

# **EPSOM AND EWELL BOROUGH COUNCIL OUTCOME OF STATUTORY REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2011**

## **Completion of Review**

A report presenting the findings of the statutory review of polling districts and polling places was presented to the Strategy and Resources Committee on 15 November 2011 together with recommendations in respect of Polling District boundaries and the location of Polling Places.

The tables on pages 3 - 31 set out the polling districts and polling places proposed to the Committee for each ward, together with the reasons why they were considered suitable.

The Strategy and Resources Committee noted that the Council regularly reviewed its polling stations and so it was not surprising that relatively few suggestions for change had been put forward. However, the Committee's attention was drawn to four issues affecting Court, Ruxley, Ewell and Town Wards, in particular:

### Court Ward

An Electoral Review of the County Council was currently being undertaken. If the Local Government Boundary Commission accepted submissions made in relation to the County Division Boundaries in the Court Ward area, it would be necessary to redraw the polling district boundary between F(A) and F(B).

### Ruxley Ward

Officers were aware of the possibilities offered by the Horton Chapel development and were open to the possibility of proposing that it be designated as a polling place, subject to its suitability for that purpose, at the appropriate time (assuming the status quo in current Borough Ward boundaries).

### Ewell and Town Wards

The (Acting) Returning Officer had been satisfied with the proposal that polling district J(B1) in Ewell Ward should be merged back with the rest of J(B) for administrative reasons and that the designated polling place should no longer be the Linton's Centre but Glyn School. However, since publication of the review, the Council had received confirmation of the Local Government Boundary Commission's draft recommendations in respect of County Division boundaries in Surrey. If these draft recommendations were approved, it would be necessary to retain and expand J(B1) because it would be part of a different County Council Division to the rest of Ewell Ward for County Council election purposes. In this scenario, the polling district would be renamed J(C) and it was still suggested that the designated polling place should be Glyn School.

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The Linton's Centre was also the designated polling place for polling district K(A) in Town Ward. At the time of the review consultation, it had been understood that the intention was to hold elections for Police Commissioners in May 2012 and the availability of alternative accommodation at St. John's ambulance Hall in Hook Road, Epsom for a May 2012 election had been confirmed. However, it had subsequently been announced that these elections would not take place until November 2012.

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**CUDDINGTON WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>A(A)</b>	Scout Hut (Rowe Hall) Salisbury Road Worcester Park  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  Chairman of the Residents' Associations of Epsom and Ewell and Cuddington Residents' Association (also an election agent) supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.
<b>A(B)</b>	St Mary's Church Hall The Avenue Worcester Park  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	As above	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.

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**AURIOL WARD**

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<b>B</b>	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Hall Stoneleigh Crescent Ewell  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No Change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – limited off-street parking available on site. On-street parking also available around venue.

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**EWELL COURT WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>C(A)</b>	West Ewell Infants School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell.  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered adequate (additional ramp provided)  Parking – off-street parking available on site.  School closes on polling day.  During the 2007 review, it was reported that there were plans to redevelop the site on which the premises used at that time, (the Bradbury Centre owned by St Francis of Assisi Church in Ruxley Lane), stood. It was intended that a new Community Hall was to be built as part of the redevelopment. This development has yet to commence and for recent elections, in the absence of any suitable alternatives, the polling place reverted to West Ewell Infant School which had been used in the past.  Proposed development of the site formerly occupied by the Bradbury Centre is likely to result in an increase of an estimated 48 voters.

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<b>C(B)</b>	Ewell Court House, Lakehurst Road, Ewell.  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  No other responses received	Council owned premises  Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking - off-street parking available

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**RUXLEY WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>D</b>	<p>North Annexe (Sixth Form Common Room), Epsom &amp; Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell.</p> <p><i>(Two stations)</i></p>	No change	No change	<p>In the absence of any alternatives, the (Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place to be appropriate.</p> <p>Former Councillor Stephen Pontin responded that, unlike other wards with similar numbers of electors, Ruxley Ward has only one Polling Place, making it more difficult for residents who live up to 1.8 miles away to get to. He considered that the overall turnout for Ruxley Ward was low compared with other wards, not only in Epsom &amp; Ewell, but across Surrey and that this was in part due to the inadequate polling facilities provided for a considerable number of Ruxley residents and that there were many cost effective solutions to providing additional polling facilities for Ruxley which had already been proven by other local councils.</p> <p>Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.</p>	<p>Premises and location considered satisfactory</p> <p>Disabled access – considered good</p> <p>Parking – off-street parking available</p> <p>School remains open polling day (separate building used for polling).</p> <p>It is recognised that the location of the current polling place is not entirely satisfactory but the turnout figures do not necessarily support the view that voters in the southern half of the Ward, notably Clarendon Park, are disadvantaged compared with the rest of Ruxley Ward.</p> <p>In 2007, a separate polling station was created at Epsom and Ewell High School for the purposes of collating statistical information on turnout from the southern half of the Ward. The turnout for Clarendon Park was 35.98% compared with 28.98% for the Ward as a whole.</p>

