

**Notice of Meeting of the**

**ASSEMBLY**

**to be held on Wednesday, 11 September 2019  
commencing at 7:00 pm in the  
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barking**



To all Members of the Council of the London Borough of Barking and Dagenham

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## **AGENDA**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Declaration of Members' Interests**

In accordance with the Council's Constitution, Members are asked to declare any interest they may have in any matter which is to be considered at this meeting.

**3. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2019 (Pages 3 - 12)**

**4. Minutes of Sub-Committees - To note the minutes of the JNC Appointments, Salaries & Structures Panel held on 13 August 2019 (Page 13)**

**5. Leader's Statement**

The Leader will present his statement.

**6. Appointments**

The Labour Group Secretary will announce any nominations to fill vacant positions on Council committees or other bodies.

**7. Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019 (Pages 15 - 59)**

**8. Motions**

**9. Questions With Notice**

**10. Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent**

**11. To consider whether it would be appropriate to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted.**

## **Private Business**

The public and press have a legal right to attend Council meetings such as the Assembly, except where business is confidential or certain other sensitive information is to be discussed. The list below shows why items are in the private part of the agenda, with reference to the relevant legislation (the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended). ***There are no such items at the time of preparing this agenda.***

- 12. Any confidential or exempt items which the Chair decides are urgent**

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Our Vision for Barking and Dagenham

## **ONE BOROUGH; ONE COMMUNITY; NO-ONE LEFT BEHIND**

Our Priorities

### **A New Kind of Council**

- Build a well-run organisation
- Ensure relentlessly reliable services
- Develop place-based partnerships

### **Empowering People**

- Enable greater independence whilst protecting the most vulnerable
- Strengthen our services for all
- Intervene earlier

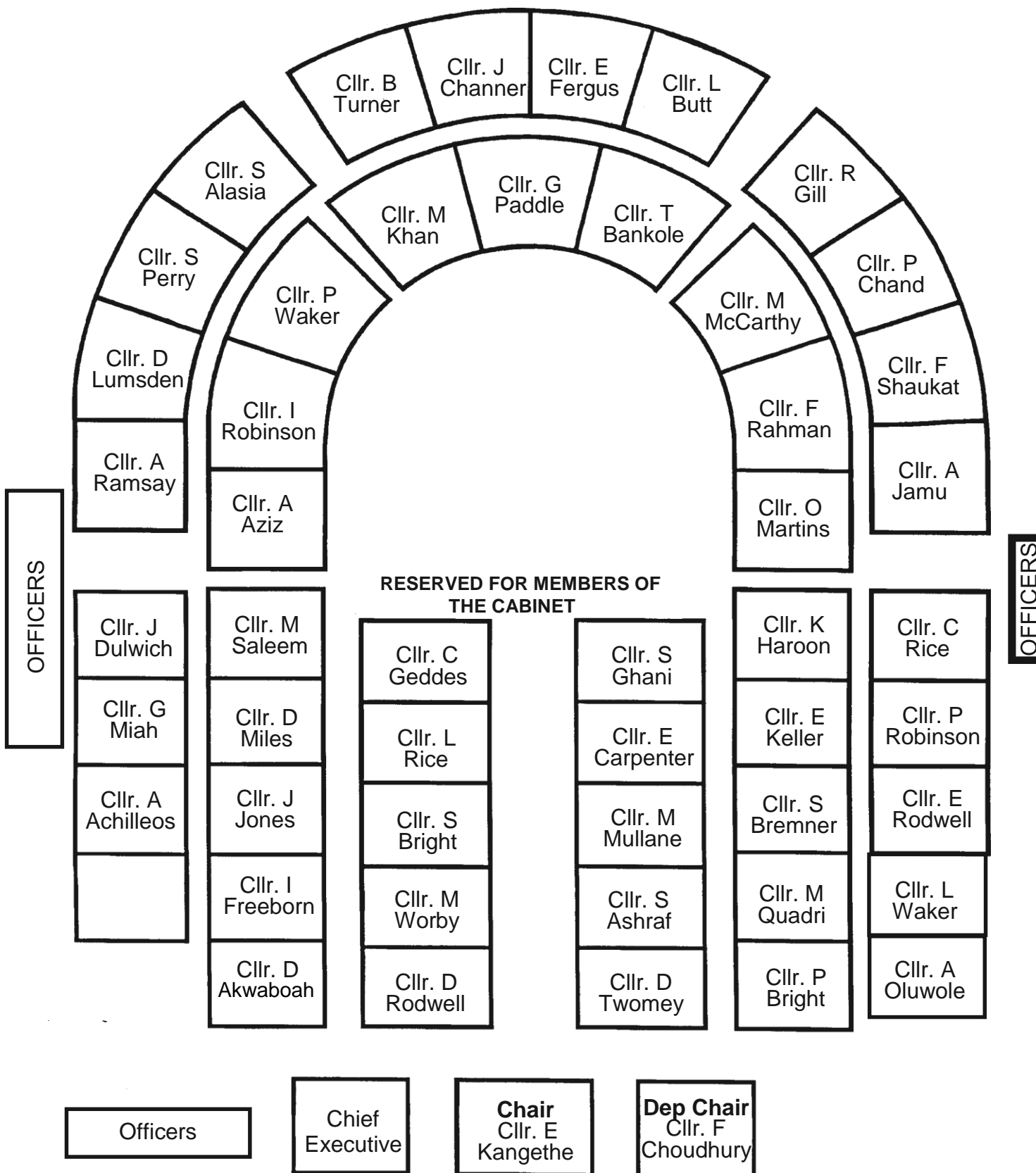
### **Inclusive Growth**

- Develop our aspirational and affordable housing offer
- Shape great places and strong communities through regeneration
- Encourage enterprise and enable employment

### **Citizenship and Participation**

- Harness culture and increase opportunity
- Encourage civic pride and social responsibility
- Strengthen partnerships, participation and a place-based approach

# BARKING TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER



**SEATING PLAN FOR THE ASSEMBLY**

## MINUTES OF ASSEMBLY

Wednesday, 24 July 2019  
(7:00 - 8:54 pm)

### PRESENT

Cllr Elizabeth Kangethe (Chair)  
Cllr Faruk Choudhury (Deputy Chair)

Cllr Andrew Achilleos	Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah	Cllr Saima Ashraf
Cllr Abdul Aziz	Cllr Simon Bremner	Cllr Princess Bright
Cllr Sade Bright	Cllr Evelyn Carpenter	Cllr Peter Chand
Cllr John Dulwich	Cllr Edna Fergus	Cllr Irma Freeborn
Cllr Cameron Geddes	Cllr Syed Ghani	Cllr Rocky Gill
Cllr Kashif Haroon	Cllr Amardeep Singh Jamu	Cllr Jane Jones
Cllr Eileen Keller	Cllr Mohammed Khan	Cllr Donna Lumsden
Cllr Olawale Martins	Cllr Mick McCarthy	Cllr Giasuddin Miah
Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole	Cllr Simon Perry	Cllr Moin Quadri
Cllr Foyzur Rahman	Cllr Tony Ramsay	Cllr Chris Rice
Cllr Lynda Rice	Cllr Ingrid Robinson	Cllr Paul Robinson
Cllr Darren Rodwell	Cllr Muhammad Saleem	Cllr Faraaz Shaukat
Cllr Dominic Twomey	Cllr Phil Waker	Cllr Maureen Worby

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Sanchia Alasia	Cllr Toni Bankole	Cllr Laila M. Butt
Cllr Josie Channer	Cllr Dave Miles	Cllr Margaret Mullane
Cllr Glenda Paddle	Cllr Emily Rodwell	Cllr Bill Turner
Cllr Lee Waker		

#### 12. Declaration of Members' Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

#### 13. Minutes of meeting of Assembly held on 15 May 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2019 were confirmed as correct.

#### 14. Minutes of Sub-Committees - To note the minutes of the JNC Appointments, Salaries and Structures Panel held on 18 June 2019

The Assembly received and noted the minutes of the JNC Appointments, Salaries and Structures Panel held on 18 June 2019.

#### 15. Leader's Statement

The Leader of the Council presented a verbal statement updating the Assembly on a range of matters since the last meeting including:

- Samuel Garside fire – The fire on Barking Riverside on 9 June had dominated the Council’s attention. The Leader paid tribute to the community, the Emergency Services and Council officers for their actions in response in the hours and days that followed the fire and the continuing actions to support affected residents.
- Stephen Port – Independent Office for Police Conduct. The decision of the IOPC not to pursue disciplinary action against police officers involved in the murder enquiry was very disappointing, given that the IOPC had identified “systemic failings” within the Metropolitan Police and does little to re-establish trust in the Police within the LGBT+ community.
- Pride London – The Council celebrated the Pride Event in London by being one of only three London Boroughs with a float. This followed the raising of the flag for International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia on 17 May and the Borough’s first ever pre-Pride party on 2 July in the Broadway Theatre.
- Windrush- The Council commemorated the anniversary of the history and legacy of the Windrush generation by raising a flag on 22 June.
- Domestic Abuse Charter and Construction Charter – Barking & Dagenham Council was the first in London to sign up to both charters promoted by the GMB and Unite Unions respectively.
- Reside -The appointment of a new Board aimed to take the Council’s Housing Company to the next level which would see the delivery of a further 3,000 affordable homes over the next five years with priority given to local people in work.
- Landlord Licensing Scheme – Since its launch five years ago this scheme has now been approved by the government, the first in the country. Since the scheme has been operating the Council had secured 70 prosecutions and served 570 enforcement notices.
- Street Crime – Earlier in July a new Council funded Crime & Enforcement Taskforce policing team was unveiled made up of nine police officers and a police sergeant. They would be responsible for patrolling housing estates to tackle drug dealing, anti-social behaviour, as well as violence and criminal damage.
- Wall of Shame – Since the launch of this initiative in 2018 a total of 22 fines had been issued to people caught on camera littering or fly-tipping, including £700 of fixed penalty notices from the last episode alone.
- Good Neighbour Guide- This had been issued to all borough households, and
- Summer of Festivals – Updated the Assembly on the success of the One Borough and Roundhouse music festivals held in Parsloes Park over the weekend and noted the annual Youth Parade taking place on Sunday 22 September in Barking.



## 16. Appointments

There were none to report.

## 17. Treasury Management Annual Report 2018/19 and Strategy 2019/20

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Performance and Core Services introduced the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19 setting out the key areas of performance during the year as well as presenting the Strategy for 2019/20.

He explained the context for presenting the report to the Assembly for approval, this being the third of three treasury management reports presented over the course of the year. This document detailed the progress made and outcomes achieved against the Strategy proposed at the beginning of the financial year. The report represented the check and balances to ensure the Council worked within the defined parameters set by Government and the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA).

The Cabinet Member was pleased to report that investment income for the year was £8.9m compared to the budget of £4.3m, while the Council's average interest return of 1.50% was 0.57% higher than the average London Peer Group return and 0.58% higher than the Local Authority average return. The Council had borrowed an additional £140m of long-term funding via the General Fund during 2018/19, bringing the total long-term General Fund borrowing to £475.7m. He confirmed that borrowing would continue to rise in the years ahead as the Council progressed its Investment and Acquisition Strategy, with returns being used to support the provision of improved services to the local community.

In respect to the report and presentation members raised a number of questions and received responses from the Cabinet Member in relation to the split of interest payable between the General Fund and the HRA, as well as the total interest payable as of 29 March 2019, details of the investment strategy underpinning the additional £140m of borrowing including explanations about a number of short term loans, as well as future borrowing plans.

It was noted that the report was presented to the Cabinet on 18 June 2019 who supported the recommendations contained therein. Consequently,

The Assembly **resolved** to:

- (i) Note the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2018/19;
- (ii) Note that the Council complied with all 2018/19 treasury management indicators;
- (iii) Approve the actual Prudential and Treasury Indicators for 2018/19; and
- (iv) Note that the Council borrowed £140m from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLB) in 2018/19.

## 18. Adoption of Gambling Licensing Policy 2019 - 2022

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing presented a report on the Adoption of the Gambling Policy 2019- 2022. The Council, as the local licensing authority for gaming and betting, was required to have in place a statement of the principles (a 'policy') which must be reviewed in accordance with a statutory three-year cycle. The Council first published a gambling licensing policy in 2007 and a further review was now due in order to keep the Council's policy in line with the statutory review cycle. Given that the Council's Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy was the subject of a full detailed mid-term review in 2017, only minimal changes were proposed in the report, which were considered necessary in order to reflect the latest developments in gambling licensing law and guidance.

The proposed changes to the Policy included the maximum stake permissible in category B2 machines being reduced from £100 to £2 and the number of these machines being restricted to a maximum of four per shop, both of which came into effect from April 2019. Other changes were being proposed to reflect best practice, as recommended by the Gambling Commission, related to the level of detail in plans submitted with new applications, and the need for premises to include their staff when completing risk assessments that accompanied applications.

