



REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS & POLLING PLACES – ACTING RETURNING OFFICER’S SUBMISSION

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England has recently undertaken an Electoral Review of the London Borough of Merton ward arrangements. As a result of the review, there have been alterations to the current ward boundaries which require changes to the polling districts within them. Therefore, Merton is required to undertake a review of its polling districts and also the location of polling places/stations to reflect the changes to the ward boundaries. This submission contains the Acting Returning Officer’s (ARO) proposals regarding polling districts and polling places that will come into force from the next elections in May 2022.

BACKGROUND

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 required each local authority to complete a review of the parliamentary polling districts and polling places within its area every 5 years, beginning from the last review which was conducted during a period of 16 months beginning on 1st October 2013. The first compulsory review by Merton after this date was carried in 2014 and the next compulsory review in 2019. The current review is required to ensure that the council has correct and accessible polling arrangements for the 2022 elections.

In conducting the review, the authority must seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances, and have regard to the needs of electors who are disabled.

THE ACTING RETURNING OFFICERS SUBMISSION

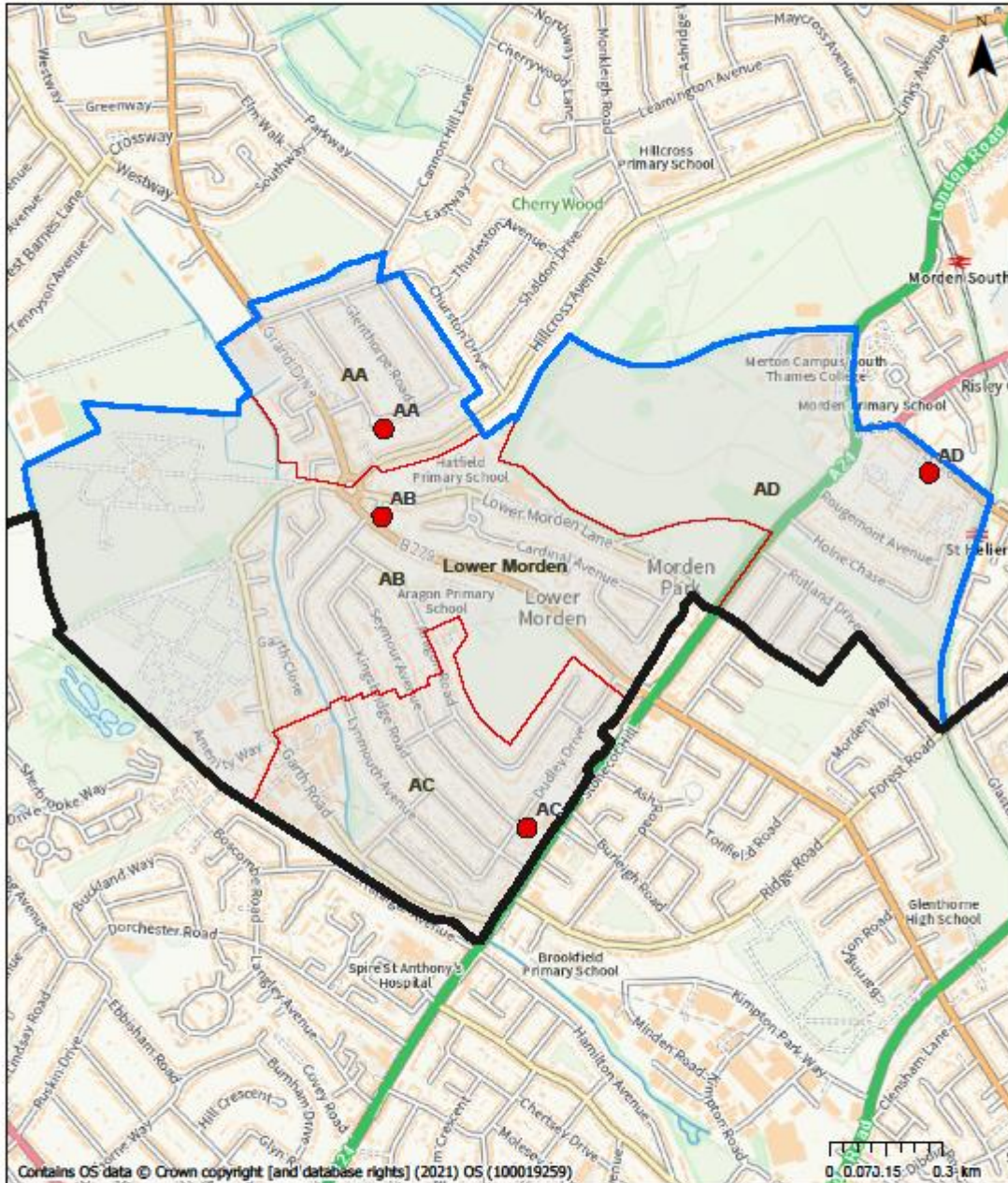
The following submission provides proposed maps and polling scheme details for every ward. All proposed changes are accompanied by a clear explanation for the reasons for the change. For some wards there are very little proposed changes.

