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Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places in the Borough of Eastbourne

**Consultation document for a full review
2018**

**Consultation period runs from
24 September to 2 November 2018**

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1. Background to this review

The council must regularly review the division of its area into polling districts and the places where electors are asked to vote. A full review of the whole borough must be undertaken at intervals of not less than 4 years. A review must also be undertaken when a change in a particular polling place is proposed to be made.

The relevant legislation can be found in section 16 of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 (as amended), the Representation of the People Act 1983 and the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006. Guidance is also published by the Electoral Commission.

The council's last full review was carried out in 2014 and approved by the council in November of 2014.

Further information about the procedures for making representations is given later in this paper and the detailed proposals, including proposals for change, are set out in the appendix.

2. Definitions

"Parliamentary constituency". This cannot be changed by the review. It is the division of the constituency into polling districts and places that is the subject of the review. It should be noted that only that part of the Eastbourne constituency that is within the Borough of Eastbourne that is being reviewed by the Council. The area of the constituency that lies outside the Borough (Willingdon, Jevington and Wannock) will be reviewed separately by Wealden District Council.

"Polling district". The area created by the division of a constituency or ward into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to the electors.

"Polling place". The building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

"Polling station". The actual area where the process of voting takes place. This must be located within the polling place and designated for the particular polling district. This function is the responsibility of the Returning Officer.

3. The review process

As part of the review process the council must:

- Seek to ensure that all electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled, and
- When considering or reviewing the designation of a polling place, have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

The council is required to publish notice of the holding of a review. Information about the review is made available on the council's website and can also be obtained in person from Electoral Services at the Town Hall, Eastbourne.

The consultation document will also be sent to the local Member of Parliament, Borough and County Councillors and local political parties. It will also be sent to persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

The consultation period for this review will last for 6 weeks. This is considered to be sufficient given that minimal change is proposed.

The timetable for this review is set out below:

Publication of notice	24 th September
Publication of consultation document including Returning Officer's proposals	24 th September
Closing date for representations.	2 nd November
Final proposals published (as part of the agenda papers for meeting of the council on 14 November 2018. These will be available on the Council's website.	6 th November
Council approves revised scheme.	14 th November

4. The role of the Returning Officer

The Council is required to consult the Returning Officer for every Parliamentary constituency that is wholly or partly within its area. This consultation document already includes proposals made by the Returning Officer for the Eastbourne parliamentary constituency.

5. Proposals

The appendix to this consultation document sets out details of current polling district and polling places for each of the 9 wards in the Borough of Eastbourne and details of any proposed changes.

6. Making representations

Any elector in the whole of the Eastbourne parliamentary constituency (whether they live in the borough or not) may make representations to the Council.

Representations will also be considered from persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

We would encourage anyone making representations to suggest alternative polling districts/places to those proposed where appropriate and to give reasons for the alternative.

Any representations must be received by **5pm Friday 2 November 2018**.

All Representations should be addressed to:

Polling Place Review
Electoral Services
Eastbourne Borough Council
Town Hall, Grove Road
Eastbourne
BN21 4UG

If you prefer you can email your representations (with the words "Polling Place Review" in the subject line) to elections@lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk

All representations received will be published on the Council's website as soon as possible after receipt, even if you have already commented on the proposals, you may make further submissions in response to views and comments you see on the website provided these are received no later than the consultation closing date on 2 November 2018. You can view this document, together with maps showing the ward and polling district boundaries at <http://lewes-eastbourne.gov.uk/consultations/>

7. Completion of the review

A report will be submitted to a meeting of the council on 14 November 2018. The Council will then be asked to consider the Returning Officer's proposals and any representations received and make a final decision. The council is required to give reasons for its decisions in respect of the designation of both polling districts and polling places.

Revisions to any electoral register comprising a revised polling district will be made when the new register is published on 1 December 2018.

In addition, the council must publish:

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

8. Challenging the outcome of the review

Although the Electoral Commission has no initial role in the review process itself, it does have an important role in respect of considering representations and observations made that a council has not conducted a review so as to:

- meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency, or a body of them (i.e. the reasonable requirements of a particular area of the authority have not been satisfactorily met); or
- take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

9. Who may make a representation to the Electoral Commission?

The following may make representations to the Electoral Commission namely;

- not less than 30 registered electors in the constituency
 - any person who made representations to the council when the review was being undertaken (except the Returning Officer)
 - any person who is not an elector within the constituency who the Electoral Commission feel has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons;
- Also the Returning Officer may make observations on any representations made to the commission.

