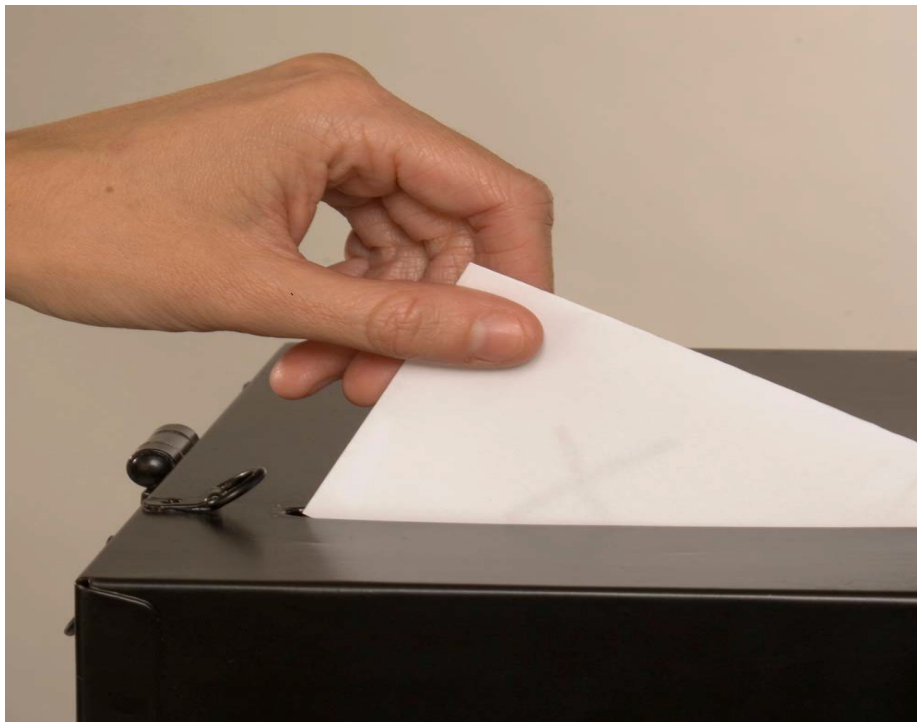


# Review of Polling Districts, Places and Station by Peterborough City Council 2014



Background information and the Returning Officer's Proposals

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Consultation Period: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014 – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

## **1. Review of polling district, polling places and polling stations in the district of Peterborough.**

- 1.1 **The reason for the review** – The Representation of the People Act 1983 places a duty on the Council to divide the District into polling districts and to designate polling places for each district. The Council also has a duty to keep those arrangements under review.
- 1.2 The Electoral Administration Act 2006 (EAA 2006) introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places at least once every four years. The Council's first such review was undertaken in 2007, followed by a second review in 2011.
- 1.3 Under the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the Council must now conduct a compulsory review of the polling district, polling places and polling stations of Peterborough and North West Cambridgeshire Constituencies that fall within the boundaries of the City of Peterborough.

The Returning Officer for Council has already made representations to Huntingdon District Council for the polling district, polling places and polling stations that fall under her control during the parliamentary elections, as part of the North West Cambridgeshire constituency falls within Peterborough City Council's boundaries.

- 1.4 The Council must conduct a full review of its polling districts, polling places and polling stations by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2015, and thereafter every five years from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2013. However, this does not prevent changes being made at any time before the next full review in October 2018.
- 1.5 Peterborough City Council is currently undertaking a Boundary Review in line with the Boundary Commission, The consultation period for this review closed on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2014. Final recommendations will be published in January 2015 and the review will be implemented by order subject to Parliamentary scrutiny. A draft order will be laid down in Parliament to enforce the recommendations. The new electoral arrangements will then be implemented for the next year's elections in Peterborough in 2016.

## **2.0 How the review is conducted**

The members of Full Council are delegated to deal with this matter, and the legislation lays down how the review is to be conducted. On commencement of the review the Returning Officer will be asked to make her representations on existing and proposed polling arrangements. The council will publish the Returning Officer's proposals and will invite comments. The members will consider these before the final recommendations are made to the Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 (provisional date).

The consultation must seek comments from people who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have disabilities.

Any elector may make representations. It is proposed that the consultation will also include local political parties, district ward councillors, local MP's constituencies, police, parish councils, disability awareness groups and any other interested parties.

### **2.1 The role of the Electoral Commission**

The commission, while not having a direct responsibility for the review, can intervene where it considers that the reasonable requirements of electors or the needs of disabled electors have not been taken into account.

The following can 'appeal' to the commission:

- Any parish council which falls within the constituency;
- Not less than thirty registered electors in the constituency;
- Any person who has made representations during the review;
- Any person who is not an elector in the constituency but has sufficient interest or expertise in access to premises or facilities for disabled persons.