This review covers the polling districts and places to be used for all types of elections and referendums within the London Borough of Merton; therefore local electorate figures (as the higher electorate figure) have been used rather than Parliamentary electorate figures. The local electorate figures used in this review are from the 2 August update to the electoral register.

Lower Morden ward (A)

Lower Morden

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- Merton Borough Boundary
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- Proposed Polling District Boundary

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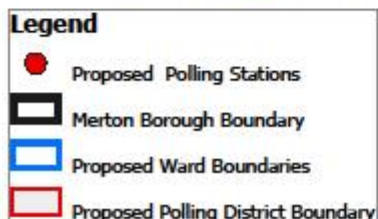
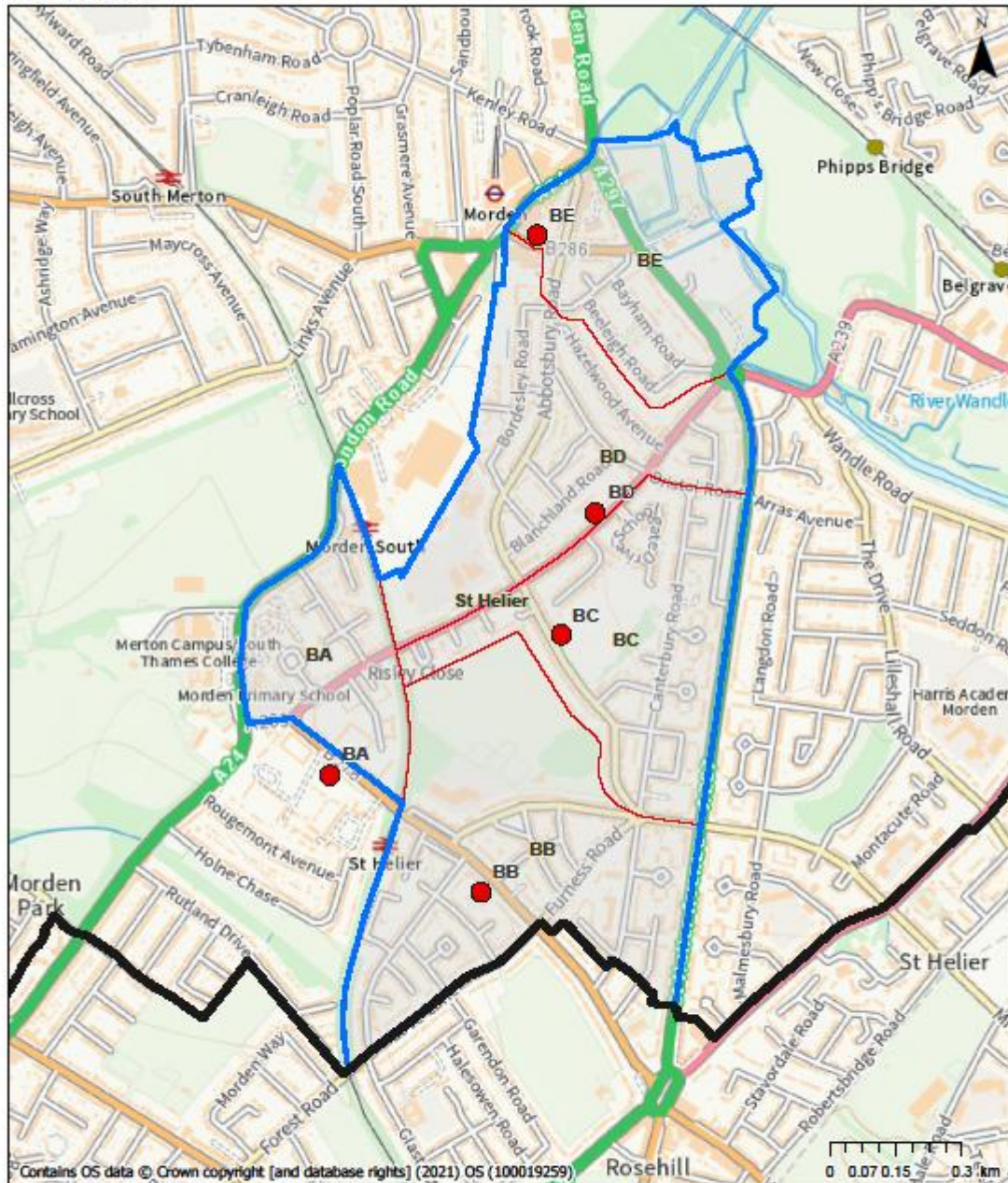


Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
AA	1490	St. Martin's Church, Camborne Road, Morden, SM4 4JL (in church hall)	permanent ramp
AB (2 PS)	3034	Morden Assembly Hall, Tudor Drive, Morden, SM4 4PG (in assembly hall)	permanent ramp
AC (2 PS)	2491	Emmanuel Church Hall, Dudley Drive, Morden, SM4 4QG (in church hall)	permanent ramp
AD	1441	Lawrence Weaver Institute, Green Lane, Morden, SM4 6SR (in main hall)	level
Representations received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>Polling districts AA, AB and AC remain unchanged with electors visiting the same polling stations. As a result of the boundary review, a new polling district, AD has been created, encompassing the streets to the east of Epsom Road. These streets (Litchfield Avenue, Rustington Walk, Hartland Way, Amberley Way, Rutland Drive, Holne Chase, Torrington Way, Rougemont Avenue, Rhodes Moorhouse Court, and Green Lane) were previously in St Helier ward and electors will continue to vote at the Lawrence Weaver Institute.</p>			

St Helier ward (B)

St Helier

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
BA	872	Lawrence Weaver Institute, Green Lane, Morden (in main hall)	level
BB	2072	Congregational Church Hall, Green Lane, Morden, SM4 6SR (in church hall)	level
BC	2018	Farm Road Pavilion, Farm Road, Morden, SM4 6RA (in main hall)	permanent ramp
BD	1587	St Georges Church Hall, Central Road, Morden, SM4 5RJ (in church hall)	level
BE	846	Merton & Morden Guild, 34A Aberconway Road, Morden, SM4 5LF (in hall)	level

Representations received

One representation was received from Cllr Martin Whelton (Labour) with regards to the use of the St Georges Church Hall as a polling station for polling districts BC and BD. Cllr Whelton suggested using the Farm Road Pavilion as a polling station for polling district BC to avoid overloading the St Georges Church Hall.

ARO submission

In line with the suggestion received, the ARO proposes using the Farm Road Pavilion as a polling station for polling district BC. This will reduce the pressure on St Georges Church Hall which experienced queues at the recent GLA elections. The Farm Road Pavilion has been visited by Electoral Services during the course of the review and has been assessed as meeting the requirements of a polling station. Polling district BC has also been amended slightly with electors to the north of Bristol Road now in polling district BD. These electors will continue to vote at the St Georges Church Hall. Polling district BD otherwise remains unchanged. Due to ward boundary changes, the lower half of the existing polling district BA below Green Lane is now in Lower Morden ward. To minimise any confusion that could be caused by these changes, the ARO proposes that the electors in the upper part of BA that is still in St Helier ward, continue to vote at the Lawrence Weaver Institute on Green Lane.

