

Abbey Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
AA	2027	Eastbury Comp School, Rossllyn Road, Barking
AB	2561	The Lodge, Barking Park, Longbridge Road, Barking
AC	2290	Abbey Community Centre, Cowbridge Lane, Barking
AD	1282	Barking Learning Centre, Town Square, Barking

General observations

Eastbury Comprehensive School (AA district) is marginally outside the ward boundary but there are not considered to be any more suitable venues within the area.

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Eastbury Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
CA	1805	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking
CB	3035	St John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham
CC	1508	Eastbury Manor House, Eastbury Square, Barking
CD	1261	Eastbury Primary School, Dawson Avenue, Barking

General observations

Due to building works at Eastbury Primary School at the time of the 2011 Referendum, the electorate in the CD polling district was temporarily relocated to the former Mayesbrook OAP Centre in Bevan Avenue and the electorate for CA district was relocated to Eastbury Manor House. Whilst the Mayesbrook OAP Centre was more local for the electorate in CD district the poor condition of the building and future proposals for the site mean this is not a viable option for future elections. Eastbury Primary School is considered to be the only suitable venue in the area at this time and, therefore, it is proposed that both CA and CD districts continue from this site.

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Gascoigne Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
DA	4128	Gascoigne Community Centre, St Anns, Barking
DB	1306	Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road, Barking
DC	1287	Salvation Army Hall, Morley Road, Barking
DD	708	Ripple Centre, St Erkenwald Road, Barking

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Goresbrook Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
EA	1853	Hatfield Community Centre, Hatfield Road, Dagenham
EB	2692	Dawson Christian Centre, 330 Hedgemans Road, Dagenham
EC	1538	St. Peters Parish Centre, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham
ED	1468	Harmony house, Baden Powell Close, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Longbridge Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
FA	2431	Faircross Community Assn Hall, Hulse Avenue, Barking
FB	3589	Manor Junior School, Sandringham Road, Barking
FC	1477	Lovelace Gardens Community Hall, Lovelace Gardens, Barking
FD	590	Barking United Reformed Church Hall, Upney Lane, Barking

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Mayesbrook Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
HA	2258	St Cedds Church Hall, Lodge Avenue, Dagenham
HB	1903	Mencap Society, 27-29 Woodward Road, Dagenham
HC	1608	Ted Ball Hall, Neasham Road, Dagenham
HD	1043	St. Teresa's Primary School, Bowes Road, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Thames Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place
JA	3491	Thames View Hall, Bastable Avenue, Barking
JB	559	Scrattons Farm Hall, Morrison Road, Barking
JC	602	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham
JD	1677	Thames View Aid and Advice Centre, Bastable Avenue, Barking

General Observations

At the last polling station review in 2007, the polling district for the Thames View Estate was split into JA and JD - previously all electors on the Thames View Estate and the surrounding areas were in JA and would visit Thames View Hall to vote. This was to take account of an increase in the size of the electorate and the ability to accommodate it in the one polling place. At that time, the only suitable additional venue in the area was identified as the Thames View Aid and Advice Centre.

Representations

Councillor Poulton commented that this caused voter confusion as the two sites are opposite one another and electors often have to be redirected between the two sites. He stated that he believed it would be better to return to Thames View Hall being the only polling place in that particular area and that a new polling place should be introduced in the Barking Riverside area, at either the emerging George Carey Church of England Primary School or the Scout and Community Hall in Blessing Way which is situated at Great Fleete.

Recommendation

In seeking to avoid the use of school sites and following an assessment of the Scout and Community Hall, it is recommended that the Scout and Community Hall be designated as JD polling district and that the JA and JD districts be reconfigured to reduce voter confusion and address the emerging new developments at Barking Riverside.

Revised arrangements

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place
JA	3590	Thames View Hall, Bastable Avenue, Barking
JB	559	Scrattons Farm Hall, Morrison Road, Barking
JC	602	St. John The Divine Church, Goresbrook Road, Dagenham
JD	1578	Scout and Community Hall, Blessing Way, Barking

Alibon Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
KA	2826	St George's Church Hall, Rogers Road, Dagenham
KB	1391	Richard Alibon Primary School, Alibon Road, Dagenham
KC	886	Dagenham Evangelical Cong. Church Hall, Osborne Road, Dagenham
KD	1907	Bethel Church, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Whalebone Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
LA	1906	Hartley Brook Church, Rosslyn Avenue, Dagenham
LB	2298	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford
LC	1337	Becontree Heath Methodist Church Hall, The Broadway, Dagenham
LD	1714	Forsters Close Comm. Room, Forsters Close, Chadwell Heath

Representations

Councillor A Jamu commented that LC polling station should be relocated to either Robert Clack School, Tenterden Road or the Christian Fellowship Hall in Green Lane, as these sites are within the LC district (Becontree Heath Methodist Church Hall is within LA district, close to the boundary with LC) and therefore more local for the electorate.

Recommendation

In seeking to avoid the use of school sites and following an assessment of the Fellowship Hall, it is recommended that the Fellowship Hall be designated as LC polling district which will result in the LC electorate voting within its district.