10. Review by the Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission is required to consider any such representations and observations, and after doing so, may direct the relevant council to make any alterations it sees necessary to the polling places designated by the review.

Should a council fail to make the alterations within two months of the direction being given, the Commission may make the alterations itself.

Appendix

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Proposals Document

Electorate as at 3 September 2018

Devonshire Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
DVA	All Souls Parish Room, Wellesley Road, Eastbourne, BN21 3RJ	Devonshire	2101	309	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking is very limited. Have not received any complaints about this venue
DVB	Eastbourne Blind Society, 124-142 Longstone Road Eastbourne, BN22 8DA	Devonshire	1826	330	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking is very limited. Have not received any complaints about this venue
DVC	St Agnes Hall, Whitley Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8NJ	Devonshire	2167	369	Located just outside of the Polling District boundary. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking at the rear of the building. Have not received any complaints about this venue
DVD	Archery Youth Centre, Archery Recreation Ground, Seaside, BN22 7RR	Devonshire	1819	407	Located just outside of the Polling District boundary and is used as double polling station with St Anthony's (SAB). Large hall and small hall. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking at the rear of the building. Have not

					received any complaints about this venue. Have had problems in the past with confusion over which entrance to use for each station but have improved this over time with improved signage.
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Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated as the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Devonshire Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Hampden Park Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
HPA	Hampden Park Community Centre, Brodrick Road, Eastbourne, BN22 9NR	Hampden Park	1682	391	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Have not received any complaints about this venue
HPB	St Peter's Church Hall, The Hydneye, Eastbourne, BN22 9BY	Hampden Park	2820	533	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Have not received any complaints about this venue
HPC (HPD)	Willingdon Trees Community Centre, Holly Place, Maywood Avenue, Eastbourne, BN22 0UT	Hampden Park	2002	325	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking good. Have not received any complaints about this venue Note following the Local Boundary Review in 2016 we had to create a small Polling District known as HPD which were a few streets formally in Ratton ward and moved into Hampden Park which had to be kept separate under the 2019 Borough Election. We will now be moving these streets into the HPC polling district and deleting HPD.

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Hampden Park Ward is designated as the polling place

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Langney Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
LGA	St Barnabas United Church, Kingfisher Drive Eastbourne, BN23 7RA	Langney	1213	313	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
LGB	Shinewater Community Centre, Milfoil Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 8ED	Langney	3698	627	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
LGC	Langney Sport Club, Priory Road, Eastbourne, BN23 7QH	Langney	1550	384	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Langney Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Meads Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
MDA	St Saviour's Church Hall, Spencer Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UT	Meads	2242	530	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
MDB	All Saints' Church Hall, Grange Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4HE	Meads	1634	542	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
MDC	St John's Parish Hall, Meads Street, Eastbourne, BN21 7QL	Meads	2495	790	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking is very limited. Have not received any complaints about this venue

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Meads Ward is designated as the polling place

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Old Town Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
OTA	Emmanuel Church (formerly known as Greenfield Methodist Church Hall,) Greenfield Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1JJ	Old Town	2867	607	After the 2019 elections this venue will no longer be available as site is being sold and the church is merging with Upperton United. <i>We have found a new venue Upwyke House Green Street, Communal Lounge which has a separate entrance from the main residential entrance, Flat access, some parking at the rear of the building and on street parking.</i>
OTB	Old Town Community Centre, Central Avenue, Eastbourne, BN20 8PL	Old Town	1788	277	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Have not received any complaints about this venue
OTC	Victoria Baptist Church Hall, Eldon Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1UE	Old Town	1300	356	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
OTD	Emmanuel Church (formerly known as Greenfield Methodist Church Hall,) Greenfield Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1JJ	Old Town	677	264	After the 2019 elections this venue will no longer be available as site is being sold and the church is merging with Upperton United. We are currently still looking for a new venue any suggestions please feed into this consultation

Returning Officer's proposal: To accept the Upwyke House, Green Street as the new polling station for OTA from 2020. We are currently still looking for a suitable venue to serve OTD electors.

In past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Old Town Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: Due to the loss of Emmanuel Church which served as a polling Station for both OTA and OTD we need to have new polling stations for both these polling districts.