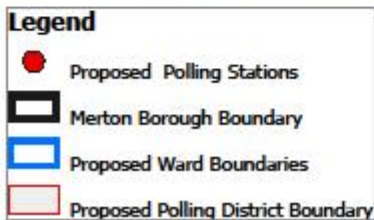
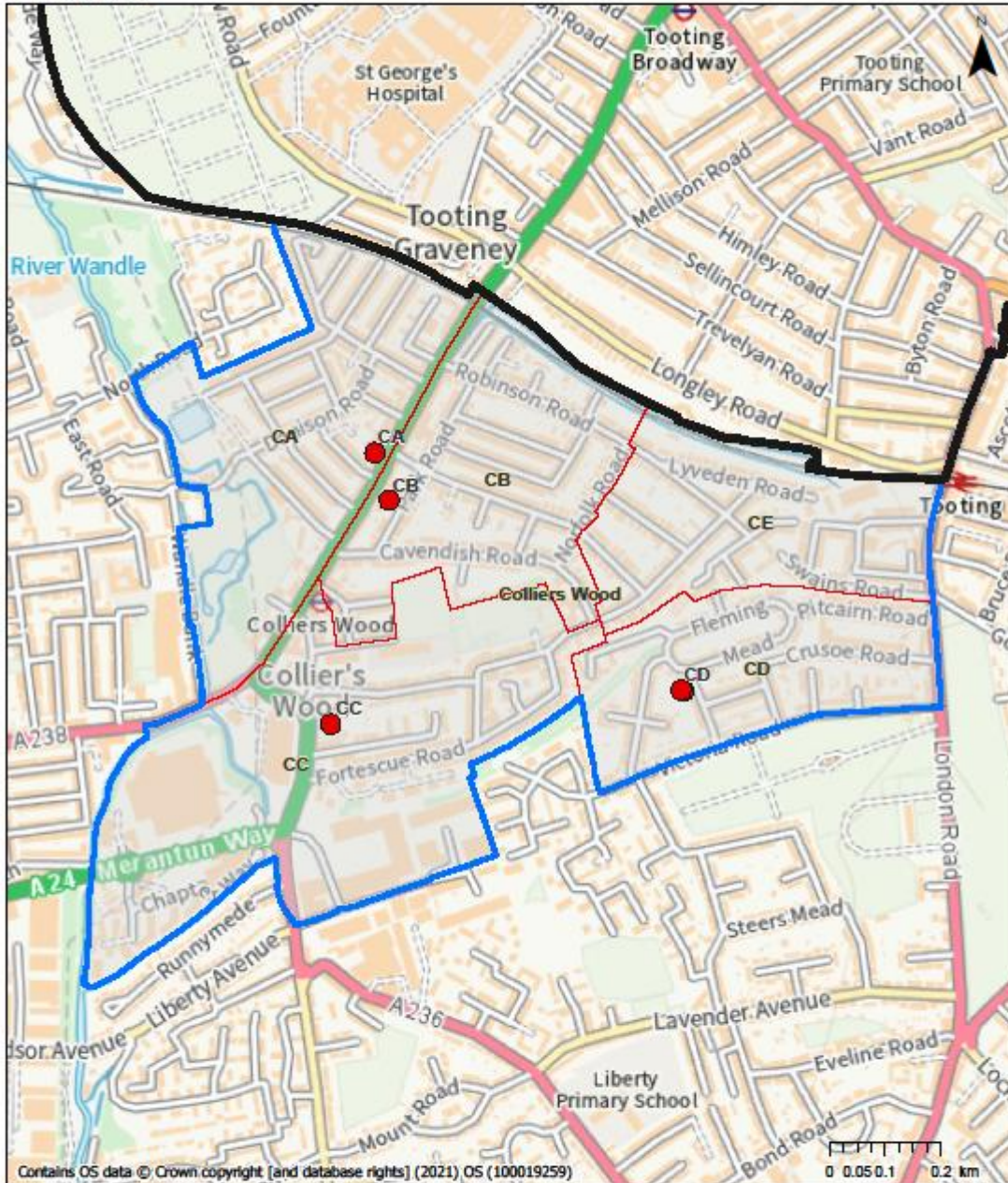
Polling district BB remains unchanged, with electors voting at the Congregational Church Hall on Green Lane.

Polling district BE has been created as a result of the boundary changes extending St Helier ward to the north to include the roads south of Morden Hall Road (Abbotsbury Road, Aberconway Road, Bardney Road, Bayham Road, Beeleigh Road) and some of Morden Hall Park. This polling district retains the same boundaries as the previous polling district FE, and electors will continue to vote at the Merton and Morden Guild, 34A Aberconway Road.

