

Appendix 5 - Summary of representations received in the polling district & polling place review consultation

The tables below provide a summary of all representations received in the polling district & polling place review consultation organised in alphabetical ward order. Where possible, representations have been reproduced exactly as received. However, where this is not practicable due to the length of the submission the key points have been summarised instead. In order to comply with GDPR principles, some street names have been redacted to avoid identification of individuals.

In addition to the responses outlined below, an additional seven responses were received where the respondent left no comments.

Any responses received which were outside/partially outside the scope of the consultation are detailed at the end of the document.

Arnos Grove

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R1	Resident	<p>The new Arnos Grove district looks like a shambles and divides areas which should be within 1 polling district into 2 or more. Terrible decision.</p> <p>The proposed polling station at Palmer's Green library for Arnos Grove ward isn't even in the ward! The eastern half of this new ward seems to be worse off with regard to polling stations. More polling stations needed</p>	<p>The changes made by the LGBCE produced numerous areas where the polling place covers two or more of the current ward areas. Separate polling districts have been created to enable the provision of electoral registers to sitting members prior to the elections in May 2022. These polling districts will be merged after the election.</p> <p>The siting of a temporary building at Broomfield Park to be investigated for suitability, convenience and accessibility.</p>

Bowes

No representations received.

Brimsdown

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R2	Member of Parliament for Enfield North – Feryal Clark MP	The proposals to Brimsdown ward are very limited, with no polling places changing and only the Z-3-6 polling district being brought across from Ponders End Ward and its polling place changing. Given these limited changes and the fact that there was no negative feedback reported at the May 2021 elections I am in favour of the proposals. However, due to the polling district Z-3-6 being taken into the ward, and having a new polling place, I would request that those roads gained are heavily reminded that their polling place has now moved to the 28 th Scout Hut.	The request for a comprehensive publicity campaign to remind electors who were previously in Ponders End ward that their polling place has changed will be passed to the Electoral Services team.

Bullsmoor

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R3	Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council	<p>The people south of Turkey Street would be required to walk past the library on the approach to polling station 13 which is a longer distance. The roads around and south of Turkey Street should vote at Ordnance Unity Centre Library (35).</p>	<p>The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend the creation of a new polling district (BMDX) comprised of properties south of Turkey Street and properties on Teal Close, Gilbert Street, Dairy Close, Amhurst Close, Meadway, Waltham Gardens, Unity Road and Keswick Drive (partial). The proposed polling place for these electors is Ordnance Unity Centre Library.</p>
R4	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark, MP	<p>Under the proposals, residents in the polling district X-4-3 will be required to vote at Freezywater St. George's CE VA Primary School. Given the current number of electors (and therefore pressure on the polling place), the distance those who live south of Turkey Street would have to travel to vote, the distinctive geographical communities south and north of Turkey Street, and the fact that the proposed polling place is a school, I propose to split this polling district into two, thereby creating X-4-3A and X-4-3B. X-4-3A would be all the roads originally in X-4-3A north of Turkey Street not including Teal Close and X-4-3B all the roads south of Turkey Street and including Teal Close.</p> <p>I would propose for X-4-3A's polling place to be a temporary unit in the Lidl carpark on Hertford Road as it is accessible, on a main road and avoids the need for Freezywater St. George's CE VA Primary School needing to be used as a polling place.</p>	<p>Please see information above on the proposed polling districts for Bullsmoor.</p> <p>In order to avoid the need for Freezywater St. George's CE VA Primary School to be used as a polling place, the proposals recommend the use of St. George's Church which is situated nearby. Initial investigations were made into the siting of a temporary unit polling station on Lidl car park,</p>

		<p>I would propose for the newly created X-4-3B's polling place to be a temporary unit on the land next to Turkey Street Station on Teal Close. This would allow commuters in X-4-3B to easily vote on their way to work. This location also has parking facilities and could easily be made accessible.</p> <p>While these are two suggestions for polling places, I am flexible on their location should you have alternative proposals. In terms of the other polling districts and places in Bullsmoor ward I agree with your proposals, they provide accessible polling places with good transport links and polling districts that keep the community ties of the ward intact.</p>	<p>Hertford Road. It was concluded that the costs would be prohibitive.</p> <p>Investigations were made into the siting of a temporary unit polling station on the land next to Turkey Street station, Teal Close. It was concluded that the area was unsuitable due to the unevenness of the site and the lack of space for the low loading van to deliver the temporary unit.</p>
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Bush Hill Park

No representations received.