If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Ratton Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
RNA	Oakwood Primary School, Magnolia Drive, Eastbourne, BN22 0SS	Ratton	906	270	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good parking.
RNB	Broadway United Church, The Broadway, Eastbourne, BN22 0AS	Ratton	1293	455	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
RNC	Back Room, The Red Lion Pub, Wish Hill, Eastbourne, BN20 9HQ	Ratton	1776	559	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Some parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
RND	St Clements Court, Framfield Way, Eastbourne, BN21 2QZ	Ratton	1569	569	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking is very limited. Have not received any complaints about this venue

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Ratton Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

St Anthony's Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
SAA	Suncoast Church, 3 Courtlands Road, Eastbourne, BN22 8TR	St Anthony's	1721	433	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
SAB	Archery Youth Centre, Archery Recreation Ground, Seaside, BN22 7RR	St Anthony's	1021	199	Located just outside of the Polling District boundary and is used as double polling station with Devonshire (DVD). Large hall and small hall. Good disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking at the rear of the building. Have not received any complaints about this venue. Have had problems in the past with confusion over which entrance to use for each station but have improved this over time with improved signage.
SAC	St Andrew's Parish Hall, Seaside, Eastbourne, BN22 7RT	St Anthony's	1219	212	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
SAD	Langney Village Hall, Etchingham Road, Eastbourne, BN23 7DR	St Anthony's	2757	717	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Limited Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations, in past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the St Anthony's Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Sovereign Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
SVA	Christ the King Catholic Church Hall, Princes Road, Eastbourne, BN23 6HT	Sovereign	2704	796	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station.
SVB	The Haven School, Atlantic Drive, Eastbourne, BN23 5SW	Sovereign	1723	396	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking is not great as the school will not allow voters to park within the school. Have not received any complaints about this venue
SVC	Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club, 3 Harbour Quay, Eastbourne, BN23 5QF	Sovereign	2172	635	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. The polling station is not on the ground floor and there are a number of stairs up to the room and whilst there is a lift available is not ideal. <i>The new Sovereign Harbour Community Centre is due to open and is located within this polling district and has disabled access, suitable lighting inside and out and parking and is better suited to our requirements</i>
SVD	Conqueror Hall, Horsa Close, Eastbourne, BN23 6TL	Sovereign	673	110	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Suitable lighting inside and out. Good Parking. However this station is one of our most expensive costing around £650 in hire and has a very low turnout. Prior to 2015 SVD formed part of SVC and <i>would like to recommend that we revert back to this and use Sovereign Harbour Community centre, as recommended above at SVC</i>

Returning Officer's proposal: Proposal to move SVC from Sovereign Harbour Yacht Club to the new Sovereign Community Centre and to merge SVD back into SVC .

In past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Sovereign Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: Sovereign Centre Community Centre is a centre for the community is more accessible than the Yacht Club. SVD is a small polling district of approx. 600 voter has a low turnout and the hire of the hall is one of our more expensive by merging the two could offer savings.

If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.

Upperton Ward

Polling District	Polling Station	Polling Place	Polling Station Electorate:	No of Postal Voters	Returning Officer Comments and Proposals
UPA	The Hub on the Hill, in the grounds of St Michael and All Angels Church, Willingdon Road, Eastbourne BN21 1TN	Upperton	1451	352	UPA would normally use Upperton United Reformed Church, Watts Lane as the polling station but we were informed in 2017 that this was closing down and being redeveloped. We had to conduct a mini polling place review to find a new temporary station. The review was conducted in January 2018 and concluded on 7th March when the Audit and Governance Committee agreed that we would use The Hub on the Hill in the grounds of St Michael and All Angels. We will continue to use this venue until such time as Upperton United reopens, at which time we will then move UPA voters back to this venue.
UPB	St Thomas a Becket Junior School, Tutts Barn Lane, Eastbourne, BN22 8XT	Upperton	2059	615	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
UPC	Town Hall, Grove Road, Eastbourne, BN21 4UG	Upperton	649	220	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue
UPD	Elim Family Centre, Hartfield Road, Eastbourne, BN21 2AD	Upperton	1777	416	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Have not received any complaints about this venue
UPE	The Old Parsonage Barn, St Mary The Virgin Parish Church, Ocklynge Road, Eastbourne, BN21 1PW	Upperton	449	126	Located within the polling district. Easily accommodates the required single polling station. Reasonable disabled access. Suitable lighting inside and out. Parking. Have not received any complaints about this venue

Returning Officer's proposal: There are no proposals to change any of the stations other than as soon as Upperton United Reformed Church re opens we will revert UPA voters back to using this venue. In past reviews each station has been designated at the Polling Place. We would like to change this and propose that the Upperton Ward is designated as the polling place.

Reasons: If we lose a polling station at any time, we can look at the next best suitable venue to serve the voters in the area internally and where there is only one choice, not have to conduct a full public consultation.