Colliers Wood ward (C)

Colliers Wood

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
CA (2 PS)	2061	Colliers Wood Community Centre, 66-72 High Street, Colliers Wood, SW19 2BY (in hall)	level
CB	1948	St. Joseph's Church Hall, 63 High Street, Colliers Wood, SW19 2JF (in church hall)	permanent ramp
CC	1645	Christ Church Hall, Christchurch Road SW19 2NW (in church hall)	temporary ramp
CD	1234	Togetherness Centre, Taylor Road, Mitcham, CR4 3JR (in communal area)	level
CE	1485	Togetherness Centre, Taylor Road, Mitcham, CR4 3JR (in communal area)	level

Representations received

None

ARO submission

The proposed polling districts and polling stations for polling districts CA, CB and CC remain unchanged, and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations.

In polling district CE, the Abbey Orchard Community Room on Singleton Close, which has been used as a polling station for previous elections, is no longer available to be used as a polling station due to works planned to turn the Community Room into a residential property.

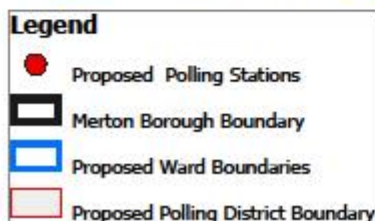
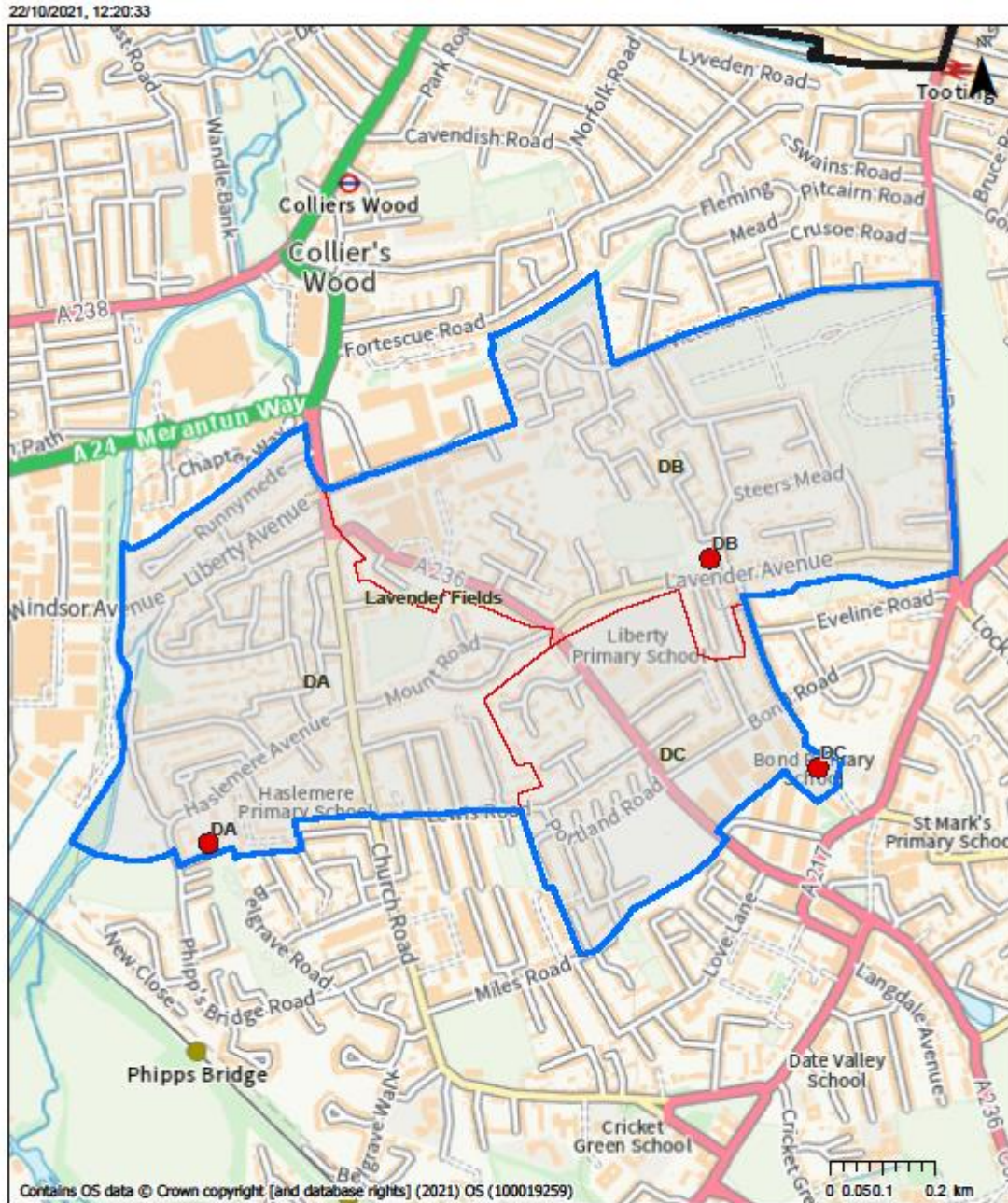
Therefore the ARO proposes that electors from polling district CE visit the Togetherness Centre on Taylor Road in polling district CD in order to vote.

