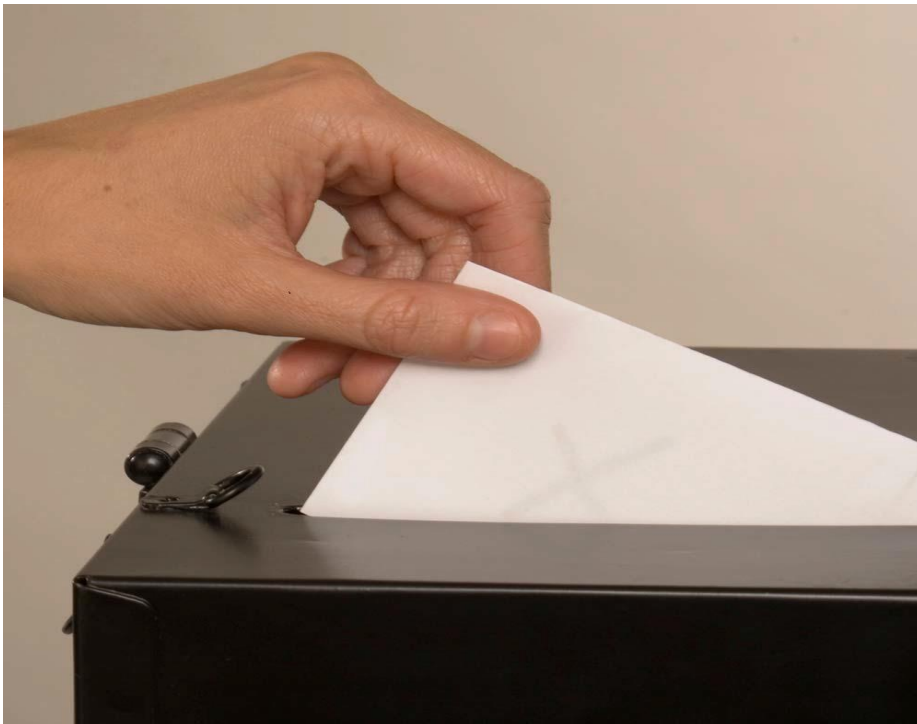


Review of Polling Districts, Places and Stations by Peterborough City Council 2019



Background information and the (Acting) Returning Officer's Proposals

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Consultation Period: 1st October 2019 – 31st October 2019. **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 Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places at least once every five years. The Council's last such review was undertaken in 2015.

- 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 (Acting) 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 31st January 2020, and thereafter every five years. However, this does not prevent changes being made at any time before the next full review in 2024.

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 (Acting) Returning Officer will be asked to make her representations on existing and proposed polling arrangements. The council will publish the (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals and will invite comments. The members will consider these before the final recommendations are made to the Council on 18th December 2019.

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, 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 – 1st October 2019

Council publishes the (Acting) Returning Officer's Proposals – 1st October 2019

Consultation on this proposal ends on – 31st October 2019

Report to Full Council – 18th December 2019

Adoption by Full Council – 1st January 2019

2.3 Making Comments

Anyone intending to make comments is strongly urged to read the introductory comments to the (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals. The (Acting) Returning Officer has found that, by and large, the boundaries of our polling districts are coterminous with the existing District and parish ward

boundaries. Therefore, the (Acting) 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 (Acting) Returning Officer's proposals are welcomed because they will provide a balance of opinions

Comments should be made in writing to:

Electoral Manager
Electoral Services Team
Town Hall
Bridge Street
Peterborough
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 (Acting) 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 (Acting) 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 station, although the number of postal voters in the polling district is a further consideration.
- Polling district boundaries should be coterminous 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 can cost upwards of £1,200 to hire, equip and staff for polling day
- A mobile unit used as a polling station can cost upwards of £4,000 to hire, equip and staff
- 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 01 September 2019

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 22 district wards, but the wards are **not** subject to this review.