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D (cont)				No other responses received.	<p>In December 2007, the Council considered the matter and resolved that the polling place in Ruxley Ward should continue to be designated as Epsom &amp; Ewell High School and that further investigation should be undertaken, with full consultation with Ward Councillors, to establish the feasibility of creating a new polling district and polling place in the southern half of the Ward. The results of this investigation were reported back to the Council's Strategy and Resources Committee in April 2008.</p> <p>These further investigations failed to identify any premises suitable for designation as a polling place in the southern half of the Ward and there would be a significant cost implication in providing temporary accommodation.</p>



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**WEST EWELL WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>E(A)</b>	Danetree School, Danetree Road, West Ewell.  <i>(One station)</i>	<b>West Ewell Evangelical Church</b>  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district suitable and, subject to further investigation, in the absence of any alternatives, considered the polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Danetree School has been a designated polling place for many years. In the past, the School closed on polling day but chose to remain open on 5 May 2011. Although there were no reported problems, this is not ideal.  The School is keen that alternative premises are found and suggested premises in Lansdowne Road (belonging to the West Ewell Evangelical Church). This has been investigated and the premises are considered suitable, providing a ramp is supplied. The Council has been given special permission by the church leaders to use the Church Hall for this purpose.

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<b>E(B)</b>	All Saints Church, Community Centre, Fulford Road, West Ewell.  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – limited off-street parking available on site otherwise on-street parking in residential road.  Proposed development in this District is likely to result in an increase of an estimated 28 voters (The site of the former Plough pub=16 and Richards Fields=12)

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**COURT WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
F(A)	Southfields Park Primary School, Long Grove Road, Epsom  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	If County Council electoral boundary review changes accepted, this would affect Briane Road and St Ebbas Farm Cottage and it is suggested that delegated authority be given to the Returning Officer to redraw polling district boundaries as necessary.	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  Councillor Colin Taylor highlighted the on-going County Council electoral boundary review which might require the adjustment of the polling district boundary between F(A) and F(B).  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – off-street parking available on school premises.  2007 was the first time this school was used as a polling place as it was considered to be in a more central location for voters in this polling district than the previous polling place (Epsom County Primary School, Pound Lane), particularly bearing mind the redevelopment which was well underway at the time on Livingstone Park (the Horton Hospital redevelopment). The number of polling stations was increased from one to two.  School closes on election day.

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F(A) (cont)					Although it is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible, it is considered that there are no other suitable premises in the area. Schools are notified of scheduled elections as early as possible, preferably before the start of the academic year to allow schools the option of setting an INSET day.
F(B)	Longmead Centre Hall, Sefton Road, Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	If County Council electoral boundary review changes accepted, this would affect Briane Road and St Ebbas Farm Cottage and it is suggested that delegated authority be given to the Returning Officer to redraw polling district boundaries as necessary.	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  Councillor Colin Taylor highlighted the on-going County Council electoral boundary review which might require the adjustment of the boundary between F(A) and F(B).  No other responses received.	Council-owned premises  Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – off-street parking available on site.  The polling station is located in the main hall.

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F(B) (cont)					<p>In 2007 it was noted that proposed redevelopment in this Polling District was likely to result in an increase of an estimated 560 voters (the St. Ebba's redevelopment). This estimate has been revised to an estimated increase of 644. This means a potential increase in the total electorate in this District to 2472. However, taking into account postal voting trends, it is considered that the size of this Polling District is still within acceptable tolerances and there is scope to create another polling station at the polling place, if necessary. The location of the St. Ebba's redevelopment means that the polling place is reasonably accessible to new residents.</p>

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**STAMFORD WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>G(A)</b>	The Fellowship Hall West Hill Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  Residents' Association election agent also supported status quo.  No other comments received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered adequate  Parking – small public car park opposite, no on-street parking available close to venue.
<b>G(B)</b>	Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Rd Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  Residents' Association election agent also supported status quo.  No other comments received.	Premises considered satisfactory.  Location - see below  Disabled access – adequate  Parking – car park available on site but not immediately adjacent to building.

