



**Havering**  
LONDON BOROUGH

**Review**  
**of**  
**Polling Districts**  
**and**  
**Polling Places**

**2019**

Any comments, alternative proposals or other views regarding the polling districts or polling places should be notified to the following office by no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019  
to:-

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## **Background**

In accordance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, every council in England and Wales must undertake and complete a review of all of the polling districts and polling places in its area within a 16 month period commencing from 1 October 2018 to 31 January 2020.

The last review was carried out in 2014 and the 2018 review is now being undertaken.

## **The Proposals**

The following pages have a page of text for each Ward listing the existing polling districts and polling places with any changes recommended by the Acting Returning Officer, a list of streets in each Ward and an outline map.

## **The Rationale**

To ensure that:-

- (a) as far as possible polling places are accessible to all.
- (b) polling places fall within the polling district wherever possible.
- (c) the use of secondary schools be avoided where suitable alternative premises are available.
- (d) account be taken of justifiable complaints by electors.

As schools are generally at the heart of the community and are more likely to be Disability Discrimination Act compliant than private buildings, the continuation of their use for polling would seem to be unavoidable. Also the Representation of the People Act 1983 gives the Returning Officer the right to use such buildings free of charge only reimbursing heating, lighting and cleaning costs. However the timing of elections often clashes with examinations and schools are finding it more and more difficult to accommodate polling. Therefore this review allows the opportunity to ask all Head-teachers to consider if there is a separate part of their school that could be used for polling which would be more convenient for them, and where appropriate allowing for the school to remain open.

There is also an on-going accessibility audit. Access information is supplied by the Presiding Officer for every polling place at each election, and after the election it is reviewed by the Election Services Office.

Information is also collated from Polling Station Inspectors and Checklists completed for each venue. Again this is reviewed after each election and any relevant information has been considered whilst undertaking this preliminary review.

Consideration has been given to projected elector ratios that are being used as part of the Ward Boundary Review in relation to the size of venues.

## **The Review**

Details of the proposals can be viewed at the Election Services Office during the hours of 10am to 4pm, Monday - Friday (address on the first page), any library in the Borough and on the Council's website [www.havering.gov.uk/elections](http://www.havering.gov.uk/elections).

Any elector in the Borough is invited to make comments on these proposals or to offer alternative suggestions in writing to the address or email on the first page by no later than Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2019. Please note that any comments that do not support these proposals should give alternatives.

All representations received will be given due consideration and made available for public inspection and also published on the website at the conclusion of the review.

## **The Timetable and list of consultees**

The next page has the timetable and a list of those to be consulted.

## **The Final Proposals**

The outcome of the review will be reported to the Governance Committee and if agreed will be put before the Council in time to enable the Electoral Registration Officer to make any alterations necessary to the polling districts when it is next revised on 1 December 2019.

Andrew Blake-Herbert  
Acting Returning Officer

3 – 28 June 2019	Formulation of proposals by the (Acting) Returning Officer
Week Commencing 1 July 2019	Calendar Brief
8 July 2019	Public Notice of commencement of the Polling District review
8 July to 2 August 2019	<p>Proposals deposited at all public libraries in the Borough, PASC and the Election Services Office, also on the internet.</p> <p>The following parties have been advised of the Review taking place and the Consultation Period:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All Ward Councillors</li> <li>• Greater London Assembly Member for Havering &amp; Redbridge</li> <li>• Members of Parliament for the Dagenham &amp; Rainham; Hornchurch &amp; Upminster; and Romford Constituencies</li> <li>• Members of the European Parliament for the London Region</li> <li>• Local Political Parties</li> <li>• (Acting) Returning Officer of Dagenham &amp; Rainham Constituency</li> <li>• Persons who are considered to have particular interest in the premises or facilities used for voting</li> <li>• Relevant Community Groups within the Borough</li> </ul>
5 – 16 August 2019	(Acting) Returning Officer to consider any representations and if necessary revise proposals
28 August 2019	Recommendations reported to Governance Committee to consider revised final recommendations
11 September 2019	If agreed by Governance Committee final recommendations to be put before full Council. If not agreed report back to Governance on 6 <sup>th</sup> November and full Council at a later date.
20 November 2019	Revised report to Council (if required)
1 December 2019	Publication of Register including any amended polling districts