The commission could direct the Council to alter any polling arrangements that arise from the review, and the Commission could make these alterations itself if the Council failed to respond within two months.

## 2.2 **Our timetable for this review**

Notice of start of review – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Council publishes the Returning Officer's Proposals – 17<sup>th</sup> October 2014

Consultation on this proposal ends on – 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Report to Full Council – 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Adoption by Full Council – 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014

Arrangements come into force at the publication of the of the next revised Register of Electors.

The Commission could direct the Council to alter any polling arrangements that arise from the review, and the commission could make these alterations itself if the council fail to respond within two months.

### **Making Comments**

Anyone intending to make comments is strongly urged to read the introductory comments to the Returning Officer's proposals. The Returning Officer has found that, by and large, the boundaries of our polling districts are co-terminous with the existing District and parish ward boundaries. Therefore, the Returning Officer, who considers that change for change's sake should be avoided in the review because it proves disruptive to the electors and their convenience, has recommended few changes.

That said, comments are still welcomed, and an early notification where major alterations are proposed will be appreciated, because it will enable the Electoral Services Team to enter into further and more detailed consultation where required.

Comments that support the Returning Officer's proposals are welcomed because they will provide a balance of opinions

Comments should be made in writing to:

Compliance Manager (Elections)  
Electoral Services Team  
Town Hall  
Bridge Street  
Peterborough  
Cambs PE1 1GF

Throughout the review, all working papers, minutes of meetings and correspondence will be available for public inspection at the Town Hall. All items will be published when the review is completed.

## 3. **The Returning Officer's Proposals**

### 3.1 **Introduction**

The pattern of polling districts and polling places in the District of Peterborough has evolved to meet successive boundary changes to district and parish wards and to meet the convenience of electors across the district. By and large, it ensures that electors have reasonable facilities for voting. Furthermore, in line with the Council's policies, every attempt has been made to ensure that polling stations are accessible to electors with disabilities. Therefore, the proposals for change have been kept to a minimum.

### 3.2 **Guidelines**

The Returning Officer has taken the following considerations into account when drawing up the proposals. Comments made during the consultation should keep these in mind. The first four are requirements laid down in the Representation of the Peoples Act; the remainder are guidelines only.

- The council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- The council must seek to ensure that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place is accessible to electors with disabilities;
- Every parish shall be in a separate polling district;
- Ideally the polling place should be in the polling district;
- No polling station should be shared by two wards because of the risks associated with holding different elections in the same polling station;
- Ideally there should be no more than 2,500 electors per polling district, although the number of postal voters in the district (presently about 20,000 in total) is a further consideration.
- Polling district boundaries should be co-terminous with existing parish ward or district ward boundaries.
- Where existing polling districts serve no necessary function because the electors for each polling district already vote at the same polling station, the polling districts should be merged;
- A polling station costs about £3,000 to hire, equipment and staff for polling day;
- The proposals have been mindful of further development in the district as identified in the Local Development Framework.

### 3.3 The Tables

Following a summary of the proposed changes, each district ward is dealt with separately. The tables show the existing polling arrangements in each district;

- The polling district identity letters
- The polling place for the district
- The polling station at that place
- The number of electors on 22 May 2014 (the date of the last elections)
- Disabled access, including where this is achieved by the use of a temporary ramp.

### 3.4 Glossary of terms

District Wards – the division of the district into areas for the purpose of electing councillors to represent its different parts. The district of Peterborough is divided into 24 district wards, but the wards are **not** subject to this review.

Boundary reviews – the reviews of the boundaries of parishes, district of parliamentary constituencies. Boundary reviews are **not** part of this review.

Electoral arrangements – the allocation of councillors to a council and the division of a parish or district into wards with the allocation of councillors to wards. The electoral arrangements of the parishes and of the district are **not** the subject to this review.

Parish wards – the division of a parish into areas for the purpose of electing councillors to represent the different parts of the same parish. The parish wards are **not** subject to this review.

Polling arrangements – the provision of reasonable and convenient facilities for the electors to cast their votes by the division of a constituency into polling districts with the polling places and polling stations.

Polling district – an area in the constituency for which the electors vote together at the same polling place.

Polling district letters – three letters that distinguish the polling district and that, together with the elector's number from the elector registration number.

Polling place – a readily identifiable place within the polling district to which the electors will go to vote.

Polling station – the building or part of a building at the polling place, which serve as the venue for the poll; the extent of the polling station will depend upon local circumstances.