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G(B) (Cont)					<p>2007 was the first time this hall was used as a polling place. Although the building is on the edge of the Polling District boundary, it is considered overall to be a more 'central' location for voters than Stamford Green School. There are two pedestrian crossings on the main road either side of Christ Church Hall.</p> <p>In 2007 it was reported that proposed redevelopment in this Polling District was likely to result in an increase of an estimated 720 voters (West Park Hospital) from 2086 to 2806. This estimate has now been revised to a likely increase of an estimated 900 voters. However, taking into account postal voting trends, it is considered that the size of this polling district is still within acceptable tolerances and there is scope to create another polling station at the polling place, if necessary.</p>

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<b>G(C)</b>	Spalding Hall, The Wells Social Centre, Spa Drive, Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  Residents' Association election agent also supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Council-owned premises  Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – Good during Centre opening hours (otherwise adequate)  Parking – good – car park on site.



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**STONELEIGH WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>H(A)</b>	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall The Glade Stoneleigh  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  One election agent again suggested the merger of HA and HB polling districts on the grounds that would simplify the organisation at the polling station (one desk for roads beginning with "A" to "M" and the other for "N" to "Z") instead of a list of roads for each desk), making life easier for the tellers.  No other responses received.	The Council rejected merger in December 2007. Since the merger would have no affect on the number of polling places, it is still considered that this would be an administrative exercise of no direct benefit to the electorate in the Ward.
<b>H(B)</b>	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall The Glade Stoneleigh  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	See above.	See above.

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**NONSUCH WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>I(A)</b>	St Paul's Church Centre 15 Northey Ave Cheam  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – good  Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking available around venue.
<b>I(B)</b>	Wallace Fields Junior School Dorling Drive Ewell  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  Councillor David Wood expressed continued concern regarding residents of Ewell Downs having to go to Dorling Drive to vote when they could possibly use NESCOL instead but recognized that they are familiar with the present arrangements and the problems associated with crossing the Reigate Road.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – good  Parking – off street parking available on school premises and on-street parking available close to venue.  The Polling Place is not located within the Nonsuch Ward boundaries, but is immediately adjacent and it has worked very well for many years.

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I(B) (cont)				No other responses received.	<p>School closes on election day.</p> <p>Although it is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible, it is considered that there are no other suitable premises in the area. Schools are notified of scheduled elections as early as possible, preferably before the start of the academic year to allow schools the option of setting an INSET day.</p> <p>NESCOT has been approached in the past but responded at the time, that, because of the intensity of use of its site, it could not make any accommodation available unless an election fell in a half term or vacation period (which is unlikely). However, a recent site visit established that there was in fact no accommodation available considered suitable for the purposes of polling. In any event, NESCOT is not an ideal site, being relatively distant from most of the area and across the busy Reigate Road.</p>

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**EWELL WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>J(A)</b>	Rose Room, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  No other responses received.	Council-owned premises  Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – off-street parking available (public car park).
<b>J(B)</b>	Classroom X1, Glyn School, The Kingsway, Ewell  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered good  Parking – limited off-street parking available on school premises. On-street parking available close to venue.  The polling station is currently located in the sixth form block. The School remains open on polling day and other parts of the block are still used by the school.