Carterhatch

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R5	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark MP	<p>Having reviewed the polling districts and places I would suggest one change to Carterhatch ward in that the polling place X-6-1A and X-6-1B changes. This is due to the fact the proposed facility does not have good parking facilities which are needed for our disabled and elderly community in order to vote. I would suggest instead using Boleyn Hall should it not still be used as a Covid testing facility.</p> <p>Regarding the other polling districts and places in Carterhatch ward the polling districts follow a logical geographical sense of the ward and the places are accommodating to the needs of voters in the ward, and I am therefore supportive.</p>	<p>The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend that the Temporary Unit on Hoe Lane Open Space is retained for electors north of Hoe Lane and those south of Hoe Lane who front on to it. The proposals recommend that the properties south of Hoe Lane vote at Boleyn Hall. Please see Appendix 1 for further details. A request for an extensive publicity campaign to inform electors in this area that their polling district has changed will be passed to the Electoral Services team.</p> <p>Positive feedback noted. No action was requested.</p>

Cockfosters

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R6	Resident	I live on the Bolingbroke Park development. It would be much easier to have Freston Hall as our local polling station rather than 14th Southgate Scout Headquarters in Green Road which is much further away. Freston Hall in Freston Gardens is within a few minutes easy walk of the development. Not everyone has a car.	The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend moving electors on the Bolingbroke Park development to Freston Hall as this polling place is more conveniently located and at a shorter distance.

Edmonton Green

No representations received.

Enfield Lock

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R7	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark, MP	<p>There have been very minimal changes under the new proposals, with only one amendment suggested and very little negative feedback received from the 2021 elections.</p> <p>Having assessed each polling place individually I am in favour of the suggestions given the accessibility of the polling places that will allow disabled voters to vote with ease. In terms of the polling districts, they keep the community ties and logical geographical sense of the previous ward and I am therefore supportive.</p>	Positive feedback noted. No action was requested.

Grange Park

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R8	Resident	I live at the northern end of Winchmore Hill. I've always found my allocated Polling Station at the Public Library at the bottom of the Ridge Avenue hill totally inconvenient, as I rarely travel in that direction and do not have access to a car. Consequently, I now vote by Post.	The LGBCE changes have reallocated properties at the northern end of Winchmore Hill to Grange Park ward. The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend electors in this area vote at Grange Park Methodist Church Hall.

Haselbury

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R9	Edmonton Conservative Association	There seems no real justification in maintaining Z-11-5 as a separate polling district. Electors could easily cross the road and vote at St Aldhelm's Church Hall (number 45 on the map) so our suggestion is to merge polling districts Z-11-5 and Z-11-4. Although the new combined polling district would have 3,118 electors we note that there are already bigger polling districts in other wards eg Z-14-2. We have considered whether Klinger Hall (number 46 on the map) could be used instead but St Aldhelm's Hall is better situated for the enlarged polling district, particularly those west of Windmill Road, and it is noted from the commentary attached to the map that Klinger Hall is not always available. Our suggestion therefore is to merge Z-11- 5 and Z-11-4 with St Aldhelm's Church (number 45 on the map) as the polling station for the combined poling district.	The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend retaining Klinger Hall. To access St. Adhelm's Church Hall, electors who currently vote at Klinger Hall would be required to cross Silver Street which is a busy road. In addition, if the two polling districts were to be merged, two polling stations would be required at St. Adhelm's Church Hall as the electorate would be above 2,500.

Highfield

No representations received.

Jubilee

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R10	Edmonton Conservative Association	Polling District Z-13-2A has includes a section of Nightingale Road south of Cuckoo Hall Lane which seems completed disconnected from the remainder of the polling district. By including them in Z-13-2A electors at the south end of Nightingale Road have to travel all the way to St Alphege Church Hall (number 52 on the map) on the Hertford Road to vote. This seems a long distance. At first glance it would seem more sensible for electors on Nightingale Road to the south of Cuckoo Hall Lane to vote at Mottingham Hall (number 55 on the map). However, knowing the geography of the area, Houndsfield Primary School (number 54 on the map) is actually a better choice because its a more straightforward journey. Our suggestion is the stretch of Nightingale Road, South of Cuckoo Hall Lane, is added to Z-13-4A so electors can vote at Houndsfield Primary School (number 54 on the map).	The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend retaining the proposed boundary for Z-13-2A set out in the Acting Returning Officer's proposals. The proposals recommend electors on Nightingale Road south of Cuckoo Hall Lane continue to vote at St. Alphege Church Hall as this is a similar distance to Houndsfield Primary School.

Lower Edmonton

No representations received.

New Southgate

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R11	Resident	I support the new proposed polling districts. I live in the current Bowes Ward. I am a short walk from the current polling station (Trinity at Bowes Church). With the new proposals. it is a much further to the polling station in the New Southgate Ward. Does not make much sense.	The Acting Returning Officer's proposals and the proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend that properties located to the east of the railway line in New Southgate continue to vote at Trinity at Bowes Methodist Church Hall which is situated in Bowes ward.
R12	Resident	The Proposed Polling District Boundary for the New Southgate Ward seems to indicate that residents of Ollerton Road and possibly Stanley Road would not be able to use the Polling Place at the end of Highworth Road, which would be far more convenient to reach.	The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend reallocating electors on Ollerton Road, Stanley Road and the northern side of Eversham Road to Bowes Road Primary School as this polling place is more conveniently located than Bowes Road Library.
R13	Resident	Polling district and new ward seems fine to me. Bowes School is an excellent polling station, conveniently located. I hope I can continue voting there.	Positive feedback noted. No action was requested.