Responding to the report members spoke about the harmful and damaging impact that gambling had particularly on young people, recognising the need for policies to protect them, seeking to strike a balance between allowing legitimate gambling and protecting the most vulnerable in society, although online gambling remained a problem and was less regulated.

The Leader referred to the Council's role in supporting Newham Council in lobbying the government to introduce the maximum £2 stake in category B2 machines. Whilst the change was welcomed questions were raised as to the impact of "clustering" of bookmakers to negate the effect of the change in the maximum stake. It was acknowledged by the Cabinet Member that at this early stage it was difficult to assess the longer-term impact. It was suggested therefore that the Policy and Strategy may need tweaking in future in the light of the changes.

The Cabinet considered this report at their meeting on 16 July and consequently,

The Assembly **resolved** to adopt the revised Statement of Gambling Licensing Policy 2019-2022, as set out in Appendix A of the report.

## 19. Annual Scrutiny Report 2018/19

The Assembly received and noted a report and accompanying presentation from the Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny Committees outlining the work programmes of both Committees in the past year and how both have sought to achieve the four principles of good public scrutiny as described by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, namely:

1. Providing a "critical friend" challenge;
2. Reflecting the voice and concerns of the public;
3. Taking the lead and owning the scrutiny process; and
4. Making an impact on the delivery of public services.

In response to the Health Scrutiny report it was noted that whilst the Barking, Havering and Redbridge (BHR) NHS Trust had been the only one in London to achieve the 62-day target for cancer care, it was regarded as a meaningless target and an indictment of this government's inept approach to the NHS and lack of funding provision.

The Leader congratulated both Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees together with their respective deputies on the work they have achieved in the past year since the Council revised the Overview and Scrutiny structure. These comments were endorsed by other Members.

## **20. Motions**

### **Motion – Single Use Plastics**

Moved by Councillor Achilleos and seconded by Councillor Worby

“This local authority believes that single use plastics (referred to as SUP's from here onwards) are one of the biggest threats to environmental sustainability globally. This includes their widespread availability and their improper disposal which is leading to an increase in landfill and waste incineration, the two most environmentally damaging forms of waste disposal.

It is difficult to quantify the damaging impact SUP's have on our local area, but we need look no further than the litter on our streets and in our green spaces which poses a threat to wildlife and biodiversity. Our waterways and ponds are frequent victims of SUPs, and our air quality is inadvertently affected by the mass disposal of such plastics.

This is a global issue, but it is one that requires action. This Council recognises it's responsibility to address this problem and aims to lead by example, seeking to phase out the use of SUP's across all services provided by the local authority where practical and economically viable. In some areas this may not be possible due to the financial constraints placed on us by central government, but we believe it is our duty to explore all options.

This Council aims to begin the process in-house by limiting the availability of SUP's in all our buildings and by staff leading to reducing the use of SUP's to zero as soon as practicable. Specifically, this Council recognises SUP's as plastic bags, disposable utensils, beverage containers, plastic drinks bottles, food wrappers, straws, stirrers and plastic lids. We aim to investigate launching a public 'Plastic Free LBBDD' campaign in order to extend the reduction of use from staff and commissioned services, contractors, suppliers and local authority schools where feasible.

This may affect the products we buy and use such as bottles, cutlery, food packaging, stationary and the use of straws. As the second biggest employer locally, it is our belief that by raising awareness in this way will help inform our residents on the matter, collectively reducing SUP's across the borough and bringing us one step closer to becoming the Green Capital of London.

We aim to work alongside the Chamber of Commerce, schools, voluntary organisations, businesses, and our community to help make ensure that the eradication of SUP's is high on the agenda. We believe that the local authority has an obligation to protect the environment for future generations. It is because of this obligation that we show leadership in this issue today”.

Councillor Achilleos urged the Assembly to support the motion which, if agreed, would help create a more environmentally responsible ethos across sectors and throughout the borough. He stated that as Labour politicians a lot is spoke about the need to build more social housing, protecting the NHS, eradicating poverty and creating a more fair and equal society. These are noble causes but ultimately will count for nothing if the environment that sustains us is destroyed.

Barking and Dagenham has a proud history of leading the way for other councils across the country on a range of issues. By taking the lead on environmental responsibility, the Council can pave the way for others to do the same. Supporting this motion would make Barking and Dagenham one of the first boroughs in London to outline such a commitment.

The impact of SUP's can be seen all around, not least in the litter found across the country parks, open spaces, streets, front gardens, and waterways, and plastics will take over 400 years to biodegrade. They were quite literally poisoning the environment and contributing to a decline in biodiversity. Phasing out SUP's and replacing products with more responsible alternatives where feasible would be groundbreaking.

Councillor Achilleos concluded that by leading on this today, he was confident that the Council could deliver a greener tomorrow for Barking and Dagenham for future generations.

Members of the Assembly spoke in support of the motion proposing that representations need to be made to the new Environment Secretary.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

### **Motion – Public Health Funding**

Moved by Councillor P. Robinson and seconded by Councillor Keller

“The public health grant funds vital services and functions that prevent ill health and contribute to the future sustainability of the NHS. Local authorities are responsible for delivering most of these services, but their ability to do so is compromised by public health grant reductions and the broader funding climate.

In 2018/19 and 2019/20 every local authority will have less to spend on public health than the year before. Taking funds away from prevention is a false economy. Without proper investment in public health people suffer, demand on local health services increases and the economy suffers. Poor public health costs local businesses heavily through sick days and lost productivity. Unless we restore public health funding, our health and care system will remain locked in a 'treatment' approach, which is neither economically viable nor protects the health of residents.

The Government is looking to phase out the Public Health Grant by 2020/21. Thereafter, they plan to fund public health via 75% business rates retention. Whatever the model, it is vital that local authorities have enough funding to deliver the functions and services they need to provide. Deprived areas often suffer the worst health outcomes, so it is also vital that areas with the greatest need receive sufficient funding to meet their local challenges. This Council notes that around four in ten cancers are preventable, largely through avoidable risk factors, such as stopping smoking, keeping a healthy weight and cutting back on alcohol. In addition, in Barking and Dagenham we have the highest rate of death from cancer considered preventable in London. Smoking accounts for 80,000 early deaths every year and remains the largest preventable cause of cancer in the world. Smoking-related ill health costs local authorities £760 million every year in social care costs. Additionally, obesity and alcohol account for 30,000 and 7,000 early deaths each year respectively. All three increase the risk of: cancer, diabetes, lung and heart conditions, poor mental health and create a subsequent burden on health and social care.

This Council believes that the impact of cuts to public health on our communities is becoming difficult to ignore. This case becomes more pressing given the Government's consideration of a 10-year plan for the NHS. For this reason, we support Cancer Research UK's call for increased and sustainable public health funding.

This Council calls on the Government to deliver increased investment in public health and to support a sustainable health and social care system by taking a 'prevention first' approach. In turn, Barking & Dagenham Council will continue to support and fund public health initiatives to the best of our abilities - to prevent ill-health, reduce inequalities and support a health and social care system that is fit for the future."

Members of the Assembly spoke in support of the motion.

The motion was **carried** unanimously.

## 21. Questions With Notice

Question 1

From Councillor Freeborn

Following the introduction of the first government approved Boroughwide Landlord Licensing Scheme, what is being done to protect residents living in private rented accommodation within our Borough?

## **Response from the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing**

First of all, can I congratulate Councillor Mullane as the responsible Cabinet Member and all those officers involved in helping us secure the very first borough-wide landlord licensing scheme which we will continue to develop and strengthen.

Under the scheme, all privately rented properties are audited for compliance through visits and regular checks. Through the scheme the Council audit occupancy numbers and ensure that private landlord properties are regulated and through the threat of enforcement that they are taking their responsibilities seriously and are carrying out works to meet required standards.

Home Fire Safety checks are carried out by the enforcement officers to ensure tenants are given fire safety advice. Although as we know from the recent fire in Barking Riverside, we would want more powers to go even further. The enforcement service is also working collaboratively with others and any number of issues can be addressed by our officers, such as fly tipped waste, over producing waste from private lets, parking etc.

We also have a dedicated tenancy sustainment officer who specifically supports tenants. They also investigate complaints of illegal evictions and harassment. Part of the role supports vulnerable tenants.

Question 2

From Councillor Quadri

Can the Leader of the Council update the Assembly on the outcomes of the first phase of the CPZ programme?

## **Response from the Leader of the Council**

I pay tribute to the work of Councillor Mullane and officers. It has not been an easy journey and at times matters have become personal in public meetings and on social media.

The first four Controlled Parking Zones were fully implemented on 1st July 2019 and the uptake of permits in the zones has been very encouraging. Understandably there has been a mixed reaction to the introduction although antidotally the evidence is that many residents have welcomed the introduction of CPZ's with one resident saying at a recent ward meeting with their MP that they welcomed that fact that there was now places to park during the day. Other residents were also very positive once a few issues regarding visitors' permits had been addressed.

During the first three weeks of operation the enforcement team has taken a light approach, visiting the areas to show a presence and issuing warning notices where appropriate. However as of this week PCN's will be issued if necessary. It is important to remember that one of the principle reasons for introducing the CPZ's was to improve traffic safety for children and future generations.

### Question 3

From Councillor Miah

As part of our ambition to be London's Green Capital, what action is being taken to protect the local environment in new developments?

#### **Response from the Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Social Housing**

The Council's adopted Local Plan, in combination with the National Planning Policy Framework (or NPPF) and the adopted London Plan, currently require developers to comply with protection and enhancement of the environment. This includes preventing air and water pollution, preventing noise nuisance, and protecting open spaces and nature.

The new Local Plan for 2019 to 2034 will update these policies and ensure the Council is in line with the latest version of the NPPF and the new London Plan. The new Local Plan will include a Strategic Policy setting out the ambition for Barking and Dagenham to become London's Green Capital, supplemented by development management policies on energy, air and noise pollution, decontamination of land, managing flood risk and managing and reducing waste.

The Council and Be First have commissioned a number of studies that are informing the development of the new Local Plan. These studies include the Strategic Flood Risk Assessment, which identifies areas at greatest risk of flooding and measures needed to reduce and mitigate flood risk; a biodiversity survey of the borough which assessed existing Sites of Nature Conservation and makes recommendations for new ones; a Green Infrastructure and Biodiversity Strategy that will encourage active travel, mitigate for climate change and increase access to open spaces and nature; a Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.

The latest Local Implementation Plan – LIP 3 – sets out the transport strategy for the borough and identifies projects that will reduce air pollution, create healthy streets and encourage walking and cycling.

### Question 4

From Councillor Chand

As London City Airport launches public consultation into its expansion, what is the Council doing to engage residents in the process?

#### **Response from the Cabinet Member for Community Leadership and Engagement**

We are encouraging residents to get involved in the public consultation, by promoting it on the Council's social media channels. Posts are scheduled on both Twitter and Facebook from next week, continuing until the closing date of 20 September.

The consultation will also be promoted in the next fortnightly e-newsletter 'One Borough', which will go to over 14,000 residents on 2 August and then again on 13 September. A hard copy of the consultation plans, for anyone without internet access, are also available to view in Barking Town Hall reception area. The consultation will also be put on our new resident engagement platform 'Engagement HQ' early August.

While there appear to be no public consultations events taking place in our borough, we are encouraging residents to attend the following events taking place in neighbouring boroughs:

- **Wednesday 11 September**, from 12 noon - 7pm, The City Centre, 80 Basinghall St, London EC2V 5AR
- **Thursday 12 September**, from 3.30pm - 7.30pm, Southern Grove Community Centre, Southern Grove, Mile End, London, E3 4FX
- **Saturday 14 September**, from 10am - 4pm, Royal Docks Learning and Activity Centre, Albert Rd, Royal Docks, London E16 2JB.

In reply Councillor Chand stated that if the planned expansion proceeded it would have major environmental implications for this Borough and his concern was that it appeared that unlike the three adjoining Boroughs this Borough has not been directly consulted.

The Cabinet Member assured Members that the Council is taking all necessary steps to ensure our residents have their say.



## **MINUTES OF JNC APPOINTMENTS, SALARIES AND STRUCTURES PANEL**

Tuesday, 13 August 2019  
(12:50 - 3:45 pm)

**Present:** Cllr Darren Rodwell (Chair), Cllr Sanchia Alasia and Cllr Kashif Haroon

**Apologies:** Cllr Dominic Twomey

### **4. Declaration of Members' Interests**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **5. Private Business**

It was resolved to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting by reason of the nature of the business to be discussed which included information exempt from publication by virtue of paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

### **6. Appointment of Finance Director**

The Panel considered the papers that had been submitted in advance of the meeting, which included the job description and person specification for the post together with the CVs of the two shortlisted candidates.

The Panel reviewed and agreed the interview questions to be asked of the candidates.

Following the interviews, Members discussed the presentations and responses to the questions and reached a unanimous decision.

