
Polling district and polling places review for the borough of Elmbridge: Appendix A

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Appendix A – representations received

Acting Returning Officer comments

The Acting Returning Officer (ARO) for Runnymede & Weybridge Constituency did not have any comments on the proposed polling districts and polling places.

Hersham Ward

Polling place venue All Saints Roman Catholic Church Hall, 13 Queens Road, Hersham, KT12 5LU

Polling district MA

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
Ease of parking, disabled access	No	No	Meryl Smith

Polling place venue The Hersham Sports & Social Club, 128 Hersham Road, Hersham, KT12 5QL

Polling district MB

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Excellent decision to continue with this location, as it has good parking	No	Yes - I am extremely pleased that the county division boundary has been selected, as it is as close as is possible to the traditional boundary/ Church of England parish boundary of Hersham. I am greatly relieved that Hersham is reunited electorally-speaking, which will positively help community cohesion.	Mrs Susan Mealor

Long Ditton, Hinchley Wood & Weston Green Ward

Polling place venue Long Ditton Village Hall, 2 Ewell Road, Long Ditton, KT6 5LE

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>BB suggested at village hall Long Ditton is further away from the BA synagogue!! Really BB should be at Synagogue as nearer to BB area. Better still if BB has to move the St Mary's church community hall would be better for BB residents.</p>	<p>As mentioned in comments</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Mark Herbert</p>
<p>I am worried about this choice of venue. It seems illogical that the largest area (BB) has to walk past (BA) to get to it. It disincentivises some voters to vote, particularly those late home from work. I would suggest moving BA to Village Hall and moving BB to Synagogue. I know it's not far, but I think it is better. In addition, the Royal British Legion are looking to rebuild their facilities in the near future. Once modernised I feel this would be a more central venue.</p>	<p>St Mary's Community Hall?? Or see note above, or leave it at the Infants School.</p>	<p>I also think that BA and BB are disproportionately populated with far more voters in BB than BA, which if moved to Village Hall could put off substantial number of voters.</p>	<p>Elizabeth Laino</p>

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<p>Stopping using the Infant School for polling for the BB area - in preference for the Long Ditton Village Hall - takes the main polling station location from the centre of the main residential area of Long Ditton for young families and older people. It also places it on the other side of the Synagogue, currently used for BA polling. It would undoubtedly lead to lower turnout in two key groups - a negative democratic move in my opinion. I understand the point about the inconvenience for the school, but it has been a well used voting centre for many years - so breaking habits may also undermine attendance.</p>	<p>The Royal British Legion has been looked into - and rejected I believe? That would be a better location than the Village Hall. St Mary's Church Hall has also been considered - it is on the edge of the area and up Rectory Lane.</p>	<p>I have said that it was a shame that Long Ditton and Thames Ditton were split in the recent Boundary review.</p>	<p>Jez Langham</p>
<p>This hall is totally unsuitable as it's not in the actual polling district of BB in fact you have to go past the Synagogue that is in polling district BA to get to the Hall. BB is the biggest area to cover and yet the hall is the furthest away for voting, this makes the choice of this venue undemocratic as its not in the area it is meant to serve.</p>	<p>Long Ditton Infants school as previously used and that has worked well for years it has parking and the residents know it well.</p> <p>Alternatively St Marys Church hall next to St</p>	<p>The Boundary should at least include the polling station by moving the polling station to the hall this does not.</p>	<p>Neil Houston</p>

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	Marys Church.		
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I have serious concern's about moving BB to the Synagogue because that puts two polling stations in a different polling area, really close to each other and nothing in BB which is one of the biggest areas in the new boundaries.	If you look at the map you can see what I mean, and if the infants school is a real issue then there is the Church hall in St Marys or the junior school on Sugden road and the schools look like the better option to me as they are actually in BB, can we discuss please?!	No	Neil Houston

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Polling at the school causes children to miss out on one full day of school every single year, as well as causing parents huge logistical headaches.	The Royal British Legion, Betts Way, Long Ditton, Surbiton KT6 5HT	No	Eleanor Read
<p>It is a school and the time off for children negatively affects their education with the time they have to take off school. It also makes life very difficult for working and parents having to take time off work to look after their child on these days.</p> <p>There are local village halls that would be much better suited for this purpose than a busy infant school.</p>	Long Ditton Village Hall	No	Clare White
No suitable - it means a day off school, therefore without learning, for the children and is difficult for parents re childcare as the vast majority work.	Long Ditton Village Hall.	No	Gaidig Houghton
We wanted to write to you to agree with your proposal to move the polling venue from Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School to the Long Ditton Village	Long Ditton Village Hall	No	Rachel Cook and Kirsty Francis Co-chairs of the Long

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<p>Hall.</p> <p>We have long been concerned about the use of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School and the unfairness this places on our parents / carers and children. Our children are some of the youngest learners in the area and any time missed from school not only has a detrimental effect on their education but also on the excellent work the school is undertaking in relation to attendance. Further, when the school is used as a polling venue an unfair financial burden is placed upon our parents and carers who either need to arrange childcare or take time off work.</p> <p>We would therefore welcome your suggestion to move the venue from the school to the Long Ditton Village Hall and look forward to receiving welcome news regarding this soon.</p>			Ditton Federation governing body.

