
Polling district and polling places review for the Borough of Elmbridge

Final decisions

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The review process

A polling district and polling place review commenced on 20 October, as detailed in our public consultation document.

The timetable for the review is set out below:

Date	
20 October 2023	Formal notice of review
20 October 2023	Commencement of public consultation period
By 24 November 2023	Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments
24 November 2023	End of public consultation period
27 November to 8 December 2023	Consideration of all representations
11 to 21 December 2023	Final proposals agreed by the Chief Executive (Proper Officer)
22 December 2023	Review concluded
2 January 2024	Publish revised Register of Electors

Final decisions

Elmbridge Borough Council would like to thank those who responded to the consultation.

Having considered the responses received, along with all other considerations and the need to manage risk in the effective delivery of elections in line with legislation and Electoral Commission guidance, the Returning Officer has made the following resolutions. All polling places are monitored on an on-going basis.

Representations received are included in Appendix A.

Wards with no change to polling places

No representations were received in respect of the recommendations from the polling district and polling places review for the following wards. The Returning Officer has determined that there will be no changes to the current polling districts and polling places in the wards listed below:-

- Thames Ditton
- Hinchley Wood and Weston Green
- Claygate
- Molesey East
- Molesey West
- Cobham and Downside
- Walton North

Representations were received for the following wards, but the Returning Officer has determined that there will be no changes to the current polling districts and polling places.

- Long Ditton
- Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon
- Oatlands and Burwood Park
- Weybridge Riverside

Long Ditton Ward

A proposed change of Polling Place to the Royal British Legion, Betts Way was considered, however, due to availability and suitability, the Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District BB remain at Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School.

A suggestion was made to consider St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Road as an alternative to Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School, however this venue has previously been considered and due to the road layout and parking facilities, is not considered to be a suitable location.

A suggestion was made to consider Long Ditton Village Hall, Ewell Road, as an alternative to Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School, Ditton Hill Road, however this venue is not in Polling District BB and is already being used as the Polling Place for Polling District CB in Thames Ditton Ward.

Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District IC remain at Oxshott Village Centre. Cobham Village Hall is not in the Polling District of IC and is already being used as a Polling Place for the Cobham and Downside Ward.

Oatlands Park Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District OA remain at Oatlands School. The suggestion of Oatlands Village Hall, St. Mary's Road, has previously been considered and due to lack of available parking, the Village Hall does not meet the criteria set out in Electoral Commission Guidance.

Positive representations were made on behalf of the Polling Place for Polling Districts OB and OC. Therefore, the Polling Place will remain at St. Mary's Church Hall, Oatlands Avenue.

Weybridge Riverside Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District NB will remain at The Guide Hut, Palace Drive. There was a recommendation to use the Weybridge Centre for the Community as a Polling Place. However, the Weybridge Centre for the Community is outside the Polling District.

Positive representations were made on behalf of the Polling Place for Polling District NC. Therefore, the Polling Place will remain at St. James Parish Centre, Church Street.

Wards with new polling places

- Esher (AA Polling District)
- Walton Central (JB and JC Polling District)
- Walton South (LC Polling District)
- Hersham Village (MC Polling District)
- Weybridge St George's Hill (PB Polling District)

Esher Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District AA be confirmed as Esher Library, Old Church Path, Esher KT10 9NS. Since the change of use from a village hall to a theatre, Esher Theatre has limited lighting and windows with blacked out curtains. Esher Library is a suitable alternative to Esher Theatre.

Walton Central Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling Districts JB and JC be confirmed as St. Erconwald's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Esher Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2TA, as the Polling Place of Elmgrove Hall, Hersham Road is no longer available.

A suggestion was made to consider St. Andrew's Church as an alternative to St. Erconwald's Church, however St. Andrew's Church is already being used as a Polling Place for the Walton South Ward.

Walton South Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District LC be confirmed at Esher Rugby Club, 369 Molesey Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3PF, to avoid the use of a Portacabin at the previous Ansell Hall site on Oakbank Avenue.