Revised arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
LA	1906	Hartley Brook Church, Rosslyn Avenue, Dagenham
LB	2298	Catterall Hall, Cecil Road, Chadwell Heath, Romford
LC	1337	Christian Fellowship Hall, Green Lane
LD	1714	Forsters Close Comm. Room, Forsters Close, Chadwell Heath

Eastbrook Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
MA	3825	Rush Green Infant School, Dagenham Road, Rush Green
MB	1881	Wantz Centre, Rainham Road North, Dagenham
MC	1856	Dagenham & Redbridge F.C, Victoria Road, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Parsloes Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
NA	1580	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham
NB	2270	Fanshawe Hall, Barnmead Road, Dagenham
NC	1888	St Mary's Church Hall, Grafton Road, Dagenham
ND	999	Kingsley Hall, Parsloes Avenue, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Heath Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling place
PA	613	Wantz Hall, Rainham Road North, Dagenham
PB	1281	Beacontree Heath Methodist Church Hall, The Broadway, Dagenham
PC	2674	Heath Park Hall, Rusholme Avenue, Dagenham
PD	2609	Five Elms School, Wood Lane, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Chadwell Heath Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
QA	2016	Marks Gate Community Complex, Rose Lane, Chadwell Heath
QB	1527	Marks Gate Baptist Church Hall, Bardfield Avenue, Chadwell Heath
QC	2653	United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Chadwell Heath
QD	762	Cricket Pavilion, St Chads Park, West Road, Chadwell Heath

General Observations

It was recognised that the Cricket Pavilion in St Chads Park (QD) fell below the normal public accessibility and safety standards. Officers have identified the Baptist Church in Havering Gardens as a more suitable venue. As this site is further north than the current venue for QC district, it will require a reconfiguration of QC and QD districts to provide a better balance of electors.

Recommendation: That the Baptist Church, Havering Gardens, Chadwell Heath, be designated as QC polling district and the United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane as QD district and the reconfiguration of QC and QD districts to provide a better balance of electorate across the two districts.

Revised arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
QA	2016	Marks Gate Community Complex, Rose Lane, Chadwell Heath
QB	1527	Marks Gate Baptist Church Hall, Bardfield Avenue, Chadwell Heath
QC	1445	Baptist Church, Havering Gardens, Chadwell Heath
QD	1969	United Reformed Church Hall, Mill Lane, Chadwell Heath

River Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
RA	1657	Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham
RB	1387	Dagenham Park Sports Hall, School Road, Dagenham
RC	2408	Dagenham Park Sports Hall, School Road, Dagenham
RD	1678	Thomas Arnold School, Arnold Road, Dagenham

General Observations

Prior to 2011 the building in Oval Road South, which was formerly the River Community Centre and in more recent years has been the base of Dagenham Boxing Club, was used as the venue for the RC polling district. However, due to the condition of the facilities in the building the decision was taken to relocate RC polling district to Dagenham Park Sports Hall, as this was already the site for RB polling district and there were no other suitable venues within the specific area covered by RC polling district.

Representations

Councillor Smith did not support RC polling district being located at Dagenham Park Sports Hall as electors were required to travel considerably further than previously to cast their vote.

Recommendation

That the former River Community Centre in Oval Road South again be used as the polling place for RC district, subject to the successful outcome of discussions with the Council's Asset Management division and Dagenham Boxing Club.

Revised arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
RA	1657	Dagenham Library, 1 Church Elm Lane, Dagenham
RB	1387	Boxing Club, Oval Road South
RC	2408	Dagenham Park Sports Hall, School Road, Dagenham
RD	1678	Thomas Arnold School, Arnold Road, Dagenham

Valence Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
TA	1040	Education Suite, Visitors Centre, Valence House Museum, Margery Road, Dagenham
TB	1788	Henry Green School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham
TC	1842	Henry Green School, Chitty Lane, Dagenham
TD	2077	Grafton Junior School, Grafton Road, Dagenham

General observations

For the Referendum in May 2011 the electorate in TB and TC polling districts were temporarily relocated to the former Brockelbank Lodge OAP home in Becontree Avenue due to building works at Henry Green School. Brockelbank Lodge was a far from ideal venue and would not be suitable in its current condition for future elections. An extensive assessment of potential buildings in the ward, and particular polling district TC, has not identified any suitable alternative buildings and, therefore, it is proposed to continue to use Henry Green School. Officers will, however, continue to review the electoral arrangements in the area, particularly in the light of the new housing development at Lymington Fields.

Representations

A member of the public queried the change of polling place of the former OAP home at Brockelbank Lodge for the Referendum for their polling district of TC.

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Village Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
UA	1854	Village Ward Community Centre, Vicarage Road, Dagenham
UB	2237	Village Church Hall, Exeter Road, Dagenham
UC	966	Teresa Greene Hall, Leys Avenue, Dagenham
UD	2249	John Perry School, Charles Road, Dagenham

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.

Becontree Ward

Existing arrangements

Polling district	Electors	Polling Place
VA	2221	Bethel Christian Centre, Bennetts Castle Lane, Dagenham
VB	1792	The Vibe, 195-211 Becontree Avenue, Dagenham
VC	1608	St. Thomas Church Hall, Haydon Road, Dagenham
VD	2021	Erkenwald Tuition Centre, Marlborough Road, Dagenham

Representation

Councillor Evelyn Carpenter suggested that officers look at reviewing locations at a future date as and when Academy Central has been completed.

Officers will keep the situation under review having regard to available locations and the size of the electorate.

Recommendation: No change to existing arrangements.