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<b>J(B1)</b>	Lintons Centre, Lintons Lane, Epsom  <i>(one station)</i>	<b>Classroom X1, Glyn School, The Kingsway, Ewell</b>  <i>(see above)</i>	If the Local Government Boundary Commission's draft recommendations in connection with the county review are accepted, it will be necessary to retain and expand J(B1) because a part of JB and all of J(B1) will become part of a different County Council Division than the rest of Ewell ward and the polling district will be renamed J(C).	<p>(Acting) Returning Officer considers the current arrangements an unacceptable use of resources and the case for merger is further strengthened by the uncertainty surrounding the future availability of the Lintons Centre. The availability of an alternative suitable polling place could be a problem if this change were not made.</p> <p>Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported Ewell Village Residents' Association's stance that they did not want residents around Dirdene Gardens to be further disenfranchised by distancing them from their polling station.</p> <p>One further submission was received from a resident of Dirdene Gardens who expressed a similar view and also citing parking as a problem. He suggested St. John's Chandler Hall or the café at Sainsbury's supermarket as possible alternatives.</p> <p>These alternatives were also muted by Councillor Humphrey Reynolds.</p>	<p>The Polling District of J(B1) comprises approximately 325 properties on the south-east side of East Street, including Dirdene Gardens. It was created after the Ward Boundary changes made in 2002 and was intended as a temporary measure until the County Council elections in 2005 when the new County Council Division boundaries came into force. The 2007 review retained J(B1) because the Ewell Ward Boundary did not seem to match community ties at that time with most of the residents in this area regarding themselves as part of Epsom rather than Ewell. However, it was also reported that, if an early boundary review was not forthcoming, it was the then Returning Officer's intention to propose the merger of JB and J(B1).</p> <p><u>St. John's Chandler Hall</u>: These are commercial premises and are not available for hire. The Council cannot require them to be made available. The Scout Hut behind the Hall is considered unsuitable owing to poor access and its location.</p>

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<b>J(B1) (cont)</b>				<p>An election agent suggested the renaming of J(B1) to JC.</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>An evening site visit was made to the Hall. Lighting is poor, parking limited and access is down a single track with visibility on exit being poor.</p> <p><u>Supermarket</u> – This had been looked into previously in 2003 but with little success at the time. This was mainly due to limited suitable space on the ground floor that could be partitioned off from non-election customers. The store has since been expanded and there is no longer space on the ground floor. The café is located on the first floor so not very visible and access is by stairs or small lift only.</p>

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**TOWN WARD**

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K(A)	Annexe Building Lintons Lane Centre Lintons Lane Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	<b>St John Ambulance Hall, Hook Road, Epsom</b>	No change	<p>(Acting) Returning Officer recognises that the Lintons Centre is not very suitable as a polling place. However, if the decision to move back to St John's Ambulance Hall was made then availability could be an issue and, whilst adequate, the accommodation is not ideal and would not be capable of housing more than one polling station.</p> <p>Councillor Alison Kelly supported the use of the St. John's Ambulance Hall but stressed she was not familiar with the premises.</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>Current premises considered poor; location satisfactory.</p> <p>Disabled access – considered adequate</p> <p>Parking – off-street parking on site</p> <p>There are plans to redevelop the Lintons Centre, but it is not clear if this will affect the use of the main building during the redevelopment. Situation to be kept under review.</p> <p>Since publication of the review, the availability of St. John's Ambulance Hall in principle as a polling place has been confirmed. However availability of premises maybe difficult at short notice.</p>

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K(B)	Myers Hall Epsom Playhouse Ashley Avenue Epsom  <i>(Two stations)</i>	No change	No change	<p>(Acting) Returning Officer considered the polling district and polling place appropriate.</p> <p>Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.</p> <p>Councillor Neil Dallen expressed concern that Town Ward residents had to walk past a polling station on their way to Myers Hall and requested consideration being given to using The Church House in Church Street (currently a polling station for College Ward) for some of the Town Ward voters who live in the area around that polling station – Wimborne Close, Church Road, Church Street, Andrews Close, College Road, Grove Road, The Grove etc.</p> <p>Councillor Alison Kelly commented on parking issues and suggested the Methodist Church might be approached regarding the availability of accommodation.</p>	<p>Council owned premises</p> <p>Premises and location considered satisfactory</p> <p>Disabled access – good</p> <p>Parking - Multi storey public car park adjacent to Playhouse. No on-street parking close to venue.</p> <p>Current practice, apart from the anomaly in relation to J(B1), is to not locate polling stations from more than one Ward in the same building. This is to avoid confusion and delays at polling stations and the Count. Councillor Dallen's suggestion, however, would involve the creation of a new polling district which is not considered an acceptable use of resources for the number of electors involved.</p> <p>Since publication of the consultation, a site visit has been made to the Methodist Church. Although the accommodation looked suitable, the church is located on a busy main road and off-street parking would be an issue.</p>



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K(B) (cont)				<p>These views were echoed by one of the 2011 election candidates, also citing that he considered pedestrian access poor and again supporting the suggestion that the Methodist Church be approached.</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>Parking is at a premium on the site. Building works are currently on-going and it is likely that only two parking spaces could be made available. It is not clear whether this position would be likely to change once the building works had finished. On balance, The Myers Hall is therefore considered much more suitable.</p>
K(C)	<p>St Barnabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom</p> <p><i>(One Station)</i></p>	No change	No change	<p>(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.</p> <p>Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>Premises and location considered good</p> <p>Disabled access – considered good</p> <p>Parking – off-street parking available on site. Limited on-street parking also available.</p> <p>2007 was the first time this was used as Polling Place. The location is considered more central for voters in this district than St John Ambulance Hall which was previously used.</p>

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**COLLEGE WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place Proposed	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
L(A)	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Council owned premises  Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered adequate  Parking – close to pavilion for staff & disabled. In main car park for other voters.

