

Gravesham Borough Council

- Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – Summer 2022
- Consultation Feedback and Responses

The responses that have been received vary between structural changes to the boundaries of the polling districts and proposed changes to polling district names; the tables below are reflective of these two types of response:

STRUCTURAL CHANGES TO POLLING DISTRICTS

	Consultation Feedback	Response
1.	<p>Coldharbour and Perry Street</p> <p>Proposal to reduce the number of polling districts in the Coldharbour ward from four to three by splitting the proposed CP2 polling district between CP1 and CP3.</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has been accepted.</p> <p>The proposed polling district CP2 will be removed and the properties within that ward split between CP1 and originally proposed CP3 (renamed as CP2). This division will occur along Perry Street. The removal of this polling district will result in both remaining polling districts remaining within the Electoral Commissions recommended maximum size.</p>
2.	<p>Denton</p> <p>Several responses received made similar recommendations regarding the Denton Ward. These proposed the creation a new polling district to specifically cover the properties to the south of Dering Way.</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has been accepted.</p> <p>The Denton ward will now have three specific polling districts (instead of the proposed two). The proposed DT2 polling district will be split in two (DT2 and DT3), as outlined in the maps detailed in appendix three. The use of North West Kent College as a potential polling station was explored but is not be possible for operational reasons at the college.</p> <p>Enquiries have been made with the City Praise Centre located at Lower Higham Road which is closest suitable building. These discussions have been positive and therefore a new polling station will be in this building. This is just outside the polling district itself.</p>

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3.	<p>Town Ward</p> <p>Proposal to merge two polling districts - TW1 and TW2 – into one overall polling district with a total of 1,437 electors and to subsequently renumber the remaining Town polling districts.</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has not been accepted.</p> <p>The Town Ward covers two county divisions – Gravesend East and Northfleet and Gravesend West. The TW1 and TW2 polling districts are either side of the county boundary line. Administratively it is desirable to maintain one set of polling districts which are suitable for all types of elections, to accommodate for potential by-elections during scheduled elections. Merging TW1 and TW2 would go against this principle and would significantly increase the administrative requirements and be confusing for electors, and as such, this suggested amendment has not been accepted.</p>
4.	<p>Whitehill & Windmill Hill</p> <p>A number of responses received made the same recommendation; to have Polling Districts WH4 and WH5 use the same polling station, due to the very close proximity of the polling stations proposed for the two districts (Kings Farm Library and Pegasus Court)</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has been accepted.</p> <p>The draft polling districts of WH4 and WH5 will be merged into a single polling district 'WH4 – Whitehill Road'. This also means that the draft polling district of WH6 will be renamed to WH5.</p> <p>Pegasus Court will be used as the polling station for WH4 and Kings Farm library will cease to be used as a polling station.</p>
5.	<p>Woodlands Ward</p> <p>Reallocation of properties from WL5 to WL3 as many electors live closer to the polling station in WL3.</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has been accepted.</p> <p>Properties north of Windsor Road have been re-allocated to WL3 polling district</p>
6.	<p>Woodlands Ward</p> <p>Proposal for the polling station for the WL4 Polling District (the new estate – Watermans Park) to be moved within the boundary of the Woodlands ward, such as St Mary's Church.</p>	<p>The suggested amendment has been rejected.</p> <p>It has not been possible to source alternative sites within the Woodlands ward for this polling district. The suggested site of St Marys Church is a considerable distance from the polling district and would inconvenience electors. The use of Westcott Community Centre, which is a walkable distance, as a double station, provides better access for electors in this area.</p>

PROPOSED CHANGES TO POLLING DISTRICT NAMES

Ref.	PD Proposed Name	Suggested Revision	CONFIRMED NAME
NS4	Hall Road	Wombwell	Wombwell Suggestion accepted
PA2	Nightingale	Durndale	Nightingale Suggestion rejected – the polling station will be located at or near Nightingale Close Community Room.
RS1	St Marks	Rosherville	St Marks Suggestion rejected – the polling station will be located at or near St Marks Church.
SW2	Cedar Avenue	Christian Fields	Christian Fields Suggestion accepted
SW3	Mackenzie Way	Singlewell	Mackenzie Way Suggestion rejected – the polling station will be located at or near Mackenzie Way
WC1	Lorton Close	Hampton Crescent	Hampton Crescent Suggestion accepted
WH1	Clarence Place	Windmill Hill	Clarence Place Suggestion rejected – the polling station will be located at or near Clarence Place
WH2	Christchurch	Parrock	Parrock Suggestion accepted
WH4	Truro Road	Whitehill	Whitehill Road Suggestion accepted following merger of WH4 and WH5.

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WH5 -	Central Avenue	Kings Farm	<p>Whitehill Road</p> <p>Suggestion accepted following merger of WH4 and WH5.</p> <p>WH6 from the draft proposals has now been renamed WH5</p>
WL3	St Pauls	Singlewell Road	<p>St Pauls</p> <p>Suggestion rejected – Singlewell Road spans across more than one polling district and therefore would not be appropriate.</p>
WL4	Woodlands West	Wrotham Road	<p>Woodlands West</p> <p>Suggestion rejected – this name change was linked to proposal 6 shown overleaf which has been rejected.</p>