Hersham Village Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District MC be confirmed as Hersham Baptist Church, Arch Road, Hersham, KT12 4QR, as the Polling Place of Hersham Youth Centre is no longer available.

Weybridge St George's Hill Ward

The Returning Officer has determined that the Polling Place for Polling District PB be confirmed as Weybridge Cricket Club, Weybridge Green, Princes Road, Weybridge, KT13 9BY, as the Polling Place of Weybridge United Reformed Church is no longer available.

A suggestion was made to consider Weybridge Library as an alternative to Weybridge Cricket Club, however Weybridge Library is outside Polling District PB.

New schedule of polling districts and polling places

Ward	Polling district letter	Polling district	Polling place
ESHER	AA	Esher South	NEW: Esher Library, Old Church Path, Esher, KT10 9NS
	AB	Esher North	Lower Green Community Centre, Farm Road, Esher, KT10 8AU
	AC	Esher West	Hersham Library, Molesey Road, Hersham, KT12 4RF
LONG DITTON	BA	Long Ditton North	Kingston Liberal Synagogue, Rushett Road, Thames Ditton, KT7 0UX
	BB	Long Ditton East	Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School, Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5JB
	BC	Long Ditton West	St. Christopher's Church, Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, KT10 0AQ
THAMES DITTON	CA	Thames Ditton Central	Thames Ditton Centre for the Community, Mercer Close, Thames Ditton, KT7 0BS
	CB	Thames Ditton East	Long Ditton Village Hall, Ewell Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5LE
	CC	Thames Ditton West	Imber Court, Ember Lane, East Molesey, KT8 0BT

HINCHLEY WOOD & WESTON GREEN	DA	Hinchley Wood and Weston Green Central	All Saints Weston Green, Chestnut Avenue, Esher, KT10 8JL
	DB	Hinchley Wood and Weston Green East	Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church Hall, Hampton Court Way, Thames Ditton, KT7 0LP
	DC	Hinchley Wood and Weston Green South	St. Christopher's Church, Claygate Lane, Hinchley Wood, KT10 0AQ
	DD	Hinchley Wood and Weston Green West	All Saints Weston Green, Chestnut Avenue, Esher, KT10 8JL
CLAYGATE	E	Claygate	Claygate Village Hall, Church Road, Claygate, KT10 0JP
MOLESEY EAST	FA	Molesey East West	Vine Hall, 39-41 Vine Road, East Molesey, KT8 9LF
	FB	Molesey East East	East Molesey Methodist Church, Manor Road, East Molesey, KT8 9JU
MOLESEY WEST	GA	Molesey West North	The Scout Hut, St. Peter's Road, West Molesey, KT8 2QE
	GB	Molesey West West	St. Peters' Community & Youth Hub, Ray Road, West Molesey, KT8 2LG
	GC	Molesey West East	Molesey Henrietta Park Adult Learning Centre, Ray Road, West Molesey, KT8 2LG
COBHAM AND DOWNSIDE	HA	Cobham and Downside North	Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham, KT11 2LU

	HB	Cobham and Downside West	Downside Village Hall, Downside Common Road, Cobham, KT11 3NP
	HC	Cobham and Downside South	Cobham Village Hall, Lushington Drive, Cobham, KT11 2LU
OXSHOTT AND STOKE D'ABERNON	IA	Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon East	Oxshott Village Centre, 19 Holtwood Road, Oxshott, KT22 0QJ
	IB	Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon South	Stoke d'Abernon Village Hall, 12 Station Road, Stoke d'Abernon, KT11 3BN
	IC	Oxshott and Stoke D'Abernon West	Oxshott Village Centre, 19 Holtwood Road, Oxshott, KT22 0QJ
WALTON CENTRAL	JA	Walton Central North	Walton Methodist Church Hall, Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2SR
	JB	Walton Central South	NEW: St Erconwald's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Esher Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2TA
	JC	Walton Central West	NEW: St Erconwald's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Esher Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2TA
WALTON NORTH	KA	Walton North (East)	Grovelands Primary School, Terrace Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2EB
	KB	Walton North (West)	St. John's Church Hall, The Furrows, Ambleside Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3JQ
	KC	Walton North South	St. John's Church Hall, The Furrows, Ambleside Avenue, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3JQ
WALTON SOUTH	LA	Walton South West	St. Andrew's Church Hall, Hersham Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 1LG
	LB	Walton South Central	Esher Rugby Club, 369 Molesey Road, Walton-on-Thames KT12 3PF