Oakwood

No representations received.

Palmers Green

No representations received.

Ponders End

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R14	Edmonton Conservative Association	It is unclear why so many polling stations are needed in such a small area. Our suggestion would be to merge polling districts Z-18-3 and Z-18-5 and use The Royal British Legion as the polling station (number 70 on the map). There would then be no need for The Cube (number 71 on the map) act as a polling station.	The proposals attached at Appendix 1 recommend removing The Qube and reallocating the electors in Z-8-5 to Ponders End Library, The Royal British Legion or Ponders End Working Mens Club.
R15	Resident	2. The Library is no longer in that location	The plotted polling place indicates the location of the new Ponders End Library building which is under construction. Should an election take place prior to the opening of the new library, the temporary library building or The Qube could be considered.

Ridgeway

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R16	Resident	Locally we have to poll in a pub. It would be preferable if this was in the car park	Investigations are ongoing into the instalment of a temporary unit polling station near the parade of shops, 4-14 Enfield Road or the green space on the junction of Bincote Road/Enfield Road which could replace The Jolly Farmers Public House.
R17	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark MP	<p>There have been some changes to the polling districts in Ridgeway ward which are reflective of the new local government boundary wards with Y-19-2 being brought into the ward along with Y-19-8 and losing X-16-2 and X-7-5. However, as these are reflective of the new local government boundary wards, I am in favour of the polling districts also moving to ensure efficiency and keeping intact the local ties of the area.</p> <p>In terms of the polling places, I am also supportive as while I do take issue with the negative feedback that was reported at one polling place there is, as the proposals point out, no suitable alternative.</p>	Positive feedback noted. No action was requested.

Southbury

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R18	Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council	<p>The southern polling district boundary for X-20-1B should be moved further south to include Lambourne Gardens.</p> <p>Polling station 82 (Fellowship Hut – Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground) is not a suitable venue as it is too small and poorly lit at nighttime. The suggestion is to merge X-20-3 and X-20-4 and use John Jackson Library as the polling place (83). This would remove the need for the Fellowship Hut.</p> <p>Having two polling stations (83 and 84) so close together is confusing to electors. The suggestion is to send electors in Z-20-5 to Aley Croft Community Hall (85) and remove Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church (84) as a polling place.</p>	<p>The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend moving the southern polling district boundary of X-20-1B (SBA2X) to include Lambourne Gardens.</p> <p>The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend removing Bush Hill Park Recreation Ground (Fellowship Hut) and reallocating the electors in this area to John Jackson Library. As John Jackson Library is unable to accommodate two polling stations, it is proposed that a new polling district is created for electors to the east of Bush Hill Park. The proposed polling place for the electors is Wheatsheaf Hall.</p> <p>The proposals recommend removing Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church and having two polling stations at Aley Croft Community Hall.</p>
R19	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark MP	I am broadly supportive of the proposals. The new Southbury ward is due to pick up some polling districts in the previous Chase ward (to the north) and Bush Hill Park ward (to the south), bringing a polling district from Edmonton constituency into Enfield North. It also loses Lincoln Way to Ponders End ward. The streets and estates that have been reallocated to Enfield North keep intact the local ties of the area, along the new ward alignments, and I am therefore supportive.	Positive feedback noted. No action was requested.

		<p>However, I would suggest for the polling place for Z-20-5 to be moved. This is due to the fact residents in the south of the district have to travel a significant distance to the polling place. I would instead suggest for those voters in Z-20-5's polling place to be Aley Croft Community Hall. The Hall would be able to accommodate both voters in Z-20-5 and X-20-6, is more accessible than Bush Hill Park United Reform Church and has better transport links owing to being closer to Great Cambridge Road which will allow for easier and more efficient voting for those in Z-2-5. Monetarily, if Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church is not used then there will also be savings made.</p>	<p>The proposals recommend removing Bush Hill Park United Reformed Church and having two polling stations at Aley Croft Community Hall.</p>
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Southgate

No representations received.

Town

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R20	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark MP	I am supportive of the proposed polling places and districts bar X-22-2's polling place. St Andrew's C.E. School is currently used for X-22-2. While there has been no negative feedback on the polling place itself, I am concerned by it being in a school. I believe that the Civic Centre would be a better polling place given it is accessible, has the facilities to be a polling place and has good transport links. Though schools are used as the polling place for some of the other districts in Town ward there are no suitable alternative venues hence suggesting only this change to X-22-2.	Consideration was given to locating a polling place in Enfield Civic Centre. However, it was concluded that the Civic Centre was not suitable due to limited car parking and lack of suitably accessible rooms.