Boundary reviews – the reviews of the boundaries of parishes, district or 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 – letters and numbers 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 within 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 (Acting) Returning Officers proposals

Polling District	Polling Place	Polling Station	Electors
Bretton ward			
BRN1	The polling district	Pyramid Community Centre, Watergall, Peterborough PE3 8NZ	2443
BRN2	The polling district	Church of the Holy Spirit, The Cresset Centre, Bretton Centre, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 8DX	1511
BRN3	The polling district	Peterborough Masonic Hall, 127 Ellindon, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 8RD	989
BRN4	The polling district	Tyesdale Community Centre, 32 Tyesdale, Bretton, Peterborough PE3 9XZ	1721
Central ward			
CEN1	The polling district	City College Peterborough, Brook Street, Peterborough PE1 1TU	2154
CEN2	The polling district	Rutland Court Community Centre, Rutland Court, Eastgate, Peterborough PE1 5BX	881
CEN3	The polling district	The Beeches Primary School, Beech Avenue, (Vehicular access via Craig Street), Peterborough PE1 2EH	2602
CEN4	The polling district	City Church Peterborough, The Grace Centre, 131 Midland Road, Peterborough, PE3 6DP	2154
Dogsthorpe ward			
DOG1	The polling district	Christ the Carpenter Church Hall, Chestnut Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 4PE	1945
DOG2	The polling district	Don Bosco Centre, Our Lady of Lourdes, Cedar Grove, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 3SR	954
DOG3	The polling district	Dogsthorpe Community Centre, Poplar Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 4QF	1723
DOG4	The polling district	Charteris Playcentre, Normanton Road, Welland, Peterborough PE1 4XE	1989
East ward			
EAS1	The polling district	Chestnuts Community Centre, 61 Norman Road, Eastfield, Peterborough PE1 5LD	2053
EAS2	The polling district	Peterborough & District Bowls Centre, Burton Street, Peterborough, PE1 5HA	1661
EAS3	EAS1	Chestnuts Community Centre, 61 Norman Road, Eastfield, Peterborough PE1 5LD	1225
EAS4	The polling district	Parnwell Community Centre, Saltersgate, Parnwell, Peterborough PE1 4YL	2124

Gunthorpe ward			
GUN1	GUN4	Brookside Methodist Church, 40 Gunthorpe Road, Peterborough, PE4 7TG	1617
GUN2	The polling district	Gunthorpe Primary School, The Pentlands, Peterborough, PE4 7TG	1604
GUN3	The polling district	Sports Pavilion, Campbell Drive, Gunthorpe, Peterborough PE4 7ZL	1434
GUN4	The polling district	Brookside Methodist Church, 40 Gunthorpe Road, Peterborough, PE4 7TG	1053
GUN5	The polling district	Mobile Unit, Manor Drive, Gunthorpe, Peterborough, PE4 7AJ	764
North ward			
NTH1	The polling district	Fulbridge Academy, Keeton Road, Peterborough PE1 3JQ	2210
NTH2	The polling district	Bluebell Meeting Hall, Bluebell Avenue, Dogsthorpe, Peterborough PE1 3XG	1803
NTH3	The polling district	Open Door Baptist Church, Harris Street, Peterborough PE1 2LY	2135
NTH4	The polling district	Gladstone Park Community Centre, Bourges Boulevard, Peterborough PE1 2AN	907
Park ward			
PAR1	The polling district	All Saints Church Hall, 208 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UL	2550
PAR2	The Elm Tree Tavern	The Elm Tree Tavern, Garton End Road, Peterborough, PE1 4EZ	2939
PAR3	The polling district	Madeley House, The King's School, 201 Park Road, Peterborough PE1 2UG	1407
Paston & Walton ward			
PAW1	The polling district	Walton Community Centre, Mountsteven Avenue, Walton, Peterborough PE4 6HX	2420
PAW2	The polling district	Paston and Gunthorpe Community Centre, Hallfields Lane, Peterborough PE4 7YH	1894
PAW3	The polling district	Newton Hall, Stowe Hill Road, Paston, Peterborough PE4 7PY	1211
PAW4	The polling district	Honeyhill Community and Children's Centre, 150 Chadburn, Paston, Peterborough PE4 7DH	1765
Ravensthorpe ward			
RAV1	The polling district	St Lukes Church, Mayors Walk, West Town, PE3 6EZ	1407
RAV2	The polling district	Highlees Primary School, Ashton Road, Westwood, Peterborough PE3 7ER	2153
RAV3	The polling district	Stafford Hall, Hampton Court, Westwood, Peterborough PE3 7LD	1728