**The tables: Existing polling district, polling places and polling stations and the returning officers proposals**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Electors</b>
BRN1	The polling district	Pyramid Community Centre, Watergall, Peterborough PE3 8NZ	2, 251
BRN2	The polling district	The Cresset Centre, Studio 2, Bretton Centre, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8NZ	1217
BRN3	The polling district	Heltwate Special School, Heltwate, North Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8RL	884
BRN4	The polling district	Tyesdale Community Centre, 32 Tyesdale, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 9XZ	1611
CEN1	The polling district	Open Door Baptist Church, Harris Street, Peterborough PE1 2LY	1626
CEN2	The polling district	Gladstone Park Community Centre, Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN	961
CEN3	The polling district	The Beeches Primary School, Beech Avenue, (Vehicular access via Craig Street), Peterborough PE1 2EH	1925
CEN4	The polling district	City College Peterborough, Brook Street, Peterborough PE1 1TU	1524
DOG1	The polling district	Christ the Carpenter Church Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 4PE	1712
DOG2	The polling district	Don Bosco Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cedar Grove, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 3SR	844
DOG3	The polling district	Dogsthorpe Community Centre, Poplar Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 4QF	1530
DOG4	The polling district	Charteris Playcentre, Normanton Road, Welland, Peterborough PE1 4XE	957
EAS1	The polling district	Saxon Community Centre, 61 Norman Road, Eastfield, Peterborough PE1 5LD	1573
EAS2	The polling district	Rutland Court Community Centre, Rutland Court, Eastgate, Peterborough PE1 5BX	2045
EAS3	EAS1	Saxon Community Centre, 61 Norman Road, Eastfield, Peterborough PE1 5LD	915

EAS4	The polling district	Parnwell Community Centre, Saltersgate, Parnwell, Peterborough PE1 4YL	1847
EAS5	Parnwell Community Centre	Parnwell Community Centre, Saltersgate, Parnwell, Peterborough PE1 4YL	110
EYE1	The polling district	Manor Farm, Community Centre, 70 High Street, Eye, Peterborough PE6 7UY	2773
THO	The polling district	Community Centre, Church Street, Thorney, Peterborough PE6 0QB	1634
BOR	NEW1	Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, Peterborough PE6 7QZ	75
NEW1	The polling district	Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, Peterborough PE6 7QZ	1115
NEW2	NEW1	Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, Peterborough PE6 7QZ	2
PEA	The polling district	Peakirk Village Hall, St Pegas Road, Peakirk, Peterborough PE6 7NF	287
NTH1	The polling district	Fulbridge Academy, Keeton Road, Peterborough PE1 3JQ	1829
NTH2	The polling district	Bluebell Meeting Hall, Bluebell Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 3XG	1574
NWE1	The polling district	Loxley Community Centre, Loxely, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5BW	1668
NWE2	The polling district	Hodgson Community Centre, Hodgson Avenue, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5EG	1747
NWE3	The polling district	Ken Stimpson School Conference Room, Staniland Way, Werrington, Peterborough PE2 6JT	1720
PAR1	The polling district	All Saints Church Hall, 208 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UL	2296
PAR2	The polling district	St George's School, Lawn Avenue, Peterborough PE1 3RB	2237
PAR3	The polling district	Madeley House, The King's School, 201 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UG	1405
PAS1	WAL1	Paston and Gunthorpe Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, Peterborough PE4 7YH	932
PAS3	The polling district	Newton Hall, Stowe Hill Road, Paston, Peterborough PE4 7PY	1134
PAS4	The polling district	Honeyhill Community and Children's Centre, 150 Chadburn, Paston, Peterborough PE4 7DH	1992
RAV1	The polling district	St Johns Hall, Mayors Walk, West Town, Peterborough PE3 6EZ	981

RAV2	The polling district	Highlees Primary School, Ashton Road, Westwood, Peterborough PE3 7ER	1997
RAV3	The polling district	Stafford Hall, Hampton Court, Westwood, Peterborough PE3 7LD	1511
SWE1	The polling district	Werrington Village Centre, Church Street, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6QE	1857
SWE2	The polling district	The Way Church, The Green, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 6RT	1435
SWE3	The polling district	Sports Pavilion, Campbell Drive, Gunthorpe, Peterborough PE4 7ZL	1196
WAL1	The polling district	Walton Community Centre, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough PE4 6HX	2115
WAL2	WAL1	Paston and Gunthorpe Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, Peterborough PE4 7YH	1639
WES1	The polling district	St Andrews Urc Church Hall, Ledbury Road, Netherton, Peterborough PE3 9RF	1925
WES2	The polling district	St Botolph's Church, Thorpe Road, Longthorpe, Peterborough PE3 6LU	1649
WES4	The polling district	Quality Hotel, Thorpe Meadows, Peterborough PE3 6GA	784
BAI	The polling district	Bainton Reading Room, Barnack Road, Bainton, Stamford PE9 3AE	217
BAR	The polling district	Barnack Village Hall, School Road, Barnack, Stamford PE9 3DZ	653
SOU	The polling district	Barnack Village Hall, School Road, Barnack, Stamford PE9 3DZ	104
HEL	The polling district	Helpston Village Hall, West Street, Helpston, Peterborough PE6 7DU	717
UFF	The polling district	Ufford Village Hall, Main Street, Ufford, Stamford PE9 3BH	146
STM	WOT	The Spinney, First Drift, Wothorpe, Nr Stamford PE9 3JL	28
WOT	The polling district	The Spinney, First Drift, Wothorpe, Nr Stamford PE9 3JL	169
FLE1	The polling district	Queensgate Hotel, 5-7 Fletton Avenue, Fletton, Peterborough PE2 8AX	1119
FLE2	The polling district	South Grove Community Centre, Grove Street,	2513
FLE3	The polling district	Belsize Centre, Celtra Road, Woodston, Peterborough PE2 9JD	2185
FLE4	The polling district	Riverside Community Pavillion, Candy Street, Woodston, Peterborough PE2 7AE	1486
AIL	The polling district	Ailsworth Methodist Chapel, Helpston Road, Ailsworth, Peterborough PE5 7AE	411