The Panel **resolved** to appoint Philip Gregory to the post of Finance Director, subject to suitable references, employment checks and usual terms and conditions.

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## ASSEMBLY

11 SEPTEMBER 2019

<b>Title:</b> Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2019	
<b>Report of the Chief Executive</b>	
Open Report	<b>For Decision</b>
<b>Wards Affected:</b> All	<b>Key Decision:</b> No
<b>Report Author:</b> Laurel Brewster Electoral Services Manager	<b>Contact Details:</b> Tel: 020 8227 2164 E-mail: <a href="mailto:laurel.brewster@lbbd.gov.uk">laurel.brewster@lbbd.gov.uk</a>
<b>Accountable Strategic Leadership Directors:</b> Fiona Taylor, Director of Law & Governance, and Chris Naylor, Chief Executive	
<b>Summary:</b>	
<p>Under the Electoral Administration Act 2006, the Council previously had a duty to conduct a review of each of the Borough's polling districts (areas within ward boundaries) and associated polling places (stations) every four years. The Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 changed the timing of compulsory reviews to align to the timetable for five-yearly Parliamentary Elections, which requires the Council to complete the current review by 31 January 2020. The responsibility for agreeing the proposals rests with the Assembly.</p> <p>A polling district is a sub-division of a constituency or ward. A polling place is a geographical area within a polling district in which a polling station can be located. It is possible to have a polling station outside the polling district in certain circumstances.</p> <p>The review process, undertaken by the Chief Executive in his dual capacities as the Acting Returning Officer (ARO - responsible for providing polling places) and the Electoral Registration Officer (ERO - responsible for the Register of Electors including the provision of polling districts), requires public consultation with relevant interested persons / organisations.</p> <p>The review was launched on 8 April 2019 by way of a Notice on the Council's website and was open to all local electors. Details of the review, together with the ARO's submission commenting on the existing polling stations and any proposals for change, were also circulated for comment to all Councillors, Council officers including the Access Officer, both local Members of Parliament, the relevant MEP and GLA members, local political parties and other relevant organisations such as those that may have an expertise in access to premises or facilities for people with disabilities. The consultation closed on 28 June 2019.</p> <p>Details of the proposals for polling districts and polling places, together with a summary of representations made on a ward by ward basis, are set out in <b>Appendix A</b>. In</p>	

summary there are no proposed changes to 13 of the 17 wards. The wards directly affected are **Abbey, Goresbrook, Longbridge and Thames**.

Following consideration by the Assembly, the Council's final proposals will be published and are subject to challenge through the Electoral Commission (EC) for a six-week period. The updated arrangements will be reflected in the Register of Electors next published in full on 1 December 2019 and any subsequent changes that may arise from upheld challenges to the EC will be incorporated at the appropriate time.

### **Recommendation(s)**

The Assembly is recommended to:

- (i) Approve for publication the final proposals arising from the review of polling districts and associated polling places as detailed in Appendix A to the report; and
- (ii) Authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with relevant ward councillors, to agree any changes to the polling district and/or polling places arrangements that may be deemed necessary prior to the next formal review.

### **Reason(s)**

In order for the Council to meet its statutory responsibility to review polling districts and polling stations every five years.

## **1. Introduction and Background**

- 1.1 Every local authority area is divided into wards and those wards are divided into polling districts for voting purposes. A polling place (station) is designated for each polling district. Electors can vote in person only at their allocated polling place. The review dealt with identifying polling places within defined polling districts. Actual ward, constituency and borough boundaries are unaffected by the review.
- 1.2 In line with the guidance issued by the Electoral Commission (EC), any representations made on the ARO submission within the review period which do not support the original proposals are required, where possible, to provide alternatives. The ARO must take account of the comments received and, where appropriate, make necessary changes, and is required to report on the outcome of the Review with recommendations to the Assembly for determination.
- 1.3 Once the final arrangements are agreed they will be published on the Council's Website along with all relevant correspondence including any representations made.
- 1.4 Following the publication of the final arrangements the following are, by law, entitled to appeal direct to the EC within a period of six weeks:
  - *Groups of no less than 30 electors in a constituency (who have not previously made representations).*
  - *An elector who has previously made representations during the Review.*

- *A person who is not an elector in the area but who the EC decides has expertise in access to premises or facilities for disabled people.*

1.5 All representations to the EC must be in writing to:

Legal Counsel  
The Electoral Commission  
3 Bunhill Row  
London EC1Y 8YZ

Tel: 020 7271 0500 Fax 020 7271 0505  
Email: [appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk](mailto:appeals@electoralcommission.org.uk)

1.6 Representations must be on the grounds that the Review has not been conducted properly because it has either failed to meet the reasonable requirements of electors, and/or taken insufficient account of accessibility for disabled people to the polling places within a polling district. The decision of the EC on any representations will be published on their website and local authorities are encouraged to do likewise for transparency and completeness. Where appropriate the EC will direct local authorities to consider alterations to polling places that they deem necessary under the review.

## **2. Proposal and Issues**

2.1 The following statutory guidelines have been taken into account as part of the Review:

- The Council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- The Council must seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled and that where they are not to make reasonable adjustments.

2.2 In respect to the latter, the Equalities and Human Rights Commission explain that the duty to make reasonable adjustments comprises three requirements. For service providers and those exercising public functions, these requirements are:

- Where a provision, criterion or practice puts disabled people at a substantial disadvantage compared with those who are not disabled, to take reasonable steps to avoid that disadvantage.
- Where a physical feature puts disabled people at a substantial disadvantage compared with people who are not disabled to avoid that disadvantage or adopt a reasonable alternative method of providing the service or exercising the function, and
- Where not providing an auxiliary aid<sup>1</sup> puts disabled people at a substantial disadvantage compared with people who are not disabled, to provide that auxiliary aid.

2.3 All of the premises proposed for 2019 have been assessed as accessible. As both Council and non-Council premises are used as polling places it is not always

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<sup>1</sup> In the context of a polling station, an auxiliary aid could, for example, be a ramp for wheelchair users.

possible to ensure full accessibility, such as provision for disabled car parking. However, where permanent access ramps are not in place temporary ramps are provided by Electoral Services for the day of an election and Presiding Officers, who are responsible for the smooth running of an election at polling stations, are trained on the practical steps that they should take to facilitate disabled voters. Access issues are also mitigated by the option that exists for all registered voters to apply for a postal vote, negating the need to vote in person.

2.4 Other guidelines are recognised as good practice, but may not always be possible:

- The polling place should be in its own polling district;
- All polling places should relate to a single ward;
- Natural, well-defined boundaries are preferred;
- All properties in a minor road or estate should be in the same polling district (unless the ward or constituency boundary makes this impossible);
- There should be an even spread of polling places;
- The polling district should be the 'catchment area' for the polling place and no elector should have to pass another polling place to get to their own;
- The polling places that voters are familiar with are not changed unless there is a strong need to do so.

2.5 Previous reviews have taken account of all the above factors to ensure, as far as practicable, all sites were compliant. Electoral Services staff have continued to monitor the suitability of polling places through visits and reports of Presiding Officers and polling station inspectors at previous elections, including the last local elections held in May 2018 and the recent European Parliament elections held in May 2019.

2.6 With regard to the types of buildings used as polling places, every effort is made to find alternatives to schools, as this can require the school to be closed for the day and causes disruption to pupils, teachers and parents. However, given the lack of available alternatives within each polling district it is still necessary to use some school premises.

2.7 The schedule in **Appendix A** sets out details of the proposed polling places for 2019, alongside details of the electorate for each polling district, a summary of the factors considered and details of the polling places that were agreed as part of the 2014 review. Maps showing the locations of polling places within the polling districts as a result of the review are set out in **Appendix B**.

2.8 In summary, it is proposed that the polling arrangements in 13 of the Borough's 17 wards remain unchanged from the arrangements that were agreed in 2014 – these wards are Alibon, Becontree, Chadwell Heath, Eastbrook, Eastbury, Gascoigne, Heath, Mayesbrook, Parsloes, River, Valence, Village and Whalebone. The four wards where changes are proposed are Abbey, Goresbrook, Longbridge and Thames and are summarised as follows:

- i) **Abbey ward:** It is proposed that polling district AB is formally relocated from St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road, to the Barking Enterprise Centre, Cambridge Road, and district AD relocates from the Barking Learning Centre to Barking Town Hall. These new sites were used for the recent 2019 European elections.

- ii) **Goresbrook ward:** It is proposed that polling district EC relocates from St. Peter's Catholic Parish Centre, 52 Goresbrook Road, to Harmony House, Baden Powell Close, and district ED relocates from Harmony House to St. Albans Church, Urswick Road.
- iii) **Longbridge ward:** It is proposed that polling district FA is formally relocated from Arden House Nursery & Children's Centre, 198 Longbridge Rd, to Eastbury Community School Primary, Rosslyn Road. This site was used for the recent 2019 European elections.
- iv) **Thames ward:** The significant residential development in the Thames View / Barking Riverside area has resulted in several changes to the arrangements that were agreed at the time of the last review in 2014. In 2015, a new polling district (JF) was created and a polling place established in Westminster Gardens to serve residents in the far north-west area of the ward. Also, the Rivergate Church site (JD) which serves the southern end of the ward in the Riverside area now has two polling stations within the venue. Polling district JE was created in 2014 to serve the eastern end of the Thames View estate, incorporating the new development site east of Renwick Road. Due to a lack of suitable space in that area, a portacabin has been situated in Blessing Way on private land owned by Barking Riverside Limited. Ward councillors have consistently expressed concerns at this location, as it requires a significant number of residents to cross the busy Renwick Road. The proposal is to relocate the portacabin to the eastern end of Bastable Avenue, adjacent to a large paved parking area. It is also proposed to relocate polling district JB from the Scrattons Community Hall to the nearby Scrattons Farm Tenants and Residents Association building.

2.9 The Review represents the circumstances that exist at this point in time and it is possible that alternative arrangements may need to be made come the time of an election / referendum. This could be due, for example, to the unavailability of a polling place owing to refurbishment works or a significant change in the size of the electorate. Any such changes do not require a formal review. Recommendation (ii) therefore seeks delegated authority for the Chief Executive, in consultation with relevant ward councillors, to agree any changes to the polling district and/or polling places arrangements that may be deemed necessary prior to the next formal review in 2024.

### 3. Options Appraisal

3.1 A number of alternative sites for polling places were considered as part of the review. However, these alternative sites were discounted due to the Council being unable to secure a commitment for their use at the time of an election or due to accessibility issues.

## 4. Consultations

- 4.1 The Act places a duty on local authorities to ensure that all relevant groups and individuals are given the opportunity to comment on the proposals being put forward for polling places, particularly in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons with disabilities. Attached at **Appendix C** is a list of all those consulted as part of this review.

## 5. Financial Implications

Implications completed by: David Folorunso, Finance Business Partner

- 5.1 The cost of this review (including employee costs, general office expenses, and the cost of consultation) has been met from within the existing Electoral Services budgets, with no additional funding required.
- 5.2 Any additional costs in relation to the hire of temporary or permanent buildings to utilise as polling stations, as a result of this review, will be met from the Elections budget. As the next scheduled election is the GLA/Mayoral election, the additional costs will be met by the Cabinet Office as part of the standard funding arrangements.

## 6. Legal Implications

Implications completed by: Dr. Paul Feild, Senior Governance Solicitor

- 6.1 Each constituency is divided into polling districts for the purposes of Parliamentary elections. The Electoral Administration Act 2006 provides that the Council must divide its areas into districts and keep the polling districts under review.
- 6.2 A polling district must have a designated polling place. Section 18C of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 places a duty on the Council to conduct regular reviews of polling districts and polling places. The Electoral Registration and Administrative Act 2013 details the timing of the compulsory reviews.

## 7. Other Implications

- 7.1 **Risk Management** - It is important to conclude and publish the Council's final arrangements for polling districts and places so as to properly plan for the GLA and Mayoral Elections taking place on 7 May 2020. Provisional bookings of venues seek to ensure that buildings will be available for the Election and any issues that may arise will be dealt with on a case by case basis taking into account the recommendation in the report authorising the ARO to agree any permanent/ temporary polling station arrangements.
- 7.2 **Corporate Policy and Customer Impact** - Electoral Services has previously been subject to an Equalities Impact Assessment (EIA) including the provision of elections, which included analysis of polling station locations taking into account the needs of particular communities as regards race, faith, disability, age and gender. As part of the requirements of the review relevant organisations with a focus on disability have been consulted on the proposals.