	LC	Walton South East	NEW: Esher Rugby Club, 369 Molesey Road, Walton-on-Thames, KT12 3PF
HERSHAM VILLAGE	MA	Hersham Village South	All Saints Roman Catholic Church Hall, 13 Queens Road, Hersham, KT12 5LU
	MB	Hersham Village West	The Hersham Sports & Social (Comrades) Club, 128 Hersham Road, Hersham, KT12 5QL
	MC	Hersham Village East	NEW: Hersham Baptist Church, Arch Road, Hersham, KT12 4QR
WEYBRIDGE RIVERSIDE	NA	Weybridge Riverside West	Christ the Prince of Peace Catholic Church Hall, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD
	NB	Weybridge Riverside North	The Guide Hut, Palace Drive, Weybridge, KT13 8ND
	NC	Weybridge Riverside South	St. James Parish Centre, Church Lane, Weybridge, KT13 8DN
	ND	Weybridge Riverside East	The Guide Hut, Palace Drive, Weybridge, KT13 8ND
OATLANDS AND BURWOOD PARK	OA	Oatlands and Burwood Park West	Oatlands School, St. Mary's Road, Weybridge, KT13 9PZ
	OB	Oatlands and Burwood Park Central	St. Marys Church, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, KT13 9TS
	OC	Oatlands and Burwood Park South	St. Marys Church, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, KT13 9TS
	OD	Oatlands and Burwood Park East	The Conservatory, Whiteley Village Hall, Octagon Road, Hersham, KT12 4EG
WEYBRIDGE ST. GEORGE'S HILL	PA	Weybridge St. George's Hill West	Portacabin, Station Car Park, Top of Brooklands Road, Weybridge, KT13 0UN

PB	Weybridge St. George's Hill North	NEW: Weybridge Cricket Club, Weybridge Green, Princes Road, Weybridge, KT13 9BY
PC	Weybridge St. George's Hill Central	St George's Hill Lawn Tennis Club, Warreners Lane, Weybridge, KT13 0LL
PD	Weybridge St. George's Hill East	The Conservatory, Whiteley Village Hall, Octagon Road, Hersham, KT12 4EG

Details of where the results of the review have been published

The results of the review have been published at the following locations:

Website

<https://www.elmbridge.gov.uk/elections-and-voting>

Civic Centre

Democratic Services Officer, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD

Appendix A – representations received

Acting Returning Officer comments

I am writing on behalf of the Acting Returning Officer for the Runnymede and Weybridge Constituency. I can confirm that we have no comments to make regarding your Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023.

Kath Richards, Head of Electoral Services, Runnymede Borough Council

Esher Ward

Polling place venue Esher Theatre, Community Walk, Esher, KT10 9RA

Polling district AA

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Fine	No	No	Rosemary Elliot

Long Ditton Ward

Polling place venue Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School, Ditton Hill Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5JB

Polling district BB

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
<p>With regards the British Legion in Long Ditton, I'm not sure it's in a very good state - has this been considered?</p> <p>The infant school is in a very central, ideal position I'm afraid.</p> <p>I do understand wanting to move away from it. But I would be concerned that not using it would impact turnout?</p>	<p>If the school cannot be used, have you considered the Community Church Hall, at St Mary's? Although I would be concerned it is much less central and quite uphill from where the school is. The other possibility is to use the Village Hall on Ewell Road - which also be on the edge of the ward.</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Jez Langham</p>