CAS	The polling district	Castor Village Hall, Peterborough Road, Castor Peterborough PE5 7AX	619
GLI	The polling district	Glington Village Hall, High Street, Glington, Peterborough PE6 7JA	1191
MAR	The polling district	Marholm Village Hall, Castor Road, Marholm, Peterborough PE6 7JA	102
SUT	The polling district	St Michael and All Angels Church, Nene Way, Sutton, Peterborough PE5 7XD	86
UPT	SUT	St Michael and All Angels Church, Nene Way, Sutton, Peterborough PE5 7XD	37
THH	The polling district	St Andrews Church, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough PE6 6NW	128
WAN	The polling district	Wansford Community Hall, Peterborough Road, Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6LA	317
WIT	The polling district	Parish Hall, Townsend Road, Wittering PE8 6BD	1691
DEE	The polling district	Newstead Farm, Deeping St James Road, Deeping Gate, Peterborough PE6 9AF	331
ETT	The polling district	The Golden Pheasant Inn (Marquee), Main Road, Etton, Peterborough PE6 7DA	101
MAX	The polling district	Maxey Village Hall, School Lane, Maxey, Peterborough PE6 9EJ	530
NOR	The polling district	Northborough Village Hall, Cromwell Close, Northborough, Peterborough PE6 9DP	967
ORH1	The polling district	Botolph Arms, 465 Oundle Road, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE7 8BZ	1688
ORH4	The polling district	Hampton Vale Community Centre, West Lake Avenue, Hampton Vale PE7 8HQ	2913
ORH5	ORH4	Hampton Vale Community Centre, West Lake Avenue, Hampton Vale PE7 8HQ	67
ORL1	The polling district	The Great Room, Orton Hall Hotel, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7DN	771
ORL2	The polling district	Goldhay Community Centre, 105 Paynels, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5QP	1773
ORL4	ORL2	Goldhay Community Centre, 105 Paynels, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5QP	1080
ORW1	The polling district	Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EN	1236
ORW2	The polling district	Matley Community Church, Matley, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YQ	2240
ORW3	The polling	Christ Church Hall, 2 Benstead, Orton	757



	district	Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5JJ	
ORW4	The polling district	Wistow Community Centre, Napier Place, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6XN	1513
STC1	The polling district	Southfields Community Centre, Southfields Avenue, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8RY	1558
STC3	The polling district	St Michael's Church, Mace Road, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8RQ	2126
STC4	The polling district	The Fleet Complex, Fleet Way, Fletton, Peterborough PE2 8DL	1036
STE	The polling district	Residents Lounge, Nelson Place, Havelock Drive, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8NT	1884

**Summary of proposed changes:-**

<b>Polling District</b>	<b>Polling Place</b>	<b>Polling Station</b>	<b>Electors</b>
BRS	The polling district	Childrens Activity Centre, 37 Copeland, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 9YJ	2071
DOG5	The polling district	Charteris Playcentre, Normanton Road, Welland, Peterborough PE1 4XE	733
EYE2	The polling district	Mobile Unit, Travelodge Car Park, Eye Green, Crowland Road, Peterborough PE6 7SZ	426
PAS2	The polling district	Gunthorpe Primary School, The Pentlands, Gunthorpe, Peterborough PE4 7YP	1354
WES3	The polling district	City Church Peterborough, The Grace Centre, 131 Midland Road, Peterborough PE3 6DP	1279
ORH2	ORH3	Hampton Community Sports Association, Beaumont Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough PE7 8DN	467
ORH3	The polling district	Hampton Community Sports Association, Beaumont Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough PE7 8DN	3421
ORL3	The polling district	Saint Luke's Church, 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malbourne, Peterborough PE2 5XS	2854
STC2	The polling district	Stanground Scout Hut, off Wessex Close, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8HZ	2022

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