**Public Background Papers Used in the preparation of the Report: None**

**List of appendices:**

**Appendix A** - List of proposals with comments and recommendations

**Appendix B** - Maps showing the polling stations within polling districts

**Appendix C** - List of consultees

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## Polling Districts and Polling Places (stations) Review 2019

## Abbey Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Comments
AA	Eastbury Community School Primary, Rosslyn Road, Barking	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area.
AB	St Mary's and St Ethelburga's Catholic Church, Linton Road, Barking	The church is currently unavailable due to major reconstruction works. High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
AC	Abbey Community Centre, Cowbridge Lane, Barking	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
AD	Barking Learning Centre, Town Square, Barking	

## Proposed Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Proposals
AA	Eastbury Community School Primary, Rosslyn Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1820</i>
AB	Barking Enterprise Centre (BEC), Cambridge Road, Barking	The BEC was used in 2019 and is directly opposite St Mary's and St Ethelburga's church. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2675 at two polling stations</i>
AC	Abbey Community Centre, Cowbridge Lane, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2043 at two polling stations</i>
AD	Barking Town Hall, Town Square, Barking	The Town Hall has been used since 2018, as the Barking Learning Centre became the venue for the Election Count. The Town Hall also offers greater accessibility. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1396</i>

## Eastbury Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Comments
CA	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking	
CB	St John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
CC	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking	
CD	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area.

## Proposed Arrangements

Polling District	Polling Place	Proposals
CA	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1612</i>
CB	St John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2739 at two polling stations</i>
CC	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1439</i>
CD	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1102</i>

## Gascoigne Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
DA	Gascoigne Youth and Community Centre, St Ann's, Barking	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
DB	Salvation Army Community Hall, Morley Road, Barking	
DC	Salvation Army Community Hall, Morley Road, Barking	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area.
DD	Ripple Centre, St Erkenwald Road, Barking	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
DA	Gascoigne Youth and Community Centre, St Ann's, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 3132 at two polling stations</i>
DB	Salvation Army Community Hall, Morley Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1250</i>
DC	Salvation Army Community Hall, Morley Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1113</i>
DD	Ripple Centre, St Erkenwald Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 601</i>

## Goresbrook Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
EA	Hatfield Community Centre, Hatfield Road, Dagenham	
EB	Becontree Church Centre, Hedgemans Road, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
EC	St. Peters Catholic Parish Centre, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	Due to the poor state of repair of the church hall facility an alternative venue has been sought still within the polling district boundary.
ED	Harmony House, Baden Powell Close, Dagenham	As Harmony House is outside the polling district boundary an alternative has been investigated.

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
EA	Hatfield Community Centre, Hatfield Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1715</i>
EB	Becontree Church Centre, Hedgemans Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2425 at two polling stations</i>
EC	Harmony House, Baden Powell Close, Dagenham	To move this polling station to Harmony House which is within the polling district. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1421</i>
ED	St Albans Church, Urswick Road, Dagenham	To adopt this new location subject to ongoing discussions with the Church Diocese for use of St Albans Church. This is within the polling district. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1386</i>

## Longbridge Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Comments</i>
FA	Arden House Nursery & Children's Centre, Longbridge Rd, Barking	Arden House is no longer available due to internal reorganisation of the available space.
FB	Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
FC	St Thomas More Catholic Church, Longbridge Road, Barking	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area.
FD	Barking United Reformed Church Hall, Upney Lane, Barking	

## Proposed Arrangements

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Proposals</i>
FA	Eastbury Community School Primary, Rosslyn Road, Barking	To adopt Eastbury Community School Primary in Rosslyn Road, which is within the polling district and currently in use for AA polling station. Additionally, to split the polling station to accommodate high electorate. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2253 at two polling stations</i>
FB	Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 3372 at two polling stations</i>
FC	St Thomas More Catholic Church, Longbridge Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1327</i>
FD	Barking United Reformed Church Hall, Upney Lane, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 607</i>

## Mayesbrook Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Comments</i>
HA	St Cedds Church Hall, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
HB	Sycamore Trust, Woodward Road, Dagenham	Current polling station is situated on the southernmost boundary of the ward and back from the street frontage. Additionally, 90% of the electorate are located to the north of Becontree Station and the railway line.
HC	Ted Ball Memorial Hall, Neasham Road, Dagenham	
HD	St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Bowes Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Proposals</i>
HA	St Cedds Church Hall, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2093 two polling stations</i>
HB	Sycamore Trust, Woodward Road, Dagenham	No proposed change. However, officers shall continue to investigate potential alternative venues more centrally based to the polling district. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1813</i>
HC	Ted Ball Memorial Hall, Neasham Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1444</i>
HD	St. Teresa's Catholic Primary School, Bowes Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 956</i>



## Thames Ward

**2014 Arrangements**

<i>Polling District</i>	<i>Polling Place</i>	<i>Comments</i>
JA	Thames View Community Centre, Bastable Avenue, Barking	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
JB	Scrattons Community Hall, Morrison Road, Barking	Due to proximity of this polling station being encompassed within an active community facility an alternative location has been investigated.
JC	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	
JD	Rivergate Church, Minter Road, Barking	Higher electorate since 2014 requires split of polling station
JE	Portacabin Blessing Way, Barking	Local Councillor representations expressed concerns about the location of this polling station and the fact that the allocated electorate at the eastern end of the Thames View estate are dissuaded to cross the busy industrial route of Renwick Road in order to vote. Access and the location of this polling station at the extreme east of the polling district and on private land has required the investigation of alternative locations more centrally to the polling district.

**Proposed Arrangements**

With continued residential development in this Ward and the diverse locations of the existing properties, together with crossing busy roads used by industrial vehicles, it had become necessary to add a further Polling District (**JF**) to this ward since the last Polling station review in 2014. Thames Ward will require continual assessment as further development continues at Thameside.

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
JA	Thames View Community Centre, Bastable Avenue, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 3046</i>
JB	Scrattons Farm, Tenant's and Resident's Association, Julia Gardens, Barking	To adopt the use of the Scrattons Farm Tenants and Residents Association building located adjacent to the existing polling station. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 505</i>
JC	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 434</i>
JD	Rivergate Church, Minter Road, Barking	No proposed change, except to split the existing polling station into two due to increased electorate. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2197 at two polling stations</i>
JE	Portacabin Bastable Avenue, Barking	To adopt an alternative location for the portacabin at the eastern end of Bastable Avenue adjacent to a large paved parking area. Council technical officers have confirmed the viability of the use of this area. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1130</i>
JF	Portacabin, Westminster Gardens, Barking	This portacabin polling station was introduced in 2015 to assist the electors "cut off" by the busy River Road traffic and reduce the high number of electors in the adjacent polling district (JA). To adopt the use of the portacabin in Westminster Gardens as it has been in continual use as a polling station since 2015. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 463</i>

## Alibon Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
KA	St Georges Church, Rogers Road Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
KB	Richard Alibon Primary School, Alibon Road, Dagenham	
KC	Osborne Square Church, Osborne Square, Dagenham	
KD	Parsloes Primary School, Spurling Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
KA	St Georges Church, Rogers Road Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) =2583 at two polling stations</i>
KB	Richard Alibon Primary School, Alibon Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1324</i>
KC	Osborne Square Church, Osborne Square, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 782</i>
KD	Parsloes Primary School, Spurling Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1719</i>

## Whalebone Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
LA	Hartley Brook Church, Rosslyn Avenue, Dagenham	
LB	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
LC	Green Lane Christian Fellowship Church, Green Lane, Becontree, Dagenham	
LD	Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Rd, Chadwell Heath	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
LA	Hartley Brook Church, Rosslyn Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1719</i>
LB	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2067 at two polling stations</i>
LC	Green Lane Christian Fellowship Church, Green Lane, Becontree, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1736</i>
LD	Chadwell Heath Community Centre, High Rd, Chadwell Heath	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1536</i>

## Eastbrook Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
MA	Barking and Dagenham College, Dagenham Road, Romford	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
MB	Eastbrook School, Dagenham Road, Dagenham	
MC	Dagenham & Redbridge F.C., Victoria Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
MA	Barking and Dagenham College, Dagenham Road, Romford	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 3529 at two polling stations</i>
MB	Eastbrook School, Dagenham Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1844</i>
MC	Dagenham & Redbridge F.C., Victoria Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1600</i>

## Parsloes Ward

## 2014 arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
NA	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	
NB	Fanshawe Community Centre, Barnmead Road, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
NC	St Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham	
ND	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area.

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
NA	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1476</i>
NB	Fanshawe Community Centre, Barnmead Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1955 at two polling stations</i>
NC	St Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1653</i>
ND	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 927</i>

## Heath Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
PA	Eastbrook Community Centre, Rainham Road North, Dagenham	
PB	Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway, Dagenham	
PC	Heath Park Community Halls, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
PD	Five Elms Primary School, Wood Lane, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
PA	Eastbrook Community Centre, Rainham Road North, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 661</i>
PB	Beacontree Heath Methodist Church, The Broadway, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1169</i>
PC	Heath Park Community Halls, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2569 at two polling stations</i>
PD	Five Elms Primary School, Wood Lane, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2413 at two polling stations</i>

## Chadwell Heath Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
QA	Marks Gate Community Centre, Rose Lane, Chadwell Heath	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
QB	Marks Gate Baptist Church Hall, Bardfield Avenue, Chadwell Heath	
QC	United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Chadwell Heath	
QD	Eastern Avenue Baptist Church, East Road, Chadwell Heath	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
QA	Marks Gate Community Centre, Rose Lane, Chadwell Heath	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2072 at two polling stations</i>
QB	Marks Gate Baptist Church Hall, Bardfield Avenue, Chadwell Heath	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1488</i>
QC	United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Chadwell Heath	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1577</i>
QD	Eastern Avenue Baptist Church, East Road, Chadwell Heath	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1415</i>



## River Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
RA	Dagenham Library, Church Elm Lane, Dagenham	
RB	Marsh Green Primary School, South Close, Dagenham	
RC	Beam Primary School, Oval Road North, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
RD	Thomas Arnold Primary School, Arnold Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
RA	Dagenham Library, Church Elm Lane, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1478</i>
RB	Marsh Green Primary School, South Close, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1324</i>
RC	Beam Primary School, Oval Road North, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2110 at two polling stations</i>
RD	Thomas Arnold Primary School, Rowdowns Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1486</i>

## Valence Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
TA	Education Suite – Visitors Centre, Valence House Museum, Margery Road, Dagenham	
TB	Henry Green Primary School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	
TC	Henry Green Primary School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	Outside of ward boundary as only suitable venue in the local area. High electorate requires split of polling station.
TD	Grafton Primary School, Stanhope Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
TA	Education Suite – Visitors Centre, Valence House Museum, Margery Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 959</i>
TB	Henry Green Primary School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1677</i>
TC	Henry Green Primary School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham	No proposed change, except to split the existing polling station into two due to increased electorate. Space in the school can easily accommodate three polling stations. <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2073 at two polling stations</i>
TD	Grafton Primary School, Stanhope Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1879</i>

## Village Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
UA	Village Community Hall, Vicarage Road, Dagenham	
UB	Dagenham Parish Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
UC	Teresa Greene Community Centre, Leys Avenue, Dagenham	
UD	John Perry Primary School, Charles Road, Dagenham	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
UA	Village Community Hall, Vicarage Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1729</i>
UB	Dagenham Parish Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2171 at two polling stations</i>
UC	Teresa Greene Community Centre, Leys Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 832</i>
UD	John Perry Primary School, Charles Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1989 at two polling stations</i>