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<b>L(B)</b>	The Wisley Room, The Church House, Church Street, Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – good  Parking – off-street parking available on site. On-street parking probably difficult close to venue.  Although the Polling Place is not actually located within the College Ward boundaries, it is immediately adjacent to the Ward and it has worked very well for many years.  As far as the Council is aware, there are no other suitable premises (halls etc) within College Ward/Polling District boundaries.

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**WOODCOTE WARD**

District (s)	Polling Place <i>Current</i>	Polling Place <i>Proposed</i>	Polling District Boundaries	Responses Received	Comments
<b>M(A)</b>	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom (formerly known as Dorking Road Baptist Church)  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.  Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society are content with the existing polling station.  No other responses received.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – considered adequate  Parking – limited off-street parking on site although access is difficult.
<b>M(B)</b>	St. Martins C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	In the absence of any alternatives, (Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.  Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.	Premises and location considered satisfactory  Disabled access – reasonable  Parking – off-street parking available on school premises  The only available vehicular access is via Ashley Road.

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<b>MB (cont)</b>				<p>Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society and the Society's election agent highlighted problems regarding sign posting, access and layout of the station.</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>It is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible but it is considered that there are no other suitable premises in the area. Schools are notified of scheduled elections as early as possible, preferably before the start of the academic year, to allow schools the option of setting an INSET day. However the school remained open on 5 May 2011.</p> <p>During the 2010 elections problems of disabled access to the school hall were experienced due to the erection of a fence around the playground. Vehicular access was from the Ashley Road entrance but voters had to park and walk across the playground to the school hall. For the 2011 elections discussions with the new Headteacher resulted in the offer of the use of a separate classroom block close to the Ashley Road entrance which had the advantage of being self-contained and close to the car park for disabled voters. In addition, the accommodation could, and was used, without the rest of the school having to close.</p>

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<b>MB (cont)</b>					<p>A ramp for the slight lip into the classroom would need to be provided for future elections. Issues regarding sign posting, access and layout had independently been picked up by the elections team and will be addressed at future elections.</p> <p>Other alternatives sites considered:- W.S. Atkins in Ashley Road has been approached. The firm has confirmed that they have no suitable accommodation available. University of Creative Arts in Ashley Road has no suitable accommodation and access is considered unsuitable.</p> <p>Chalk Lane Hotel has been approached: suitable accommodation is available, however, access to the premises is difficult due to narrow roads and one-way system, on-street parking and there being no pedestrian access from the Woodcote estate.</p>

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<b>M(C)</b>	Langley Vale, Village Hall, Rosebery Road  <i>(One station)</i>	No change	No change	<p>(Acting) Returning Officer considers the polling district and polling place appropriate.</p> <p>Standing Committee of Residents' Associations supported status quo.</p> <p>Woodcote (Epsom) Residents' Society and the Society's election Agent highlighted concern about accessibility for disabled people due to the slope, and it was suggested that the adjacent Church Hall or the school at Langley Vale might be a more appropriate venue.</p> <p>No other responses received.</p>	<p>Premises and location considered satisfactory</p> <p>Disabled access – considered good</p> <p>Parking – on-street parking available around venue.</p> <p>It is Council policy to avoid the use of schools wherever possible. The school is also less conveniently located than the current polling station.</p> <p>A site visit has been made to the Church Hall. Although the slope to the building is less than at the Village Hall, the layout of the building is considered unsuitable as a polling place and there would be no advantage in relocating there.</p>

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On the basis of this information, the Strategy and Resources Committee made the following recommendations to Council, which the Council agreed at its meeting on 13 December:

- (1) the polling place for polling district E(A) be designated as West Ewell Evangelical Church;
- (2) the Chief Executive be authorised to redraw the polling district boundary between polling districts F(A) and F(B) if this was necessitated by the outcome of the Electoral Review of Surrey by the Local Boundary Commission;
- (3) the Chief Executive be authorised to create a new polling district J(C) if this was necessitated by the outcome of the Electoral Review of Surrey by the Local Boundary Commission;
- (4) if created, the polling place for polling district J(C) be designated as Glyn School;
- (5) should the Local Boundary Commission's recommendations which affect polling district J(B1) not be adopted, the polling district J(B1) should be retained and the designated polling place should continue to be The Linton's Centre;
- (6) the polling place for K(A) should continue to be designated as The Linton's Centre until the future of the site is known.