Oxshott and Stoke d'Abernon Ward

Polling place venue Oxshott Village Centre, 19 Holtwood Road, Oxshott, KT22 0QJ

Polling district IC

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
I live in Cobham Fairmile would be much more useful to vote in Cobham, not have to go all the way to Oxshott to vote	Cobham Village Hall	No	Robin Stephens
I live in Cobham in Fairacres which is on Fairmile Lane. We used to go to Cobham Village Hall to vote. I can walk there easily. I resent having to get in my car and drive to Oxshott which is busy and inconvenient and too dangerous to walk down Knipp Hill.	Cobham Village Hall	No	Suzanne Walker

Walton Central Ward

Polling place venue St Erconwald's Catholic Church Hall, 22 Esher Avenue,
Walton-on-Thames, KT12 2TA

Polling district JB

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Not central enough	St Andrew's Church	No	Debra Farquhar

Weybridge Riverside Ward

Polling place venue St. James Parish Centre, Church Lane, Weybridge, KT13 8DN

Polling district NC

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Brilliant location but a free parking facility for voters only in Churchfields Car Park would help the less able and elderly	No	No	Stewart Petty
It's convenient and pleasant	No	No	Sally Bean

Polling place venue The Guide Hut, Palace Drive, Weybridge, KT13 8ND

Polling district ND

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
There is no shelter for waiting voters or tellers. Tellers are part of the democratic process and they should have shelter from the rain (not heated luxury but just a roof.	Weybridge Centre for the Community. One section could be partitioned off, there are sliding doors. Surely that is a suitable use for a community centre?	Could Marlborough be merged with the adjoining ward for electoral purposes?	Gillian Smith

Oatlands and Burwood Park Ward

Polling place venue Oatlands School, St. Mary's Road, Weybridge, KT13 9PZ

Polling district OA

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Please stop using schools as polling venues. Kids miss valuable classroom time.	Surely the town could find another venue to hold the polling... Oatlands Church? The Oatlands Mens Working Club? Or at least can you alternate with Manby Lodge or St. James. I'm not clear on the boundaries so not sure if that is the issue.	No	Jennifer Sullivan
Oatlands Village Hall is a much better venue as this avoids shutting down a school / forcing an Inset day not best timed for the school with 270 children vs a pre-school with 30 children	Oatlands Village Hall	No	Martin Johnson

Polling place venue

St. Marys Church, Oatlands Avenue, Weybridge, KT13 9TS

Polling district

OB/OC

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary ?	Name of respondent
Easy to find and with some car parking available. Disabled access is not a problem. The premises are sufficiently large to accommodate the requisite number of polling booths and are always in good order.	No	No	Brian Stickland
Good location with some parking on site but a lot nearby. Disabled access and large enough in a well maintained, heated building.	No	No	Hugh Montgomerie
Very convenient for people living in Oatlands, easy to park and easy to walk to, accessible for wheel chairs, plenty of room for multiple polling booths.	No	No	Philip Evans
Venue very suitable - easy access; plenty of car park on site and on road; very easy for many families to combine with school drop off so children get an experience of democracy. Much better than using a school and children losing yet another day's education.	No	No	Sara Hollinghead
It is very easy to find and accessible with toilets, car park and Bike Rack	No	No	Folo Olokose
Ideally situated, easy parking, good facilities including for those disabled.	No	No	Elizabeth Davies

Polling place venue All

Polling district OA/OB/OC/OD

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Continuation as currently is sensible. These places work well and are easily accessible	No	No	Brian Brown

Weybridge St George's Hill Ward

Polling place venue Weybridge Cricket Club, Weybridge Green, Princes Road,
Weybridge, KT13 9BY

Polling district PB

Comments on suitability of polling place	Do you have any suggestions for alternative venues?	Do you have any comments on the polling district boundary?	Name of respondent
Venue too small	Weybridge Library	No	Kara James