Centre	1,901	No change
CB	The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent	1,605	No change
CC	St. Boniface Church Hall	1,913	No change
CD	Plaistow Hill Infant and Nursery School	830	Merger of district CD and CE
CE	Kings Tamerton Community Centre	2,009	Merger of district CD and CE
CF	St. Pauls Church Hall - St Budeaux	1,589	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling Station Electorate²	Disabled Access	Recommendations
CA	Tamar View Community Resource Centre	1,703	Yes - Ramped	No change
CB	The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent	1,249	Yes	No change
CC	St. Boniface Church Hall	1,588	Yes	Replacement
CD	Plaistow Hill Infant and Nursery School	644	Yes	Replacement or no change
CE	Kings Tamerton Community Centre	1,595	Yes - ramped	No change
CF	St. Pauls Church Hall - St Budeaux	1,286	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations

Districts CD and CE

Two options have been identified with regards to district CD and CE.

Option 1 – No change

Although district CD is smaller than others in the ward, the topography of the district has been a decisive factor in the design of this district. The school is the only suitable location in this district.

Plaistow Hill Primary School provides an accessible polling station to residents in the north of the ward at the top of a steep hill. The school provides good access to residents with reduced mobility, and car parking facilities.

Option 2 - Merger of districts CD and CE

The number of polling station electors in district CE is currently 2,009 which makes it the largest in the ward. It is adjacent to district CD which is smaller than the recommended size of electorate per district.

District CD is substantially smaller than other districts in the ward. To remove the need to use Plaistow Hill infant school as a polling station, the merger of district CD with district CE is proposed. The proposed new district would grow to a size of 2,839 electors, which is larger than the maximum number of electors recommended by the electoral commission. However, the polling station electorate in this district is very low as there is a large proportion of postal voters in this district. The total polling station electorate in this enlarged ward would be 2,239.

Three residents commented on this proposal.

With regards to changes proposed in district CE and CD of St Budeaux ward, one of the ward member expressed his opposition to option 2, due to a number of risks associated with the merger: the creation of a very large polling district, the added distance for residents of current district CE which may impair their ability to vote, the limited capacity of the current polling station and the potential for traffic disruption.

One resident expressed some concerns with regards to moving the polling station for district CE to King's Tamerton Community Centre in district CD which would make it much more difficult to access. The resident proposes St Paul's Church as an alternative as it is on a convenient bus route. However, St Paul's Church is already a polling station for district CF, and is located a considerable distance from district CD and CE.

Another resident expresses his opposition to option 2. As an alternative, the resident suggest increasing the size of district CD at the expense of CE with Trevithick Rd & Weston Mill Road becoming the new boundary. This alternative proposal would result in district CD growing much larger in size and district CE becoming much smaller, thus reversing the current situation. This option has been appraised and would not result in improved accessibility for residents in the south and west of the district.

This review recommends option 1 - no change.

St Boniface Church Hall in district CC - Replacement of polling station

The 2018 elections brought about a comment about the poor accessibility of this polling station, due to its location at the bottom of a very steep hill, thus preventing access for residents with mobility issues.

St Budeaux Baptist Church on Fletemoor Road was approached as a replacement but declined our request to host a polling station.

The new St Budeaux library which is in development has been put forward as a replacement. The site of the new library is very close to St Boniface Church Hall, and it is likely that residents would experience similar access issues due to the topography of the site.

No comments were received on this proposal and no alternative polling stations were identified during the consultation.

This review recommends no change until the facilities at the new library can be assessed.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate ¹	Estimated Polling station electorate ²
CA	Tamar View Community Resource Centre	Poole Park Road, PL5 IDD	1,901	1,703
CB	The Barn, Kit Hill Crescent	Barne Barton, PL5 IEJ	1,605	1,249
CC	St Boniface Church Hall	Percy Street, PL5 IQH	1,913	1,588
CD	Plaistow Hill Infant and Nursery School	Roman Way, PL5 2DT	830	644
CE	Kings Tamerton Community Centre	Trevithick Road, PL5 2BH	2,009	1,595
CF	St. Paul's Church Hall - St Budeaux	Pemros Road, PL5 INE	1,589	1,286

ST PETER AND THE WATERFRONT WARD**Existing Polling districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate¹	Recommendations
NA	St. Jude's Church Hall	656	Change of boundaries with district NB
NB	The Burgess Hall	2,408	Change of boundaries with district NA
NC	St. Andrew's C of E Primary School	1,662	Change of boundaries with district NG
ND	St. Paul's Church Hall	1,008	No change
NE	High Street Primary Academy	1,736	No change
NF	Howesons in St. Peter's Church	1,284	Merger with district NG
NG	Frederick Street Centre	1,041	Merger with district NF
NH	Pilgrim Primary School	1,347	Change of boundaries with district NB

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate²	Disabled access	Recommendations
NA	St. Jude's Church Hall	554	Yes	Replacement
NB	The Burgess Hall	1,931	Yes	No change
NC	St. Andrew's C of E Primary School	1,293	Yes	No change
ND	St. Paul's Church Hall	800	Yes	No change
NE	High Street Primary Academy	1,425	Yes	Replacement
NF	Howesons in St. Peter's Church	1,095	Yes	No change
NG	Frederick Street Centre	822	Yes	Decommissioning
NH	Pilgrim Primary School	1,157	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations**District NA and NB – Change of district boundaries****St Jude's Church Hall – Replacement of Polling Station**

The polling station at St Jude's Church Hall is outside of ward boundaries, which is a situation that must be avoided unless in extreme circumstances. Currently, the polling station caters for a small number of electors. Suitable alternative are being investigated in the new district. We welcome suggestions from residents for alternative polling stations in the new district.