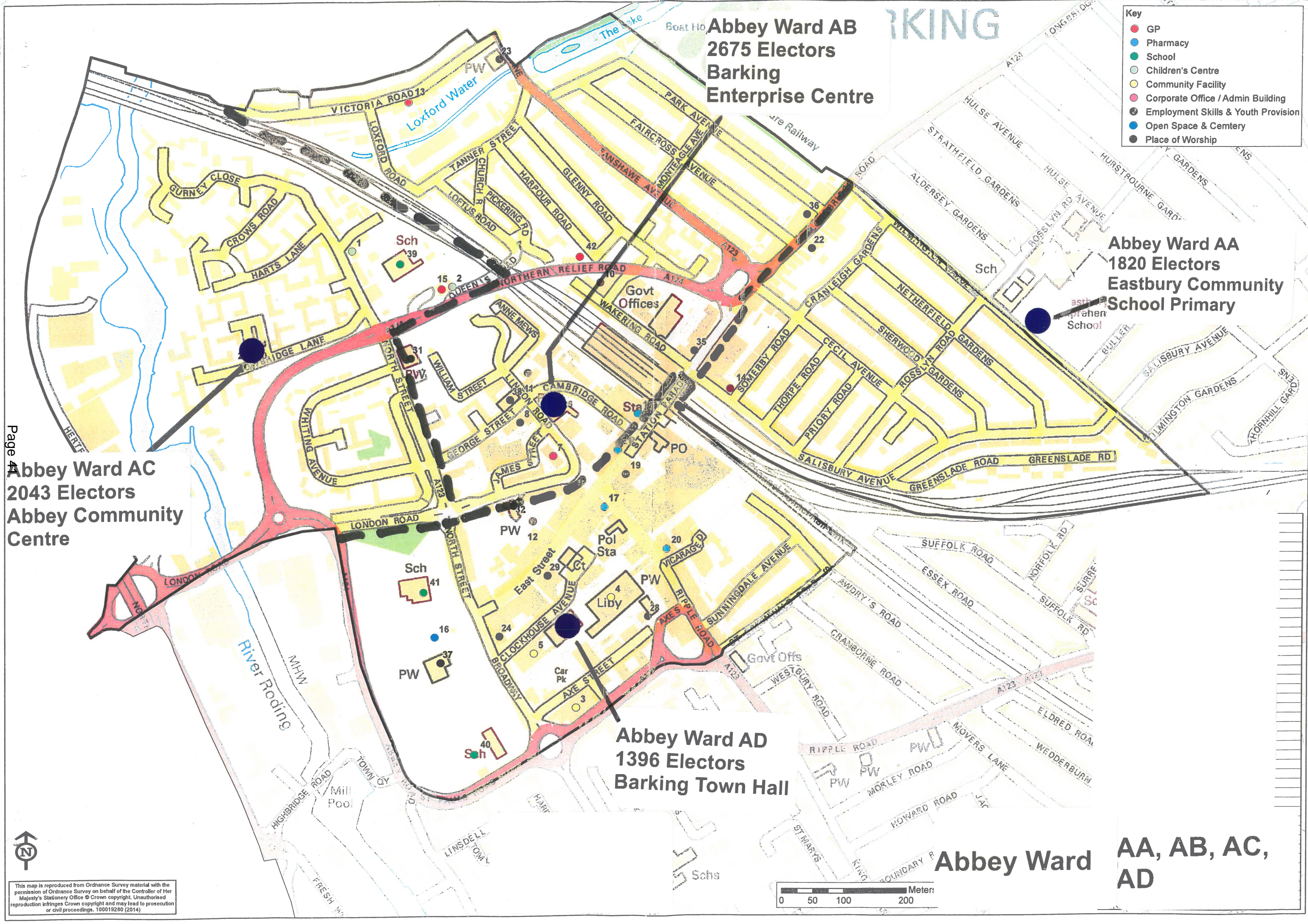
## Becontree Ward

## 2014 Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Comments</b>
VA	Bethel Christian Centre, Bennetts Castle Lane, Dagenham	High electorate requires two polling stations at this venue
VB	The Vibe, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham	
VC	St. Thomas Church, Haydon Road, Dagenham	
VD	Erkenwald Campus, Mayesbrook Park School, Marlborough Road, Dagenham	
VE	St Thomas More Catholic Church, Longbridge Road, Barking	

## Proposed Arrangements

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Proposals</b>
VA	Bethel Christian Centre, Bennetts Castle Lane, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 2038 at two polling stations</i>
VB	The Vibe, Becontree Avenue, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1485</i>
VC	St. Thomas Church, Haydon Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1533</i>
VD	Erkenwald Campus, Mayesbrook Park School, Marlborough Road, Dagenham	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1586</i>
VE	St Thomas More Catholic Church, Longbridge Road, Barking	No proposed change  <i>Total electors (minus postal voters) = 1756</i>



**Abbey Ward AB**  
 2675 Electors  
 Barking  
 Enterprise Centre

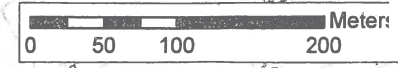
**Abbey Ward AA**  
 1820 Electors  
 Eastbury Community  
 School Primary

**Abbey Ward AC**  
 2043 Electors  
 Abbey Community  
 Centre

**Abbey Ward AD**  
 1396 Electors  
 Barking Town Hall

**Abbey Ward** AA, AB, AC, AD

- Key**
- GP
  - Pharmacy
  - School
  - Children's Centre
  - Community Facility
  - Corporate Office / Admin Building
  - Employment Skills & Youth Provision
  - Open Space & Cemetery
  - Place of Worship



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- Key**
- GPs
  - Pharmacy
  - School
  - Children's Centre
  - Community Facility
  - Corporate Office / Admin Building
  - Open Space & Cemetery
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Eastbury

**Eastbury Ward CA**  
 1612 Electors  
 Eastbury Primary School

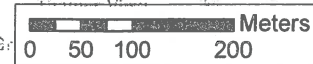
**Eastbury Ward CD**  
 1102 Electors  
 Eastbury Primary School

**Eastbury Ward CB**  
 2739 Electors  
 St John The Divine Church

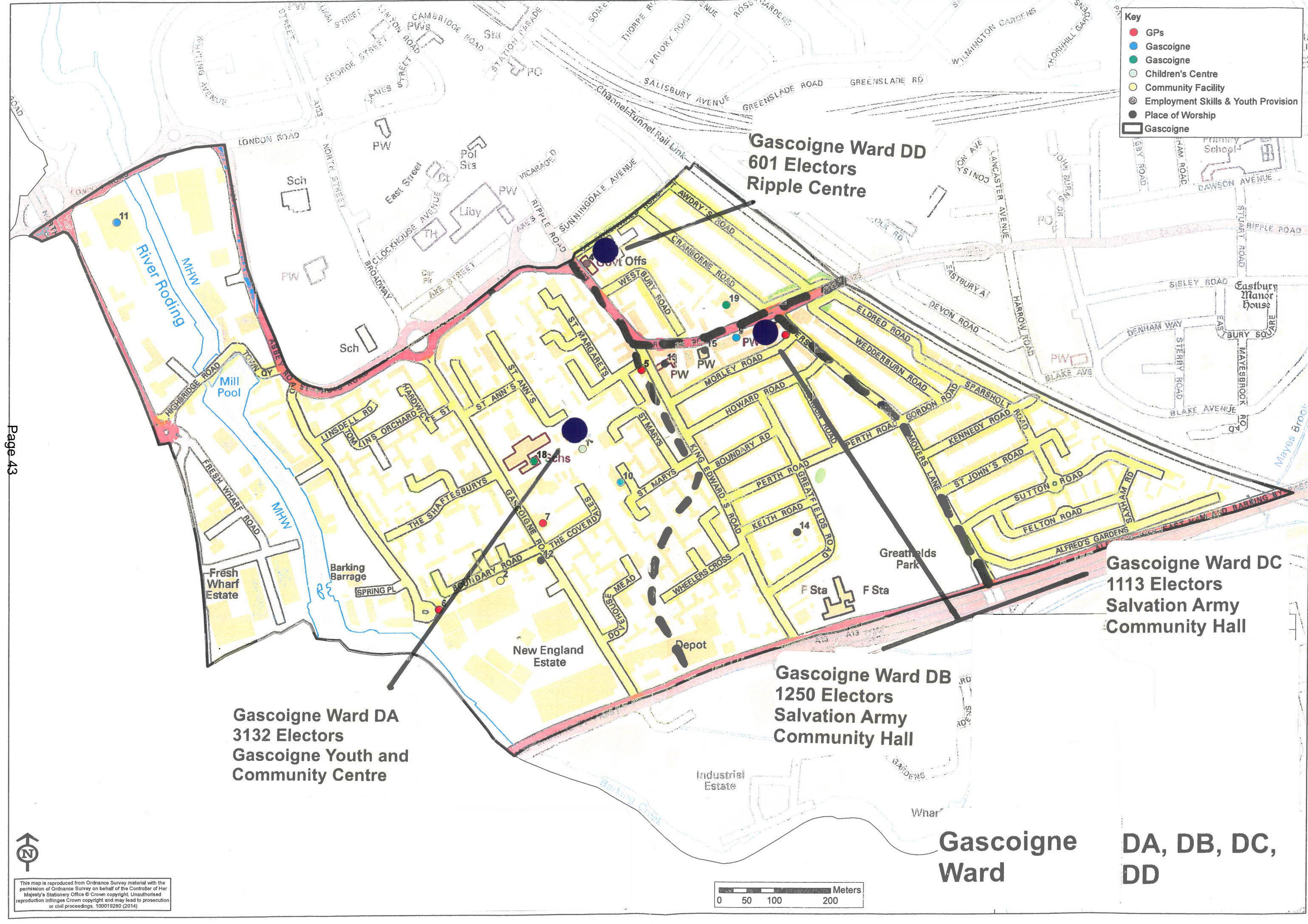
**Eastbury Ward CC**  
 1439 Electors  
 Eastbury Manor House

**Eastbury Ward CA, CB, CC, CD**

**Eastbury Ward**



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- Key**
- GPs
  - Gascoigne
  - Gascoigne
  - Children's Centre
  - Community Facility
  - Employment Skills & Youth Provision
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Gascoigne

**Gascoigne Ward DD**  
 601 Electors  
 Ripple Centre

**Gascoigne Ward DC**  
 1113 Electors  
 Salvation Army  
 Community Hall

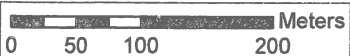
**Gascoigne Ward DB**  
 1250 Electors  
 Salvation Army  
 Community Hall

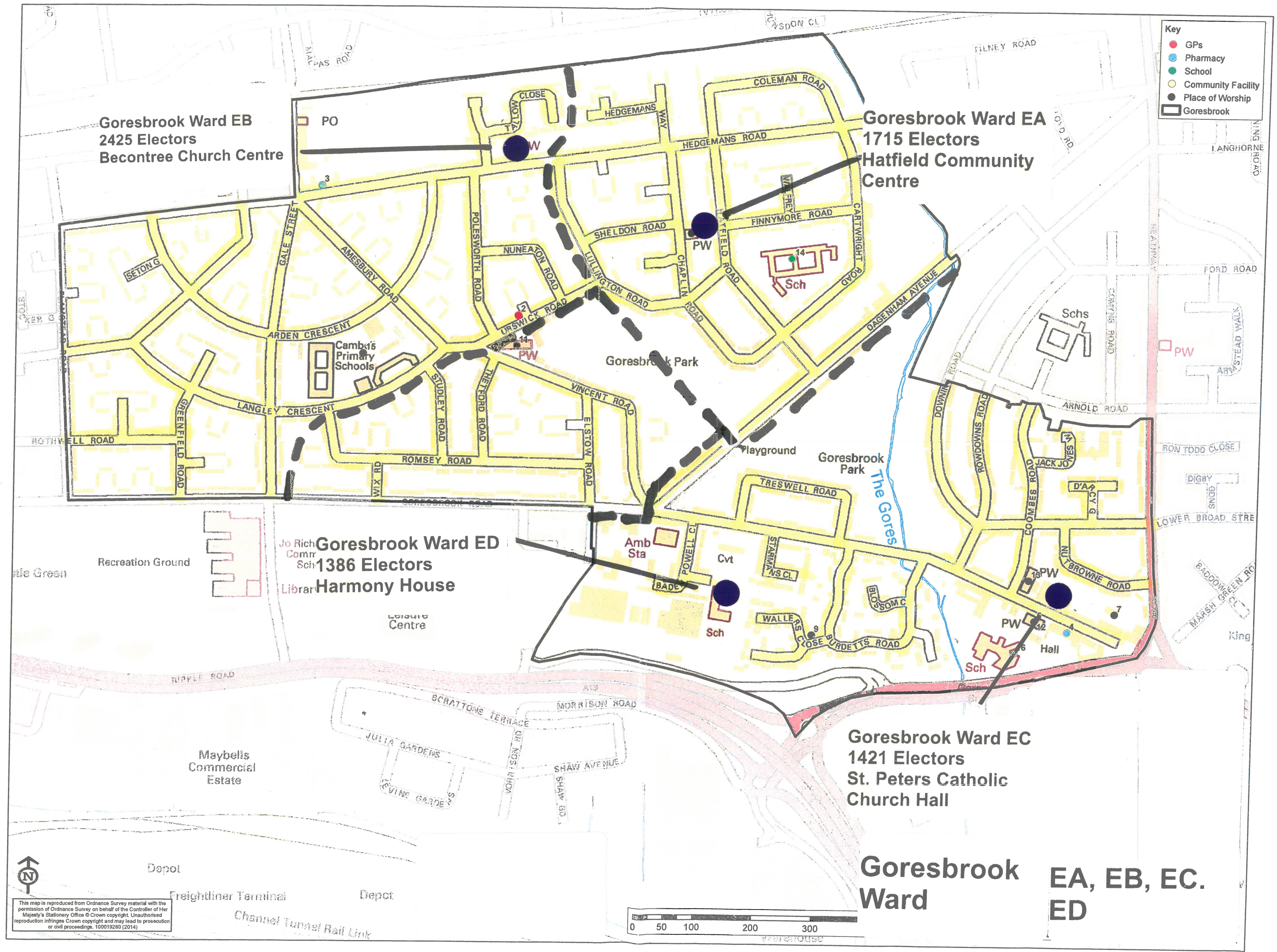
**Gascoigne Ward DA**  
 3132 Electors  
 Gascoigne Youth and  
 Community Centre

**Gascoigne Ward**  
 DA, DB, DC, DD



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- Key**
- GPs
  - Pharmacy
  - School
  - Children's Centre
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Longbridge