RAV4	The polling district	St Andrews URC Church Hall, Ledbury Road, Netherton, Peterborough, PE3 9RF	2144
Werrington ward			
WER1	The polling district	Loxley Community Centre, Loxely, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5BW	1915
WER2	The polling district	Hodgson Community Centre, Hodgson Avenue, Werrington, Peterborough PE4 5EG	1915
WER3	The polling district	Ken Stimpson School Conference Room, Staniland Way, Werrington, Peterborough PE2 6JT	1877
WER4	The polling district	Werrington Village Centre, Church Street, Werrington, Peterborough, PE4 6QE	2217
West ward			
BRS	The polling district	Childrens Activity Centre, 37 Copeland, Bretton, Peterborough, PE3 9YJ	2239
WES	The polling district	St Botolph's Church, Thorpe Road, Longthorpe, Peterborough, PE3 6LU	1964
Barnack ward			
BAI	The polling district	Bainton Reading Room, Barnack Road, Bainton, Stamford PE9 3AE	225
BAR	The polling district	Barnack Village Hall, School Road, Barnack, Stamford PE9 3DZ	781
SOU	Barnack Village Hall	Barnack Village Hall, School Road, Barnack, Stamford PE9 3DZ	117
HEL	The polling district	Helpston Village Hall, West Street, Helpston, Peterborough PE6 7DU	947
STM	WOT	The Spinney, First Drift, Wothorpe, Nr Stamford PE9 3JL	43
WOT	The polling district	The Spinney, First Drift, Wothorpe, Nr Stamford PE9 3JL	253
UFF	The polling district	Ufford Village Hall, Main Street, Ufford, Stamford PE9 3BH	209
Eye, Thorney & Newborough ward			
BOR	NEW1	Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, Peterborough PE6 7QZ	97
NEW1	The polling district	Newborough Village Hall, Guntons Road, Newborough, Peterborough PE6 7QZ	1331
EYE1	The polling district	Manor Farm, Community Centre, 70 High Street, Eye, Peterborough PE6 7UY	3253
EYE2	The polling district	Mobile Unit, House of Feasts, 41 Crowland Road, Eye Green, Peterborough, PE6 7TP	504
THO	The polling district	Bedford Hall, Station Road, Thorney, Peterborough, PE6 0QE	1998

Fletton & Stanground ward			
FLS1	The polling district	The Peacock Pub, 26 London Road, Peterborough, PE2 8AR	1607
FLS2	The polling district	Stanground Scout Hut, Off Wessex Close, Peterborough, PE2 8HZ	2329
FLS3	FLS1	The Peacock Pub, 26 London Road, Peterborough, PE2 8AR	1454
FLS4	The polling district	Southfields Community Centre, Southfields Avenue, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8RY	1688
Fletton & Woodston ward			
FLW1	The polling district	The Dragonfly Hotel, Thorpe Meadows, Peterborough, PE3 6GA	561
FLW2	The polling district	South Grove Community Centre, Grove Street, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 9AG	2225
FLW3	The polling district	Belsize Centre, Celta Road, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 9JD	1926
FLW4	The polling district	Nene Valley Community Centre, 24 Candy Street, Woodston, Peterborough, PE2 9RE	1764
FLW5	The polling district	Botolph Arms, 465 Oundle Road, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE7 8BZ	884
Glington & Castor ward			
AIL	The polling district	Ailsworth Methodist Chapel, Main Street, Ailsworth, Peterborough PE5 7AE	462
CAS	The polling district	Castor Village Hall, Peterborough Road, Castor Peterborough PE5 7AX	684
DEE	The polling district	Newstead Farm, Deeping St James Road, Deeping Gate, Peterborough PE6 9AF	414
ETT	The polling district	The Golden Pheasant Inn (Marquee), Main Road, Etton, Peterborough PE6 7DA	119
GLI	The polling district	Glington Village Hall, High Street, Glington, Peterborough PE6 7JA	1351
GLC	GLI	Glington Village Hall, High Street, Glington, Peterborough PE6 7JA	41
MAR	The polling district	Marholm Village Hall, Castor Road, Marholm, Peterborough PE6 7JA	120
MAX	The polling district	Maxey Village Hall, School Lane, Maxey, Peterborough PE6 9EJ	588
NOR	The polling district	Northborough Village Hall, Cromwell Close, Northborough, Peterborough PE6 9DP	1099
PEA	The polling district	Peakirk Village Hall, St Pegas Road, Peakirk, Peterborough PE6 7NF	343
Hampton Vale ward			