The district is very small, and is adjacent to one much larger. In order to balance the number of electors between the two districts, and to cater for a likely increase of population in both wards, a change of district boundaries is proposed.

The current district NA would merge with the north of district NB. A new polling station in the current district NB would need to be identified and secured, but this part of the district presents many opportunities to identify an accessible polling station.

The new boundaries of an enlarged district NA would run along Exeter Street and Royal Parade to the south. The boundary to the west of the new district NA would run along western approach, Market Avenue and Raleigh Street. The north boundary would follow Cobourg Street, Regent Street and Tothill Avenue. The eastern boundary would follow St Jude's Road.

Residents of the following streets would now join district NA and vote at a location yet to be identified in the new district:

- Courtenay Street,
- New George Street,
- Cornwall Street,
- Mayflower Street and
- Old Town Street.

Two residents commented on this proposal.

One resident conveyed their support for this proposal, suggesting a potential location for a polling station for district NA, namely the Salvation Army Citadel.

St Jude's Church responded to the proposal of moving the polling station for district NA to an alternative location within St Peter and the Waterfront ward. The church conveyed their willingness to continue providing their premises for the purposes of elections should they be needed in future. A visit took place at the Plymouth College of Art. The college offers excellent facilities for polling staff and is highly accessible and visible.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented. This review recommends a change of polling station from St Jude's Church to Plymouth College of Art on Tavistock Place.

High Street Primary Academy – district NE – Replacement of Polling Station

In order to minimise, wherever possible, the use of schools during elections, a change of polling station is proposed. The new proposed polling station would now be the Millfield Trust's HQ Business Centre on Union Street. The Millfield Trust's HQ Building is conveniently located on a main road, with excellent public transport link, and a car park with disabled spaces. The proposed polling station would be located on the first floor of the building. A lift is available for residents with restricted mobility and the reception of the building will be manned. This venue is central to the district, located less than 0.3 miles away from the current polling station.

No comments were received on this proposal

This review recommends a change of polling station from High Street Primary School to the Millfield Trust's HQ building on Union Street.

District NG and NH - Change of district boundaries

To facilitate access to a polling station to residents on the south eastern side of Western Approach, a change of district boundaries is proposed. Residents of the following streets would now join the current district NH and vote at Pilgrim Primary School:

- Colin Campbell Court,

- Morley Court,
- Harwell Court,
- and any residents in the flats adjacent to the Colin Campbell Court car park.

No comments were received on this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District NG and NC – Change of district boundaries

To facilitate access to a polling station to residents on the south side of Union Street, a change of district boundaries is proposed between district NG and NC. Residents of the following streets would now join district NC and vote at St Andrews C of E Primary School:

- Martin Street,
- the east of Sawrey Street,
- Bath Lane,
- Bath Place and
- the east of Millbay Road.

No comments were received on this proposal

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District NG and NF – Merger of the two districts

In order to minimise the number of polling stations, the merger of district NG and NF are recommended. The polling station for current district NF, Howesons in St Peter’s Church would be retained as the polling station for this enlarged district.

One resident commented on this proposal. The resident welcomed the combination of district NF and NG to reduce the number of districts in St Peter and the Waterfront ward.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented. The resulting district will now be referenced NF.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
NA	Plymouth College of Art	Tavistock Place, PL4 8AT	703	598
NB	The Burgess Hall	Notte Street, PL1 2HG	2,349	1,877
NC	St. Andrews C of E Primary School	Citadel Road, PL1 3AY	1,657	1,287
ND	St. Pauls Church Hall	Durnford Street, PL1 3QW	1,008	800

NE	The Millfield Trust HQ Business Centre	Union Street, PL1 3HQ	1,736	1,425
NF	Howesons in St. Peters Church	Wyndham Square, PL1 5EG	2,133	1,795
NG	Pilgrim Primary School	Oxford Street, PL1 5BQ	1,530	1,261

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

STOKE WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
JA	St. Barnabas Church (Now Redeemer Church)	2,691	No change
JB	Stoke Damerel Centre	1,835	No change
JC	Stoke Methodist Church	1,499	No change
JD	Pilgrim United Reformed Church	2,808	No change
JE	St. Marks Church	1,213	No change

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling station	Polling Station Electorate ²	Disabled Access	Recommendations
JA	St. Barnabas Church (Now Redeemer Church)	2,185	Yes	No change
JB	Stoke Damerel Centre	1,477	Yes	No change
JC	Stoke Methodist Church	1,221	Yes	No change
JD	Pilgrim United Reformed Church	2,330	Yes	No change
JE	St. Marks Church	1,042	Yes	No change

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

No changes of polling district or polling stations are proposed in this ward.