The venue has been visited by electoral services and has been assessed as meeting the requirements of a double polling station.

The ARO proposes to keep polling district CE as a separate entity before absorbing the area into polling district CD, in case the planned works do not materialise by the time of the 2022 elections. If that is the case, the ARO will again look to use the Abbey Orchard Community Room as the polling station for polling district CE.

Lavender Fields ward (D)

Lavender Fields



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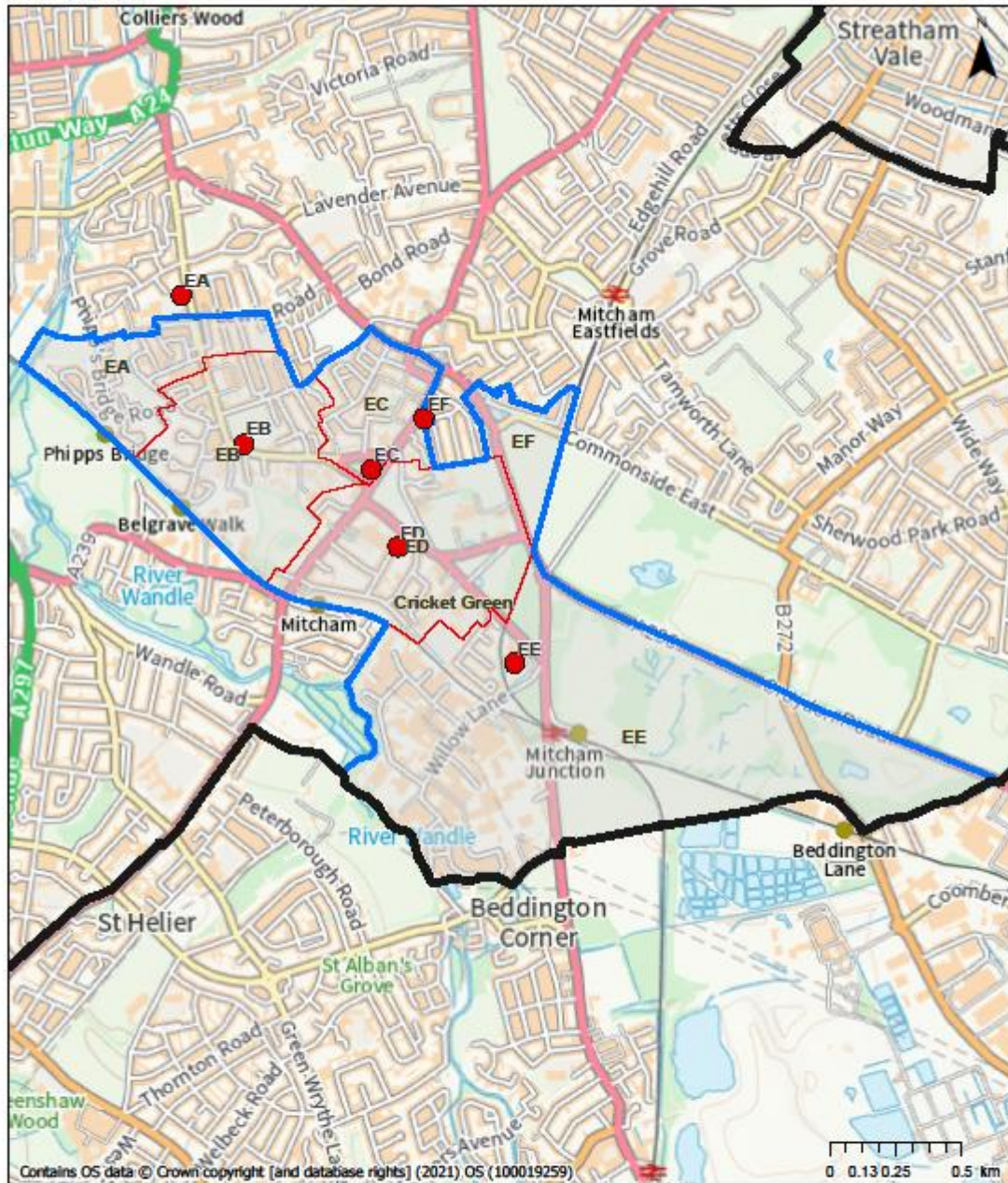


Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
DA (2 PS)	3294	South Mitcham Community Centre, Haslemere Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 3PR (in hall)	level
DB (2 PS)	3394	Lavender Park Pavilion, Steers Mead, Mitcham, CR4 3HL (in hall or in marquee in car park)	level
DC	1399	Bond Primary School, Bond Road, Mitcham, CR4 3HG (in school hall)	temporary ramp
Representations received			
<p>One response was received from the Labour Group (Merton Council) who continued to urge that the ARO looks for alternative polling stations where schools are unable to remain open on polling day, or limit the number of children impacted. The group asked that a full assessment is carried out on alternative locations, though they recognise that some are difficult due to lack of suitable alternatives (comment included here as Bond Primary School usually closes on polling day).</p>			
ARO submission			
<p>As a result of the boundary review, Lavender Fields ward has been extended to the south of the existing polling district DA, to include the roads of Homefield Gardens, Haslemere Avenue and Parkview Drive, together with Thornville Grove, Phipps Bridge Road, and Roslyn Close. This increases the electorate of polling district DA meaning that the South Mitcham Community Centre will now only be allocated as a polling station for electors from Lavender Fields ward.</p> <p>Polling district DB remains unchanged and electors will continue to vote at the Lavender Park Pavilion. There is at the moment some doubt about whether the hall will be available as the centre is now being used for full day care provision all year round. However, due to the lack of other options in the area, the ARO proposes using the same location and erecting a marquee in the car park of the centre if the inside of the building cannot be used.</p> <p>Polling district DC has been reduced in size due to changes to the ward boundary, with those properties to the east of Mortimer Road (Eveline Road, Plummer Lane, Bond Road and Sunshine Way) now in Figge's Marsh ward. These electors will however continue to vote at Bond Primary School, as will the residents of polling district DC.</p> <p>Bond Primary School is a school that has previously closed on polling day. The ARO has considered the Mitcham Library as an alternative venue, but the hall that the library has available to hire isn't large enough to accommodate the amount of electors that are currently assigned to Bond Primary School, with the venue also acting as a polling station for polling district HE (1276 electors). Therefore the ARO proposes that the school continues to be used as a polling station. Electoral Services will arrange to visit the school prior to next year's elections to work with the Headteacher to see if there is any way that the school could remain open on polling day.</p>			

Cricket Green ward (E)