HAV1	The polling district	Hampton Leisure Centre, Clayburn Road, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8HQ	972
HAV2	The polling district	Hampton Vale Community Centre, 1 Stewartby Avenue, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8NJ	3587
HAV3	HAV2	Hampton Vale Community Centre, 1 Stewartby Avenue, Hampton Vale, Peterborough, PE7 8NJ	88
Hargate & Hempsted ward			
HAH1	HAH2	Hampton Community Sports Association, Beaumont Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough, PE7 8DN	1096
HAH2	The polling district	Hampton Hargate Community Room, Hargate Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough, PE7 8BZ	3136
HAH3	HAH2	Hampton Hargate Community Room, Hargate Way, Hampton Hargate, Peterborough, PE7 8BZ	404
HAH4	ORL1	The Great Room (Conservatory) Orton Hall Hotel, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough, PE2 7DN	252
Orton Longueville ward			
ORL1	The polling district	The Great Room, Orton Hall Hotel, The Village, Orton Longueville, Peterborough PE2 7DN	1708
ORL2	The polling district	Goldhay Community Centre, 105 Paynels, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5QP	1968
ORL3	The polling district	Saint Luke's Church, 26 Benyon Grove, Orton Malbourne, PE2 5XS	2998
ORL4	ORL2	Goldhay Community Centre, 105 Paynels, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5QP	803
Orton Waterville ward			
ORW1	The polling district	Orton Waterville Village Hall, Glebe Avenue, Orton Waterville, Peterborough PE2 5EN	1473
ORW2	The polling district	Matley Community Church, Matley, Orton Brimbles, Peterborough PE2 5YQ	2710
ORW3	The polling district	Christ Church Hall, 2 Benstead, Orton Goldhay, Peterborough PE2 5JJ	1306
ORW4	The polling district	Wistow Community Centre, Napier Place, Orton Wistow, Peterborough PE2 6XN	1674
Stanground South ward			
STS1	The polling district	St Michael's Church, Mace Road, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8RQ	1712
STS2	The polling district	The Fleet Complex, Fleet Way, Fletton, Peterborough PE2 8DL	807
STS3	The polling district	Residents Lounge, Nelson Place, Havelock Drive, Stanground, Peterborough PE2 8NT	2252
STS4	The polling district	Cardea Community Sports Pavilion, Belona Drive, Cardea, Peterborough, PE2 8GP	2062
Wittering ward			

SUT	The polling district	St Michael and All Angels Church, Nene Way, Sutton, Peterborough PE5 7XD	101
UPT	SUT	St Michael and All Angels Church, Nene Way, Sutton, Peterborough PE5 7XD	42
THH	The polling district	St Andrews Church, Russell Hill, Thornhaugh, Peterborough PE6 6NW	153
WAN	The polling district	Wansford Community Hall, Peterborough Road, Wansford, Peterborough PE8 6LA	401
WIT	The polling district	Parish Hall, Townsend Road, Wittering PE8 6BD	1629

Summary of proposed changes:-

Polling District	Proposed Polling Place	Proposed Polling Station and comments	Electors
GUN1	The polling district	Petition received at Full Council on Wednesday, 24 July 2019 requesting that the polling station to ideally be located within the polling district (currently Brookside Methodist Church which is located in polling district GUN4). Consider Werrington Lodge Care Home car park to site a mobile unit*.	1617
GLC	PEA	The polling district GLC falls within the Glinton & Castor ward but also falls within the Peterborough Constituency. The closet polling station that falls within the same ward and constituency is Peakirk Village Hall. There are no suitable locations within the GLC polling district.	41
PAR2	The Elm Tree Tavern	Feedback received regarding the use of the Elm Tree Tavern as a polling station. With no available centrally located buildings located within the polling district it is proposed that a mobile unit* be sited in the Elm Tree Tavern Car Park.	2939

* The cost of hiring a mobile unit to use as a polling station is considerably higher than if hiring a room/building and would only be considered if no other suitable alternatives are available.

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