**Outcome of Review**

In summary, outcome of the review is as follows:

WARD	POLLING DISTRICT	POLLING PLACE
<b>CUDDINGTON</b>	AA	Rowe Hall, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Cuddington Scout HQ, Salisbury Road, Worcester Park
	AB	St Mary's Church Hall, The Avenue, Worcester Park
<b>AURIOL</b>	B	Stoneleigh Methodist Church Hall, Stoneleigh Crescent, Ewell
<b>EWELL COURT</b>	CA	West Ewell Infants School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell
	CB	Ewell Court House, Ewell Court Avenue, Ewell



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<b>RUXLEY</b>	D	North Annexe Building (Sixth Form Common Room), Epsom & Ewell High School, Ruxley Lane, West Ewell
<b>WEST EWELL</b>	EA	West Ewell Evangelical Church, West Ewell
	EB	All Saints Church & Community Centre, Fulford Road, West Ewell
<b>COURT</b>	FA	Southfield Park Primary School, Long Grove Road, Epsom
	FB	Longmead Centre Hall, Sefton Road, Epsom
<b>STAMFORD</b>	GA	The Fellowship Hall, West Hill, Epsom
	GB	Church Hall, Christ Church, Christ Church Road, Epsom
	GC	The Spalding Hall, The Wells Social Centre), Spa Drive, Epsom
<b>STONELEIGH</b>	HA	Stoneleigh Baptist Church Hall, The Glade, Stoneleigh
	HB	As Above (Stoneleigh Baptist Church)
<b>NONSUCH</b>	IA	St Paul's Church Centre, Northey Avenue, Cheam
	IB	Wallace Fields Junior School, Dorling Drive, Ewell
<b>EWELL</b>	JA	The Rose Room, Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell
	JB	Classroom X1, Glyn School, The Kingsway, Ewell
	<i>JC *</i>	<i>Classroom X1, Glyn School, The Kingsway, Ewell *</i>
<i>* subject to outcome of Electoral Review of Surrey by the Local Boundary Commission</i>		

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<b>TOWN</b>	KA	The Lintons Centre, Lintons Lane, Epsom
	KB	Myers Hall, Epsom Playhouse, Ashley Avenue, Epsom
	KC	St. Banabas Church, Temple Road, Epsom
<b>COLLEGE</b>	LA	The Pavilion, Alexandra Recreation Ground, Alexandra Road, Epsom
	LB	Wisley Room, The Church House, Church Street, Epsom
<b>WOODCOTE</b>	MA	Grace Baptist Church, 32 Dorking Road, Epsom
	MB	St Martin's C of E Junior School, Ashley Road, Epsom
	MC	Langley Vale Village Hall, Rosebery Road, Epsom

**Challenging 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 failed to conduct a proper review on one of two grounds:

- that the Council has failed 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

- that the Council has failed to take sufficient account of the accessibility to disabled persons of polling stations within a designated polling place.

Representations based on any other grounds will not be considered by the Commission.

All representations made to the Commission must be in writing either by post, email or fax and should include the location and any other relevant

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information, stating specifically why it is inaccessible or does not meet the reasonable requirements of the electors.

### **Who may make a representation to the Electoral Commission?**

Section 18D (1) of the Representation of the People Act 1983, sets out who may make representations to the Electoral Commission namely;

- not less than thirty registered electors in the constituency (although electors registered anonymously cannot make a representation)
- a person (except the (Acting) Returning Officer) who made representations to the council when the review was being undertaken
- any person who is not an elector within the constituency but who the Electoral Commission feels has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons in the areas or has particular expertise in relation to the access to premises or facilities of disabled persons

The (Acting) Returning Officer is entitled to make observations on any representations made to the Commission.

### **What will the Electoral Commission do?**

The Electoral Commission is required to consider any representations and observations and 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.