Upper Edmonton

No representations received.

Whitewebbs

Reference Number	Respondent type	Representation	Proposal information
R21	Member of Parliament for Enfield North, Feryal Clark MP	I am supportive of the proposals for Whitewebbs, they keep intact the community ties of the area and make logical sense. However, I would suggest for there to be a review of X-24-5 as there is currently 2,056 estimated in-person electors to one polling station at Lancaster Road URC Church Hall. One suggestion could be to change the polling district boundaries so to balance out the number of electors, with X-24-6 taking a few more streets and thereby balancing the number of electors. Another option would be to have another polling station in Lancaster Road URC Church Hall to ensure that there are enough facilities for voting on election day.	The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend removing St. Luke's Church and reallocating electors in this polling district to Brigadier Hall or Lancaster Road URC Church Hall. These proposals result in more even split of electors with an estimated 2,460 in-person electors allocated to Lancaster Road URC Church Hall and an estimated 2,185 electors allocated to Brigadier Hall.
R22	Representative of Third Sector organisation	I notice that Lancaster Road URC hall is the polling station for X-24-5. The Lancaster Centre, 53 Lancaster Road, EN2 0BU is a more central and visible venue for a polling station, additionally one of your polling station managers is already a key holder to the venue.	A viewing of The Lancaster Centre was conducted. The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend retaining Lancaster Road URC Church Hall as the polling place as the venue offers better parking facilities and more suitable accommodation for the number of in-person electors.
R23	Cllr Nesil Caliskan, Leader of the Council	<p>The suggestion is to send electors on Conway Gardens, Henry Close, Portland Drive, 6-54 Clay Hill and Burnham Close to Annexe Rear of Beacon of Light Church (103) as this polling place is easier for them to access.</p> <p>To reduce the number of polling places, the suggestion is to remove St Luke's Church (105) and for X-24-6 to be split at Merton Road with the</p>	<p>The proposals recommend moving these electors to Annexe Rear of Beacon of Light Church.</p> <p>The Acting Returning Officer's proposals recommended St. Luke's Church as an additional polling place following its use in the May 2021 elections due to Brigadier Hall being unavailable. The proposals set out in Appendix 1 recommend</p>

		southern properties going to 104 and the northern properties going to 106.	removing St. Luke's Church and reallocating electors in this polling district to Brigadier Hall or Lancaster Road URC Church Hall.
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Winchmore Hill

No representations received.

We received the following response from a resident. However, it is not clear from the response which ward/polling district or polling place is being referred to.

The new arrangements will mean a 10 minute walk rather than a 2 minute walk to my polling station, but I suppose I can live with that...

Additional responses that were outside/partially outside the scope of the consultation

Respondent type	Representation
Resident (R13)	I do hope that the Enfield Council website will make enable residents to type in their postcode to enable them to find out which ward they live in. At present, the website does not do this. You can find a councillor but it doesn't tell you which ward you live in.
Resident (R15)	1. Ponders End Ward reducing to 2 councillor's when the ward is so populated
Resident	I think the LTN system in place blocking roads has increased crime as the chief lady of police has said as well as health emergencies delayed. This labour council i will definitely not vote for as they do not listen and corruption is strife. They drive their 4 x 4 and ask us to cycle...!!! With heart problems...they have lost me totally now and i am not the only one. Labour will lose. Enfield council stinks! Get rid of them
Resident	All poling stations should be wheelchair accessible I personally vote by post which I find much easier but for other people with disabilities the poling station should be as accessible as possible
Resident	Making it easier for adults with lots of different disabilities to be able to vote in all elections going forwards
Resident	There are more wards proposed, but same number of councillors...there should be four councillors per ward to ensure equal opportunity and diversity .
Representative of Third Sector organisation	I am the vicar of St Aldhelm's Church and our hall is used as a polling station. At the moment, a temporary ramp is required to access the polling station but we are ready to install a permanent ramp to the hall - we are currently waiting for a response from Enfield's building control department before we go ahead, but hope the ramp will be available very soon.
Resident	POLLING Stations are a waste of space and time. Postal vote is much better, because, you can vote privately in your own home. Polling stations are a waste of time. People these days don't have time because they are busy, and sometimes people can't be bothered to wait in queues.
Resident	need to be more accesible for people with visual and hearing problems and for learning disabilities and difficulties such as Autism etc. and the main thing i would like to see change is font and the way things are written expecially for people with disabilities and dyslexia etc. need to be more accesible for people with learning, physical and phcological.
Resident (R8)	Couldn't care less. I never know who my counsellor is before or after an election.