St Barnabas' Church in district JA (Now Redeemer Church)

One resident asked us to check the suitability of the disabled access to St Barnabas' Church, now Church of the Redeemer.

A visit was undertaken in December 2018 to evaluate the suitability of the building for the purpose of holding an election. A drop-off point is available near the ramp leading to the church. The entrance to the church is made via double doors. Car parking facilities are limited and can be restricted to disabled electors on the day of polling.

No alternative locations were put forward during the consultation and none were identified as a replacement.

The review therefore recommends no change to this polling station.

SUTTON AND MOUNT GOULD WARD**Existing Polling Districts**

Polling district	Polling Station	Electorate ¹	Recommendations
OA	Mount Gould Methodist Church	1,505	No change
OB	Salisbury Road Primary School	1,488	No change
OC	Salisbury Road Baptist Church Hall	1,482	No change
OD	Tothill Community Centre	1,268	No change
OE	Plymouth & District Table Tennis League HQ	1,067	Merger with district OF
OF	Prince Rock Primary School	1,722	Merger with district OE
OG	Tresillian Street Centre	852	Merger with district OH
OH	Tresillian Street Centre	371	Merger with district OG

Existing Polling Stations

Polling district	Polling Station	Polling station electorate ²	Disabled access	Recommendations
OA	Mount Gould Methodist Church	1,316	Yes	No change
OB	Salisbury Road Primary School	1,313	Yes	Replacement
OC	Salisbury Road Baptist Church Hall	1,291	Yes	No change
OD	Tothill Community Centre	1,047	Yes	No change
OE	Plymouth & District Table Tennis League HQ	942	Yes*	Replacement
OF	Prince Rock Primary School	1,414	Yes	No change
OG	Tresillian Street Centre	726	Yes	No change
OH	Tresillian Street Centre	258	Yes	No change

* Although this polling stations is equipped to enable access for all voters a recent inspection visit brought about a concern regarding the accessibility of this polling station to electors with disabilities.

¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.

Recommendations**Districts OG and OH – merger of the districts**

District OG and OH are small adjacent districts which both use the Tresilian Street Centre as a polling place, following the closure of the previous polling station in district OH in 2017. There is a possibility to merge district OG and OH and to retain the Tresilian street centre as the polling station for this district.

In order to facilitate access to this polling station, a redrawing of the boundaries of this district is proposed. The new boundary for district OG would now follow Gdynia Way and the Laira Bridge Road. Residents south of these streets would now vote at the Tresillian Street Centre.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented. This review recommends the Tresillian Street centre as the polling station for this enlarged district.

Districts OE and OF – merger of the districts

A recent inspection visit brought about a concern regarding the accessibility of the Plymouth & District Table Tennis League HQ to electors with disabilities. A suitable alternative polling station could not be identified in this district. There is a possibility to merge district OE and OF and to continue using Prince Rock Primary School as a double polling station for an enlarged district. Prince Rock Primary School is already a polling station for district OF. It would be conveniently located in the centre of the proposed new district with good public transport links.

No comments were received on this proposal.

This review therefore recommends that the proposed changes of boundaries are implemented.

District OA – Mount Gould Methodist Church

One resident expressed concerns about the ward boundary between Efford and Lipson ward and Sutton and Mount Gould ward. Due to the design of the boundary, the resident has to vote at Mount Gould Methodist Church, which is further away than the polling station on Kensington Road, which services district PA in Efford and Lipson.

As ward boundaries fall outside of the scope of this review and consultation, and are beyond our mandate, this comment could not be taken into account.

St Jude's Church to become polling station for OB

The church is currently an out of ward polling station for St Peter and the Waterfront ward. This report recommends decommissioning the church in order to identify a location within the ward. St Jude's church is a good location within district OB and is ideally situated to become the new polling station for district OB as a replacement for Salisbury Road Primary School.

This review recommends a change of polling station from Salisbury Road Primary School to St Jude's Church.

Summary of proposed new Polling Districts and Polling Stations

New Polling district	New Polling Station	Address	Estimated Electorate¹	Estimated Polling station electorate²
OA	Mount Gould Methodist Church	Faringdon Road, PL4 7NW	1,505	1,316
OB	St Jude's Church	Beaumont Road, PL4 9BJ	1,488	1,313
OC	Salisbury Road Baptist Church Hall	Rosebery Avenue, PL4 8SX	1,482	1,291
OD	Tothill Community Centre	Knighton Road, PL4 9DA	1,268	1,047
OE	Prince Rock Primary School	Embankment Road, PL4 9JF	2,789	2,356

OF	Tresillian Street Centre	Tresillian Street, PL4 0QP	1,223	984
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¹ Total number of registered electors in the district.

² Number of registered electors in the district who have opted to vote at a polling station.