**Longbridge Ward FC**  
 1327 Electors  
 St Thomas More  
 Catholic Church

**Longbridge Ward FB**  
 3372 Electors  
 Manor Junior School

**Longbridge Ward FA**  
 2253 Electors  
 Eastbury Community  
 School Primary

**Longbridge  
 Ward**

**Longbridge Ward FD**  
 607 Electors  
 Barking United Reformed  
 Church

**FA, FB, FC.  
 FD**

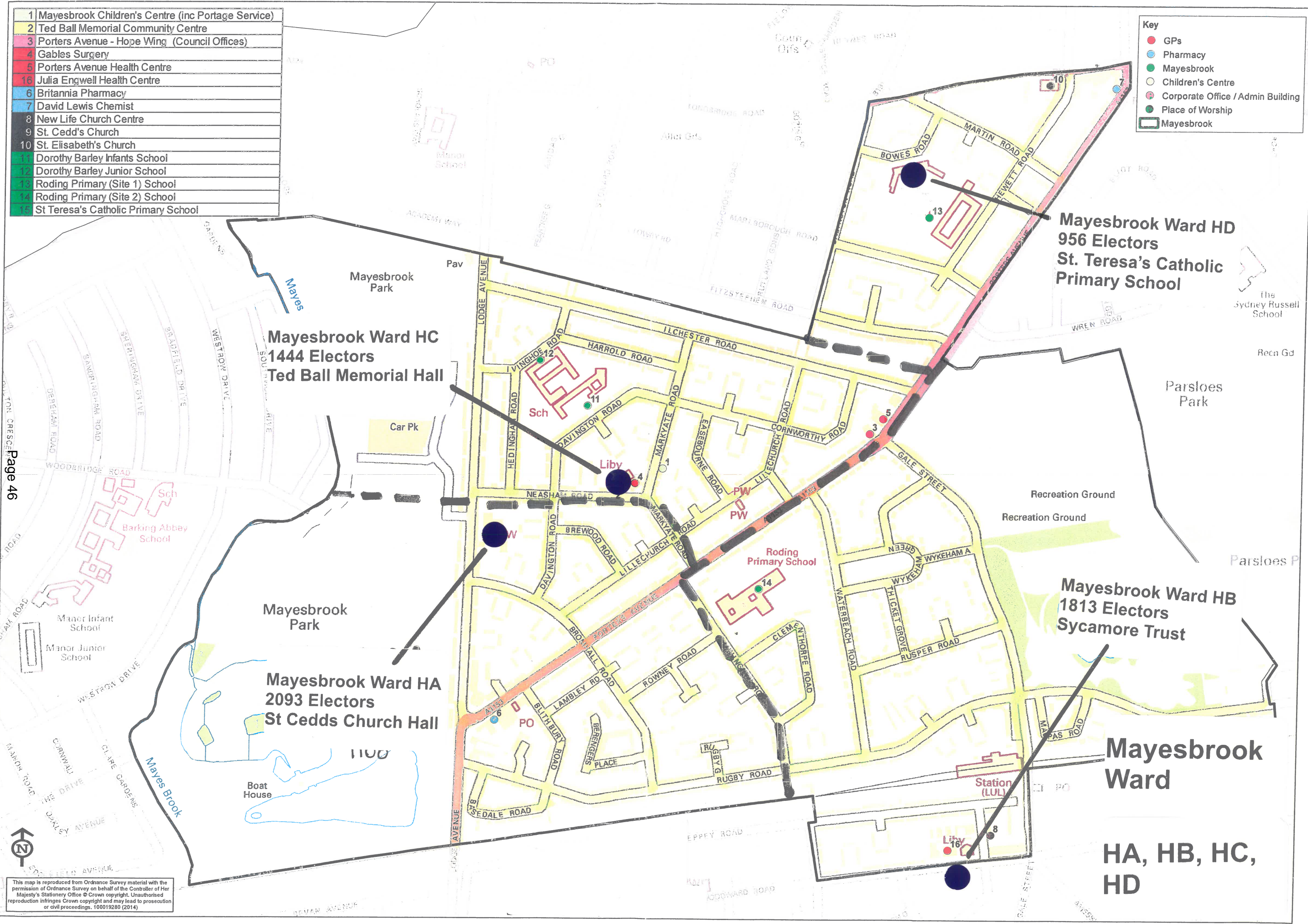


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1	Mayesbrook Children's Centre (inc Portage Service)
2	Ted Ball Memorial Community Centre
3	Porters Avenue - Hope Wing (Council Offices)
4	Gables Surgery
5	Porters Avenue Health Centre
16	Julia Engwell Health Centre
6	Britannia Pharmacy
7	David Lewis Chemist
8	New Life Church Centre
9	St. Cedd's Church
10	St. Elisabeth's Church
11	Dorothy Barley Infants School
12	Dorothy Barley Junior School
13	Roding Primary (Site 1) School
14	Roding Primary (Site 2) School
15	St Teresa's Catholic Primary School

**Key**

- GPs
- Pharmacy
- Mayesbrook
- Children's Centre
- Corporate Office / Admin Building
- Place of Worship
- Mayesbrook



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- Key**
- GPs
  - Pharmacy
  - School
  - Children's Centre
  - Community Facility
  - Employment Skills & Youth Provision
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Thames

**Thames Ward JC**  
 434 Electors  
 St John the Divine Church

**Thames Ward JB**  
 505 Electors  
 Scrattons Farm  
 Tennants and Residents  
 Association

**Thames Ward JA**  
 3046 Electors  
 Thames View  
 Community Centre

**Thames Ward JF**  
 463 Electors  
 Portacabin, Westminster  
 Gardens

**Thames Ward JE**  
 1130 Electors  
 Portacabin  
 Bastable Avenue

**Thames Ward JD**  
 2197 Electors  
 Rivergate Church

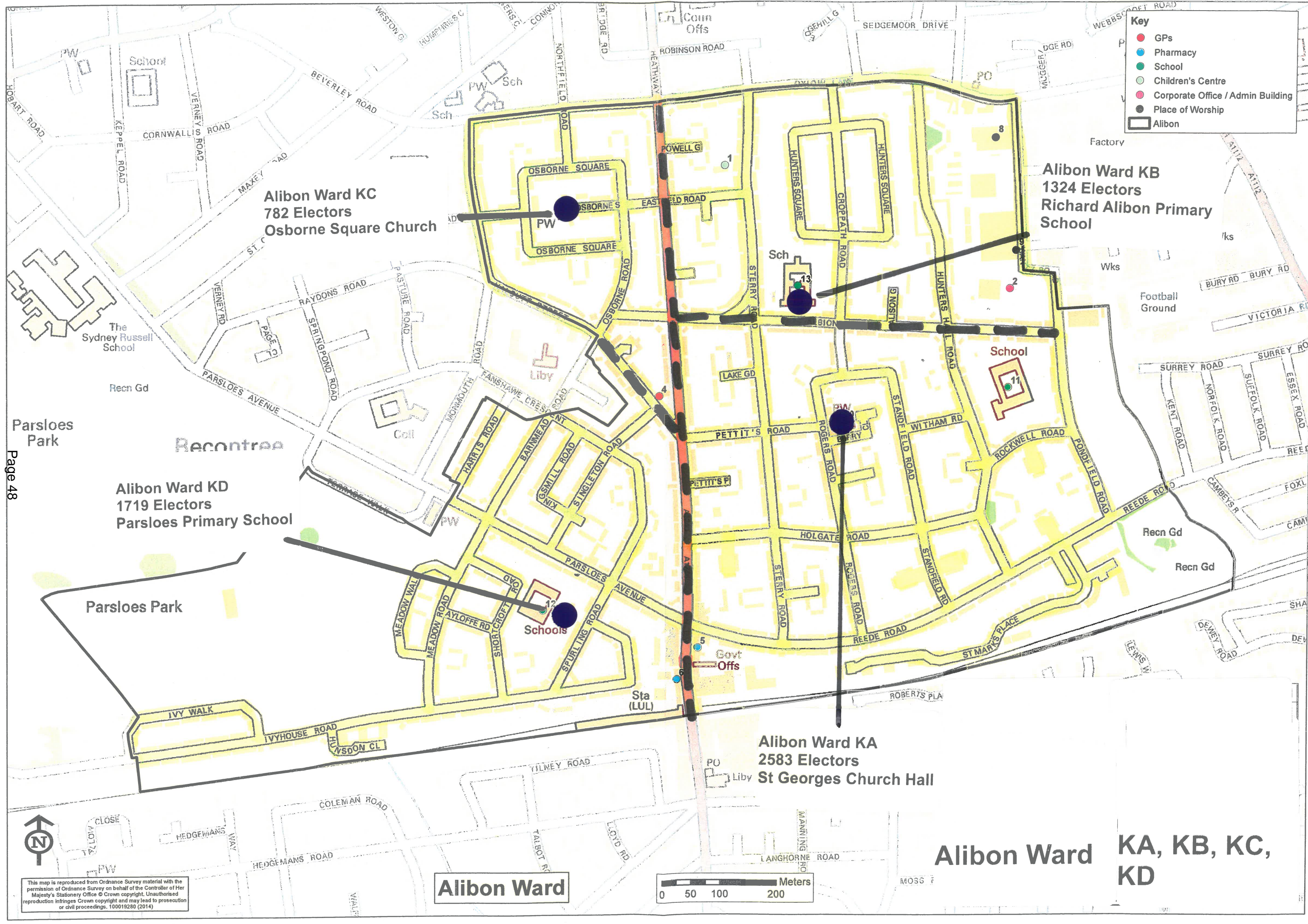
**Thames Ward JA, JB, JC,  
 JD, JE, JF**



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**Thames Ward**





**Key**

- GPs
- Pharmacy
- School
- Children's Centre
- Corporate Office / Admin Building
- Place of Worship
- Alibon

**Alibon Ward KC**  
 782 Electors  
 Osborne Square Church

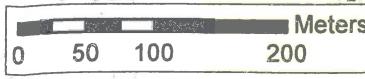
**Alibon Ward KB**  
 1324 Electors  
 Richard Alibon Primary School

**Alibon Ward KD**  
 1719 Electors  
 Parsloes Primary School

**Alibon Ward KA**  
 2583 Electors  
 St Georges Church Hall

**Alibon Ward KA, KB, KC, KD**

**Alibon Ward**



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Chadwell Heath

St Chad's Park

Whalebone Ward LB  
2067 Electors  
Catterall Hall

Whalebone Ward LD  
1536 Electors  
Chadwell Heath  
Community Centre

Whalebone Ward LA  
1719 Electors  
Hartley Brook Church

Whalebone Ward LC  
1736 Electors  
Green Lane Christian  
Fellowship Church

Whalebone  
Ward  
LA, LB, LC,  
LD

**Key**

- Pharmacy
- School
- Children's Centre
- Community Facility
- Place of Worship
- Whalebone



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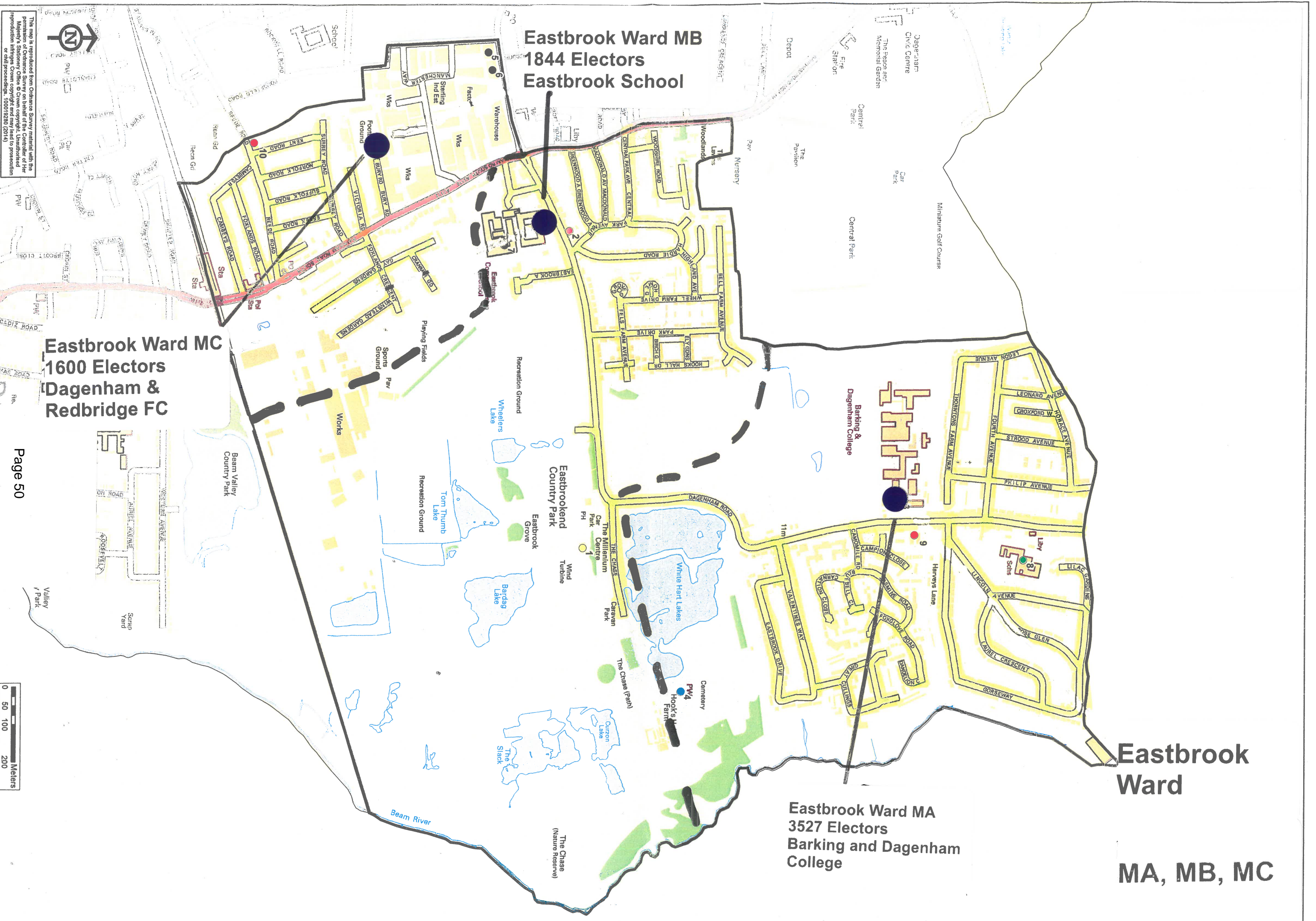
**Eastbrook Ward MB**  
1844 Electors  
Eastbrook School