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<p>It is crazy to have a school closed for the day for elections in their venue. Every single day is crucial for teaching children. Having had 2 children at this school, paying for alternative child care for 2 children is crazy, especially when turn out for local elections is always low. Even though there is an existing ward that the long ditton village hall has an existing ward voting at the station, turnout is extremely low [having worked on the station several times] easily allowing for existing polling staff to manage the increased footfall. And with districts moving into 2 counties, the ward areas will be larger and need fewer locations.</p>	<p>Long Ditton village hall</p> <p>St Marys church community hall [often dismissed for unsafe parking, but most people will walk to vote]</p>	<p>No</p>	<p>Sarah Spence</p>

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LDI is fine for a venue, but is significantly disruptive- it closes the school resulting in pupils missing out, forces parents to manage work vs child care doesn't seem fair or economically sensible.	The Long Ditton Village hall, a short walk from there for those who can't or don't want to postal vote.	No	Simon Baty
Not suitable due to disruption for the School	Yes - Long Ditton Village Hall	No	Ms L S
I fully support the proposal to remove Long Ditton Infant school as a polling station and to replace it with Long Ditton Village Hall. Having been a parent at the school, on a year where there were multiple elections it was incredibly inconvenient having to work around the school being closed on additional days. My only comment would be that getting to the village hall you are walking past a polling station (the synagogue), and would ask can the synagogue not accommodate all the boroughs?	Alternatively, could the hall at Long Ditton St Mary's Church be utilised for polling instead, as that sits within the location of the map that the residents live.	No	Mrs Emma Pericas Sims
Wrong choice to relocate to Long Ditton Village Hall. Does not make sense. Please DO NOT change the polling location from the school. Why move the polling location for Ward BB from the Long Ditton Infants School? This has worked	If there is an absolute imperative to move away from Long Ditton Infants School, which is the RIGHT LOCATION, then use St. Mary's	No	Mr Paul Bartlett

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<p>successfully for many years, why change it?</p> <p>1) Current location is conveniently in the middle of the ward and is accessible for everyone -elderly and disabled.</p> <p>2) All voters know where the polling station is and it will cause confusion to move it.</p> <p>3) This suggested move could disenfranchise the older and more infirm members of the community of Ward BB.</p> <p>4) It seems completely contrary to move the BB ward polling station to the Long Ditton Village Hall which is in the BA ward and on the boundary with Thames Ditton & East Molesey.</p> <p>5) Long Ditton Infants School will be free, the Long Ditton Village Hall (LDVH) will be chargeable.</p> <p>6) If the LDVH main hall is not available, then step-free access is not available. Again, this will impact those who have mobility issues or are wheel chair bound.</p>	<p>Community Hall behind St. Mary's Church, Church Road.</p> <p>This has disabled friendly access and the Long Ditton cemetery car park can be used. The Community Hall is still within the BB Ward. However, this is only suggested if the Long Ditton</p> <p>Infants School is no longer a viable option.</p>		
<p>I support the recommendation of the Acting Returning officer regarding use of BB Long Ditton</p>	<p>Long Ditton village Hall</p>		<p>Mrs Fay Mcewan</p>

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<p>Village Hall. I prefer this to the use of Long Ditton Infant and Nursery School, which was disruptive to children's education and also had a negative impact on parents and carers with day time commitments, including working parents.</p>			
<p>Disruptive to the school children and parents. Surely there is an alternative venue that would be less disruptive?</p>	No	No	Mr Barry Steer
<p>I do not feel this is an appropriate polling place because shutting the nursery / school is highly disruptive to children's education and does not promote/support the government's strict guidelines on school attendance. It is also very unfair on working parents as there is no ad hoc childcare available on these days.</p> <p>Parents either have to use some of their limited annual leave or take unpaid leave. Does not support working parents.</p> <p>This has been a concern of local parents for over a decade and I have made representations to support a change to the Returning Officer on several</p>	<p>Long Ditton village hall at St Mary's Church. The British legion, Betts Way, Long Ditton. Long</p> <p>Ditton cricket club. Surbiton Hockey club.</p>	No	Ms Vicki Sharp

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<p>occasions as the impact on me as a working mother was significant.</p> <p>The school has closed for local elections, general elections, referendums and (previously) European elections. Some years this has equated to 2 or more days closure. Parking is also very limited on this road. This polling place is not close to a bus stop.</p>			
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Walton Ward

Polling place venue Walton on Thames Methodist Church Hall, Terrace Road, Walton on Thames, Surrey, KT2 2SR

Polling district JA

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
Very suitable.	No	No	Mr Nicholas Stuart

Walton South & Oatlands Ward

Polling place venue St. Andrew's UR Church Hall, Hershams Road, Walton on Thames, KT12 1LG

Polling district LA

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
Excellent	No	No	Clive Capel

Weybridge Ward

Polling place venue Christ the Prince of Peace Catholic Church, Portmore Way, Weybridge, KT13 8JD

Polling district NA

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Very good location already in use for all elections – council/general election etc	No	No	Mr Andrew Cowell