

PROPOSALS – POLLING DISTRICT, PLACES AND STATIONS REVIEW 2023

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE (ACTING) RETURNING OFFICER

All polling districts, polling places and polling stations have been considered in the preparation of this report. The changes referred to below require action due to the closure of many buildings. In reviewing all places, consideration has been given to the Boundary Commission for England's recent review of UK parliamentary constituencies, as well as the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) ongoing Electoral Review of Calderdale Council. In an effort to avoid confusion, it is not considered useful to voters, future candidates and other electoral stakeholders if further changes are implemented ahead of the completion of the LGBCE's Electoral Review as it is anticipated that substantial changes may be made with the potential addition of a Ward and possible moving of most Ward boundaries.

Where electoral arrangements are affected by this Review a note highlighting any changes on Poll Cards sent at the time of elections, and Poll Cards will include maps as usual.

The (Acting) Returning Officer is entitled to use any publicly funded building (including schools) where it has not been possible to find alternative premises.

For information – The Boundary Commission for England has concluded that there will be a change to the parliamentary constituency boundaries between Halifax and Calder Valley.

Polling Districts MB – Sowerby, MC – White Windows and MD – Triangle will move from the Calder Valley Constituency into the Halifax Constituency (but remain in the Ryburn Ward). All households in these polling districts will be notified of changes to electoral arrangements.

GREETLAND & STAINLAND WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
DB	WEST VALE	WEST VALE ACADEMY, STAINLAND ROAD, WEST VALE, HX4 8LS [in DB]	YES	NO	CALDER VALLEY CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE The Head of the school does not want the school to be used as a polling station.</p> <p>Willow Royd Masonic Hall, Savile Masonic Lodge, Rochdale Road, Greetland, HX4 8AH has been identified as a suitable alternative and is located within Polling District DB. A portable ramp is available for level access requirements, and they are in the process of creating a permanent ramp.</p> <p>The Returning Officer is legally entitled to use any publicly funded school building but has been able to find alternative premises on this occasion.</p>
DC	HOLYWELL GREEN	STAINLAND & HOLYWELL GREEN UNITED REFORMED CHURCH, STAINLAND ROAD, HOLYWELL GREEN, HX4 9JA [in DC]	YES	YES – Stainland & District – Holywell Green Ward	CALDER VALLEY CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE Notified that the premises are to close.</p> <p>St Andrew's Church, Stainland Road, Halifax, HX4 9EZ has been identified as a suitable alternative and is located within Polling District DC. There is level access into the venue.</p>

LUDDENDENFOOT WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
GC	LUDDENDEN-FOOT	LUDDENDENFOOT CE SCHOOL, DENE VIEW, LUDDENDENFOOT, HX2 6PB [in GC]	YES	NO	CALDER VALLEY CONSTITUENCY	CHANGE In an effort to move away from schools wherever possible, Kershaw Crescent Community Centre, Kershaw Crescent, Luddendenfoot, HX2 6NR has been identified as a suitable alternative. This property is within polling district GC and has ramped level access.

NORTHOWRAM & SHELF WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
HA & HB	NORTHOWRAM GREEN & BACK CLOUGH	NORTHOWRAM METHODIST CHURCH, NORTHOWRAM GREEN, NORTHOWRAM, HALIFAX, HX3 7JE [in HA]	YES	NO	HALIFAX CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE Notified that the premises are to close. St Matthew's Church, Back Clough, Northowram, HX3 7JF has been identified as a suitable alternative.</p> <p>This building is located in Polling District HB. There is level access into the venue and will accommodate both polling districts.</p> <p>It is not proposed to merge these two polling districts as the electorate combined exceeds Electoral Commission guidance, therefore this venue will accommodate two polling stations.</p>

PARK WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
KF	BEECH HILL	SALEM METHODIST CHURCH, RICHMOND STREET, HALIFAX, HX1 5SX [in KF]	YES	NO	HALIFAX CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE</p> <p>Notified that Salem Methodist Church is to close. Beech Hill School is within the KF polling district, but the school has confirmed they cannot accommodate us. There is no other suitable alternative building within KF Beech Hill polling district.</p> <p>It is proposed that St Augustine's Centre, Hanson Lane, Halifax, HX1 5PG accommodates both KE – St John's and KF – Beech Hill in this polling station.</p>

TOWN WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
RD	SOUTHOWRAM	WITHINFIELDS CHILDRENS CENTRE, WITHINFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL, SOUTHOWRAM, HX3 9QJ [in RD]	YES	NO	HALIFAX CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE Notified that the venue is no longer available to us for use as a polling station.</p> <p>New Street Community Centre, New Street, Southowram, HX3 9SH is a suitable alternative venue and is located within polling district RD.</p>
RF	WHITEGATE	ST MARK'S CHURCH, WHITEGATE ROAD, SIDDAL, HALIFAX, HX3 9AD [in RF]	YES	NO	HALIFAX CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE Notified that the St Mark's Church is to close.</p> <p>There is no other building within the existing polling district RF – Whitegate that can be used as a polling station.</p> <p>Siddal Ex-Servicemen's Club has been identified as a suitable alternative. This building is located in Polling District RE. There is level access into the venue and will accommodate both polling districts.</p> <p>It is not proposed to merge these two polling districts as the electorate combined exceeds Electoral Commission guidance, therefore this venue will accommodate two polling stations.</p>

WARLEY WARD						
POLLING DISTRICT LETTERS	POLLING DISTRICT/ PLACE NAME	POLLING STATION	DISABLED ACCESS?	PARISH	CONSTITUENCY	STATUS
SF	MOUNT TABOR	MOUNT TABOR METHODIST SUNDAY SCHOOL, MOUNT TABOR, HALIFAX HX2 0UP [in SF]	YES	NO	HALIFAX CONSTITUENCY	<p>CHANGE Notified that the Mount Tabor Methodist Sunday School is to close.</p> <p>There is no other building within the existing polling district SF – Mount Tabor that can be used as a polling station.</p> <p>St Columba's Church Hall, Highroad Well Lane, Halifax, HX2 0QF has been identified as a suitable alternative. This building is located in Polling District SB – LING BOB. There is level access into the venue and will accommodate both polling districts.</p> <p>It is not proposed to merge these two polling districts as the combined electorate exceeds Electoral Commission guidance, therefore this venue will accommodate two polling stations.</p> <p>NOTE: Mount Tabor Community Association have confirmed they have agreed with the Church that they will take over the use of the building, therefore it remains available for use as a polling station. No changes to electoral arrangements need to be made.</p>