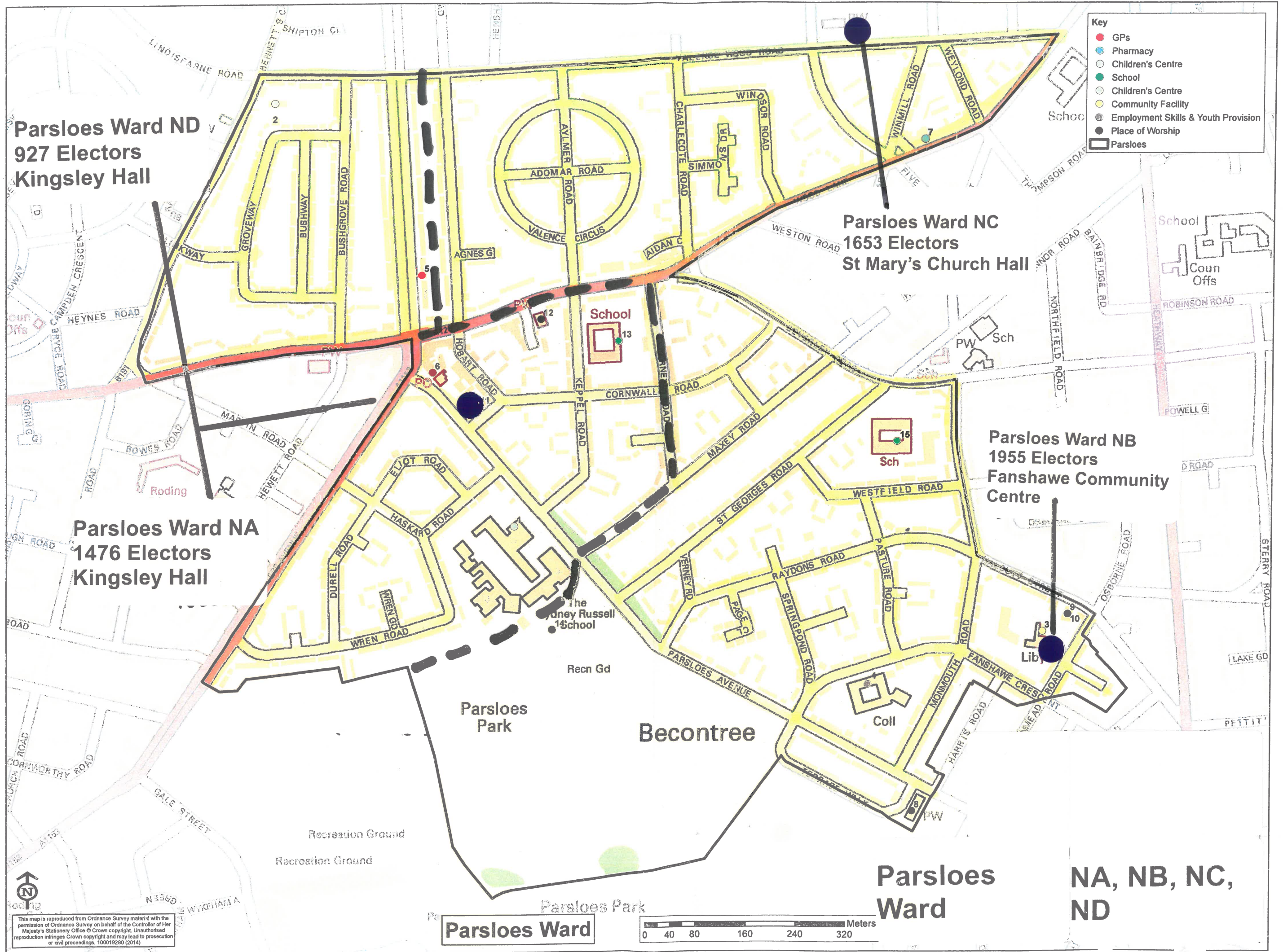
**Eastbrook Ward MC**  
1600 Electors  
Dagenham & Redbridge FC

**Eastbrook Ward MA**  
3527 Electors  
Barking and Dagenham College

**Eastbrook Ward**

**MA, MB, MC**





- Key**
- GPs
  - Pharmacy
  - School
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  - Community Facility
  - Corporate Office / Admin Building
  - Employment Skills & Youth Provision
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Heath

**Heath Ward PB**  
 1169 Electors  
 Beacontree Heath  
 Methodist Church

**Heath Ward PC**  
 2569 Electors  
 Heath Park  
 Community Halls

**Heath Ward PD**  
 2413 Electors  
 Five Elms  
 Primary School

**Heath Ward PA**  
 661 Electors  
 Eastbrook  
 Community Centre

**Heath Ward PA, PB, PC, PD**

**Heath Ward**



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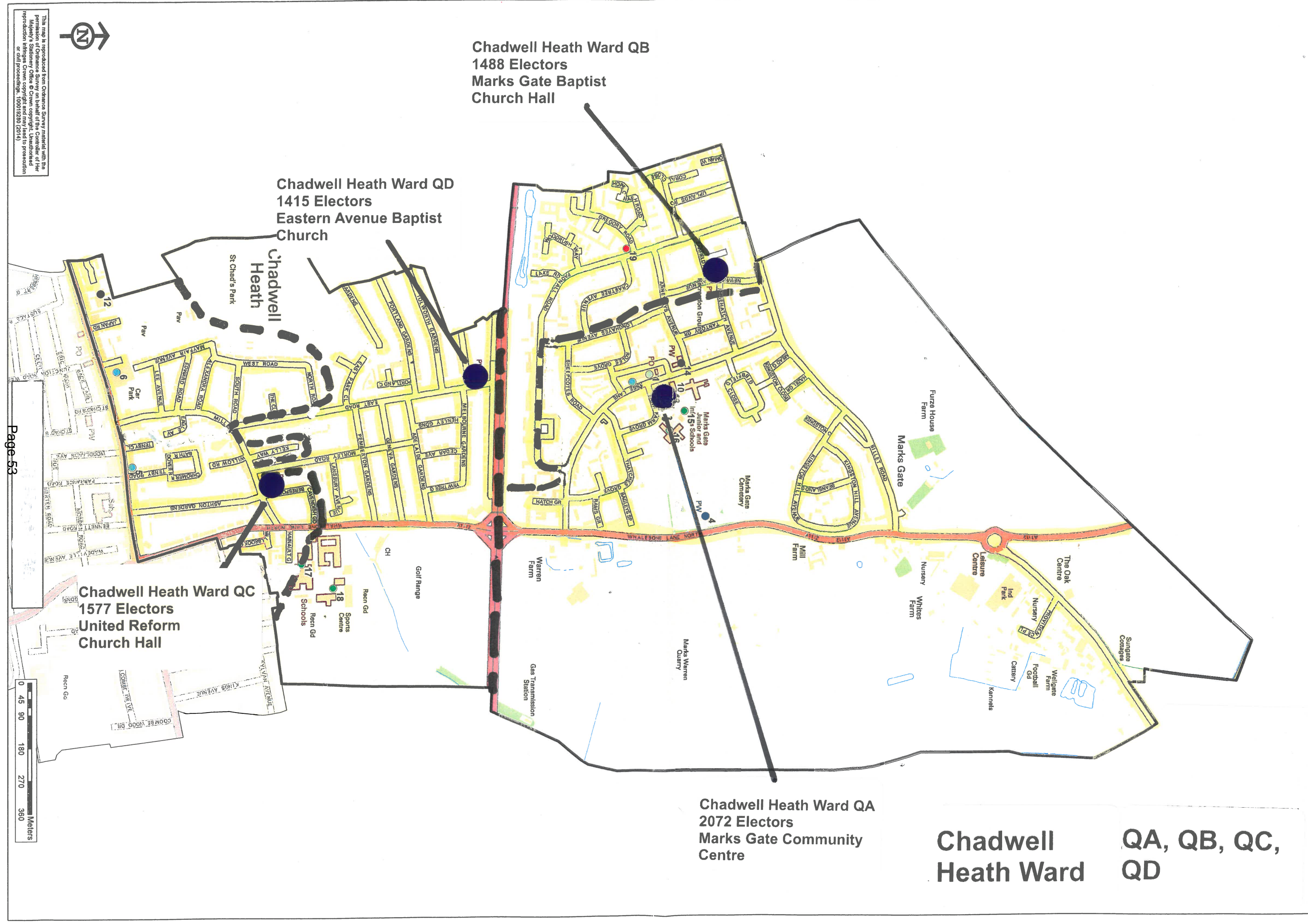
**Chadwell Heath Ward QB**  
1488 Electors  
Marks Gate Baptist  
Church Hall

**Chadwell Heath Ward QD**  
1415 Electors  
Eastern Avenue Baptist  
Church

**Chadwell Heath Ward QC**  
1577 Electors  
United Reform  
Church Hall

**Chadwell Heath Ward QA**  
2072 Electors  
Marks Gate Community  
Centre

**Chadwell Heath Ward**      **QA, QB, QC, QD**



**Key**

- GPs
- Pharmacy
- School
- Children's Centre
- Place of Worship
- ▭ River

1	Marsh Green Children's Centre
2	Ehsan (GP Surgery)
3	Fateh M (GP Surgery)
4	Ahmed & Monterio (GP Surgery)
5	Care UK Broad Street Resource Centre (GP Surgery)
6	Pervez/Asadullah M (GP Surgery)
7	Day Lewis Pharmacy
	Cherubim & Seraphim Church
	Christ Comerstone Light Ministry International
	International Christian Care Foundation
	Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries Dagenham
	Power Arena (Place of Worship)
	RCCG Chapel of Truth
	RCCG, House of faith connections
	Salvation Church of Christ International
	The Salvation Of God Ministries, Cherubim & Seraphim Church
17	Beam Primary School
18	Dagenham Park Secondary School
19	Marsh Green Primary School
20	Thomas Arnold Primary School

