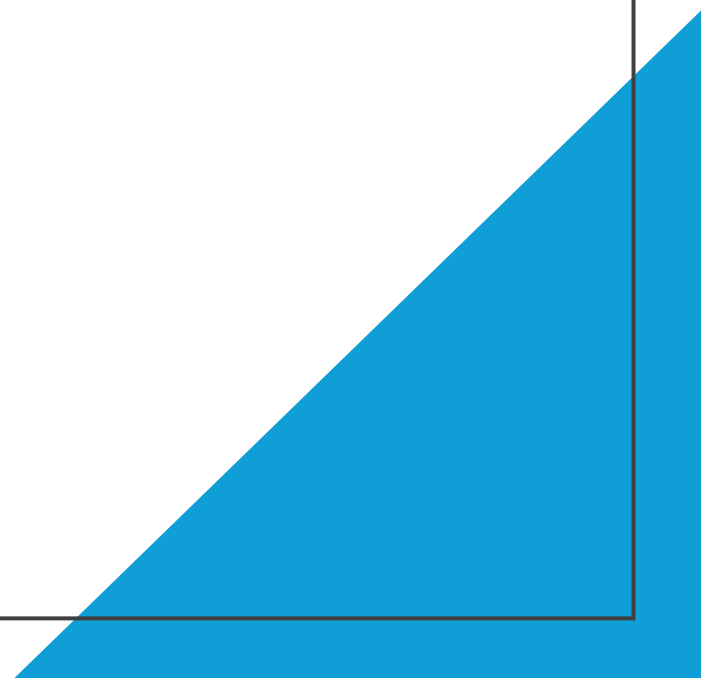


Local Liaison Committee

Polling Station Review 2024 – 21st November 2024

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Background

- Legally conducted every 5 years.
- Visited every polling station – H&S colleagues.
- Conducted a check against Electoral Commissions checklist – accessibility, facilities etc.
- Reviewed against known future building and the local plan.
- Reviewed any complaints received.
- Considered turnout rates, number of Electors and national stats.
- Resourcing availability. Difficulties in recruiting volunteers to work in Polling Stations 16 hours a day.

Proposals - 11 changes

- **AZ Whitebridge** St Michael's & All Angels Church, Roding Road, Loughton to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **AE Chigwell Row** Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **AF West Hatch** Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **CH Lambourne End** Parish Rooms, New Road, Lambourne End to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **AK Allnutts** Pelly Court, Hemnall Street, Epping to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **AF-1 St John's** Victory Hall, Hainault Road Chigwell to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **CF AB & BR** Willingale Village Hall, The Street, Willingale to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **CJ Bobbingworth** Fyfield Village Hall, Houchin Drive, Fyfield to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **CN Moreton** Fyfield Village Hall, Houchin Drive, Fyfield to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **CS Stapleford Tawney** Stapleford Abbots Village Hall, Stapleford Road, Stapleford Abbots to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **DC Dobbs Weir** St Peter's Church Hall, High Street, Roydon to be used as the polling place for all elections.

Consultation feedback

Station feedback received in relation to	Number of Responses	Range of comments made on proposed change
AK Allnutts	91	Too far from dwellings, no suitable transport and no parking provision.
CF Rural East AB & BR	43	Too far from dwellings and no suitable transport links.
CN Moreton	40	Too far from dwellings.
AE Chigwell Row	5	Too far from dwellings.
DC Dobbs Weir	3	Mixed responses received. One confirming venue currently used is not adequate and two confirming it is.
AZ Whitebridge	1	Too far from dwelling.

Public Consultation

- 15th July to 2nd September 2024.
- Four pieces of feedback outside of the proposals but connected with Polling Stations:
 - Name change - Willingale to Torrington.
 - Local venue – Lower Sheering.
 - Accessibility - The Scout Hall, Perry Hill.
 - Undertake a review of specific local areas e.g. Epping.

Recommendations following consultation

- **AZ Whitebridge** St Michael's & All Angels Church, Roding Road, Loughton to be used as the polling place for all elections.
 - Accessibility issues had been raised following the local elections in May and due to availability, the polling station had been relocated to St Michaels & All Angels Church for the Parliamentary election in July. This would align electors with the district wards following boundary review and is within 0.4-miles.
- **AF West Hatch** Victory Hall, Hainault Road, Chigwell to be used as the polling place for all elections.
- **AF-1 St John's** Victory Hall, Hainault Road Chigwell to be used as the polling place for all elections.
 - Due to the boundary review, AF had been split, to reflect the new district wards, therefore West Hatch had been created. The polling station previously used (Domus Mariae Centre, Chigwell Convent, Turpins Lane) was no longer available. Therefore, for the local elections held in May, the polling station had been relocated to Victory Hall, Chigwell due to no alternative could be found within the immediate area. This arrangement worked well, and it is proposed that the polling place now continues.
- **CH Lambourne End** Parish Rooms, New Road, Lambourne End to be used as the polling place for all elections.
 - It is proposed that Abridge and Lambourne End polling districts would be placed in Abridge Village Hall. The polling station is within 1.8 miles and a 4-minute car journey.

Recommendations following consultation

CJ Bobbingworth The White Hart, Bridge Road, Moreton, Ongar CM5 0LF to be used as the polling place for all elections.

CN Moreton The White Hart, Bridge Road, Moreton, Ongar CM5 0LF. to be used as the polling place for all elections.

- It is proposed to move electors within Moreton and Bobbingworth polling district to The White Hart, Bridge Road, Moreton, Ongar CM5 0LF.

CS Stapleford Tawney Stapleford Abbots Village Hall, Stapleford Road, Stapleford Abbots to be used as the polling place for all elections

- It is proposed to move electors within Stapleford Tawney polling district to Stapleford Abbots Village Hall due to accessibility issues. The polling place is within 1.9 miles and a 4-minute car journey, due no other alternative option being available.

DC Dobbs Weir St Peter's Church Hall, High Street, Roydon to be used as the polling place for all elections.

- Due to health and safety concerns, it has been proposed to move Dobbs Weir to St Peter's Church Hall, High Street, Roydon, as this is the nearest polling station within the Roydon Parish.

Next Steps

- O & S on 10th. December 2024.
- Council approval 17th December 2024.
- Any actions implemented January 2025.
- New Polling Stations used from 2025 onwards.
- Schedule local reviews including consultation for specific areas such as Epping.