**River Ward RD**  
1486 Electors  
Thomas Arnold Primary School

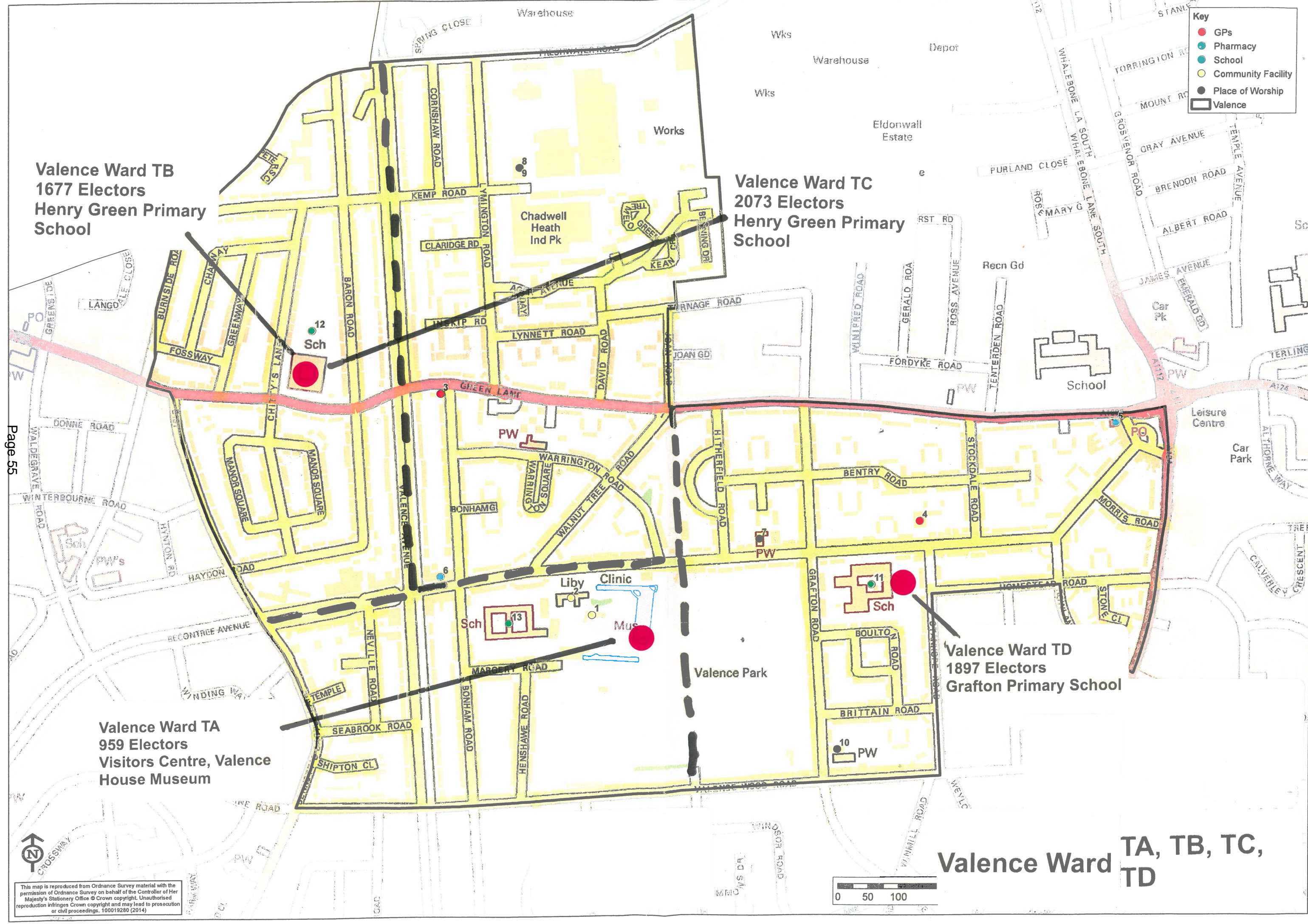
**River Ward RA**  
1478 Electors  
Dagenham Library

**River Ward RB**  
1324 Electors  
Marsh Green Primary School

**River Ward RC**  
2110 Electors  
Beam Primary School

**River Ward RA, RB, RC, RD**

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- Key**
- GPs
  - Pharmacy
  - School
  - Community Facility
  - Place of Worship
  - ▭ Valence

**Valence Ward TB**  
 1677 Electors  
 Henry Green Primary School

**Valence Ward TC**  
 2073 Electors  
 Henry Green Primary School

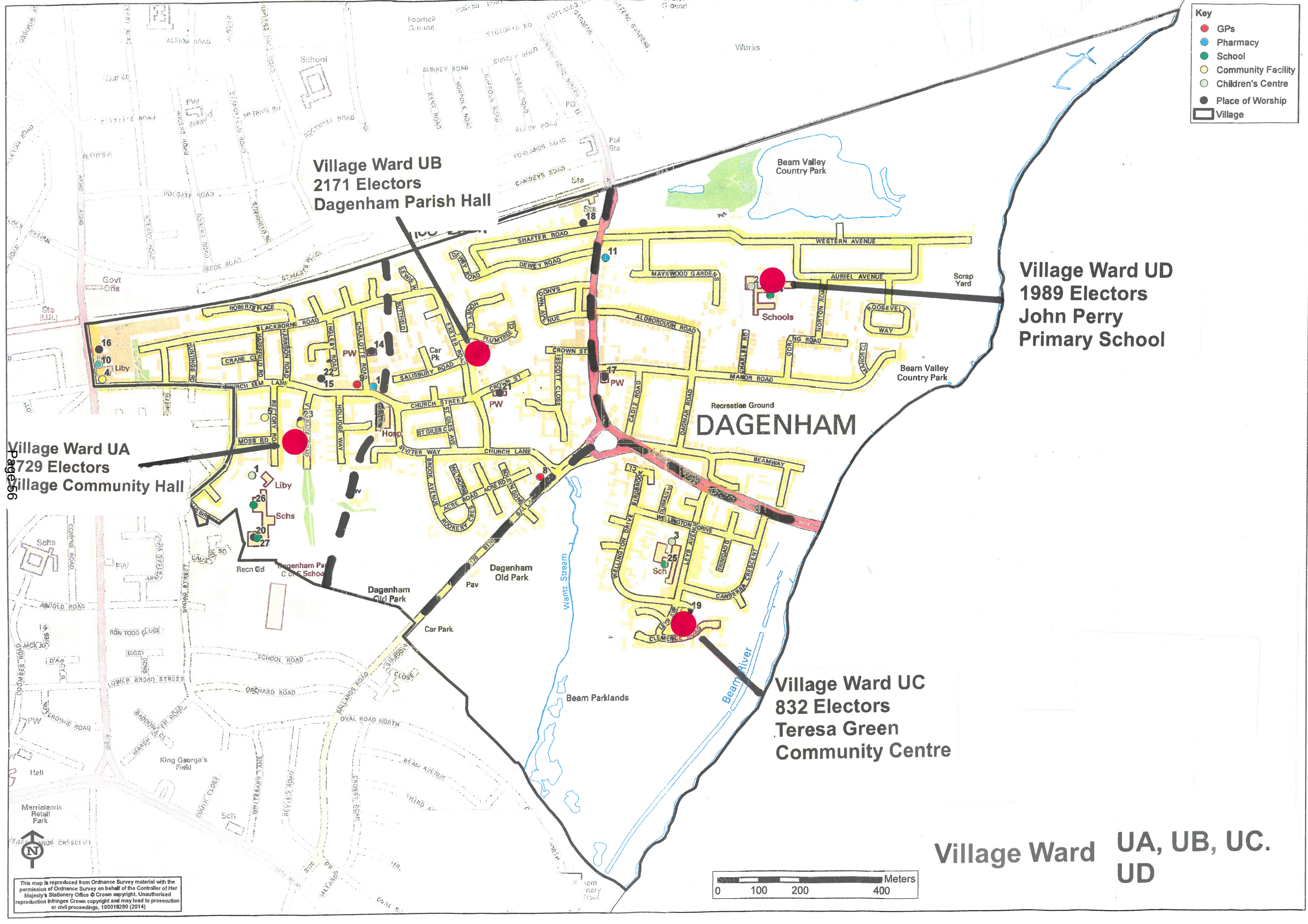
**Valence Ward TD**  
 1897 Electors  
 Grafton Primary School

**Valence Ward TA**  
 959 Electors  
 Visitors Centre, Valence House Museum

**Valence Ward TA, TB, TC, TD**

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- School
- Community Facility
- Children's Centre
- Place of Worship
- ▭ Village

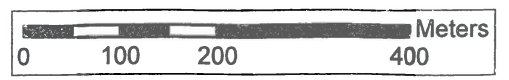
Village Ward UA  
729 Electors  
Village Community Hall

Village Ward UB  
2171 Electors  
Dagenham Parish Hall

Village Ward UD  
1989 Electors  
John Perry  
Primary School

Village Ward UC  
832 Electors  
Teresa Green  
Community Centre

Village Ward UA, UB, UC.  
UD



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**Becontree Ward VE**  
 1756 Electors  
 St Thomas More  
 Catholic Church

**Becontree Ward VB**  
 1485 Electors  
 The Vibe

**Becontree Ward VC**  
 1533 Electors  
 St. Thomas Church

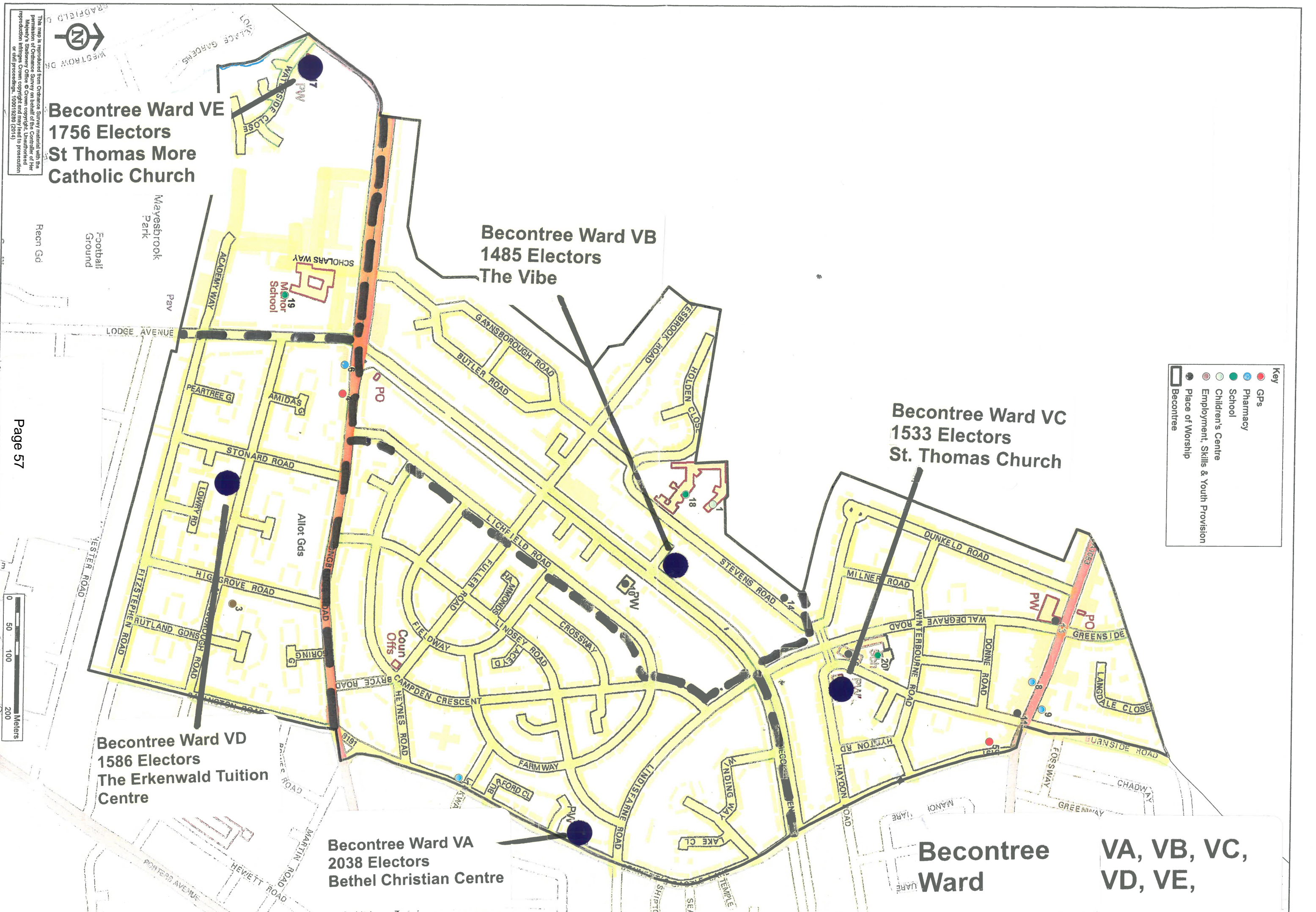
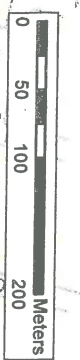
**Becontree Ward VD**  
 1586 Electors  
 The Erkenwald Tuition  
 Centre

**Becontree Ward VA**  
 2038 Electors  
 Bethel Christian Centre

**Becontree Ward**  
 VA, VB, VC,  
 VD, VE,

**Key**

- GPs
- Pharmacy
- School
- Children's Centre
- Employment, Skills & Youth Provision
- Place of Worship
- Becontree



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## List of Consultees

### Persons, Groups and Organisations consulted on the Polling District & Polling Places Review 2019/20

All LBBD Councillors

Leadership Group

Local Constituency MP's and GLA Member

DADB

Barking and Dagenham Access Group (*work with other local disability groups*)

The Sycamore Trust (*work with people with learning disabilities*)

Independent Living Association

Carers of Barking and Dagenham

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