Cricket Green

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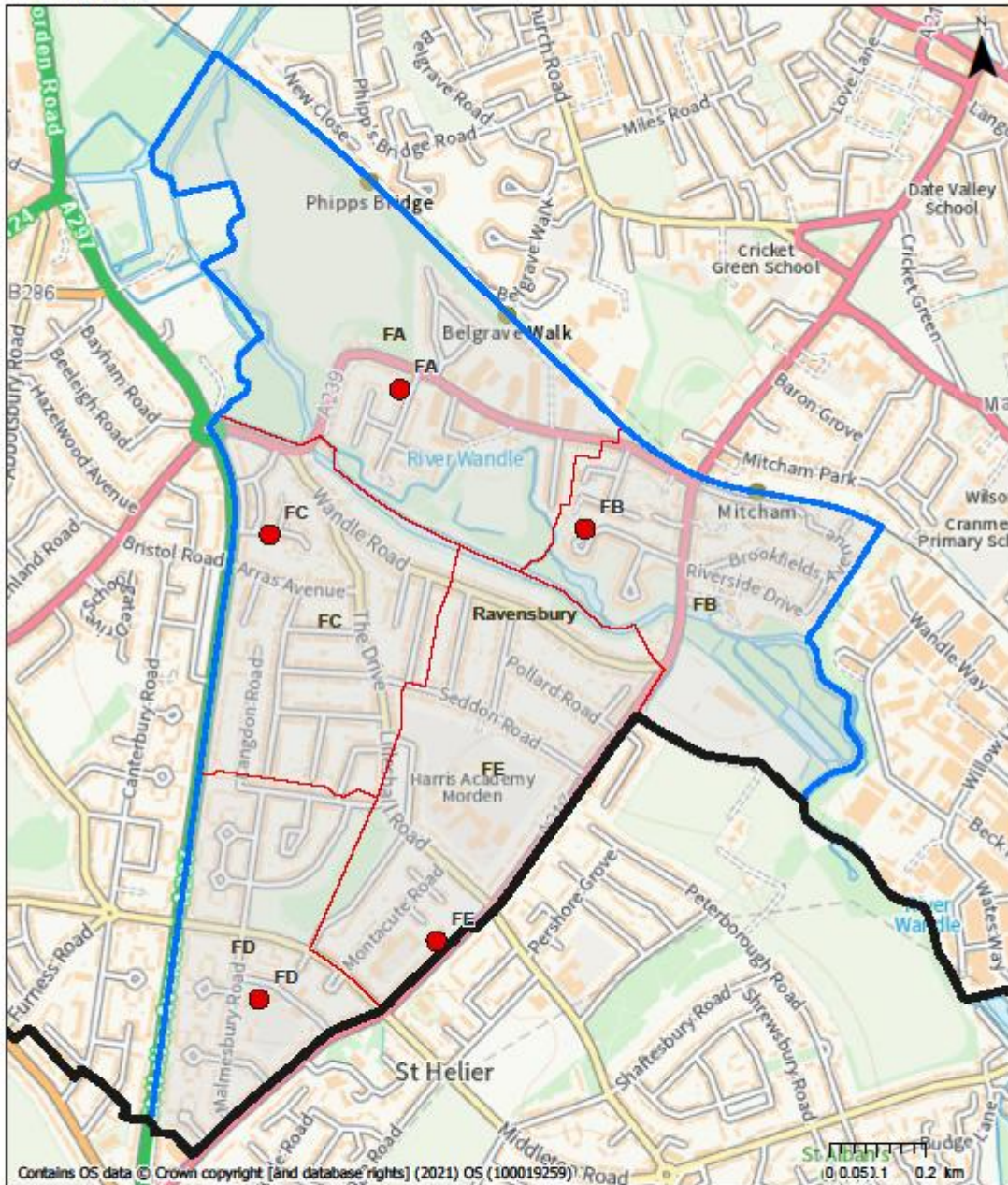


Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
EA (2 PS)	1887	2010 Club, 247-259 Church Road, Mitcham, CR4 3BH	temporary ramp
EB (2 PS)	2137	Mitcham Parish Church, Church Road, Mitcham, CR4 3BE	level
EC	1623	Vestry Hall, 336 London Road, Mitcham, CR4 3UD	lift
ED	1613	11th Mitcham Scout & Guide Headquarters, Mitcham Park, Mitcham, CR4 4EN (in scout hall)	temporary ramp
EE	658	Mitcham Garden Village, Mitcham, CR4 4HE (in marquee)	level
EF	283	Age UK Merton, 277 London Road, Mitcham, CR4 3NT (in ground floor meeting room)	permanent ramp
Representations received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>As a result of the boundary review, the South Mitcham Community Centre, the usual polling station for polling district EA, is now in Lavender Fields ward. Due to the increase in electorate of polling district DA in Lavender Fields, the ARO proposes that electors from EA polling district vote at the 2010 Club, 247-259 Church Road. This venue is itself out of the ward, but the ARO is of the view that sending a combination of over 5000 electors from both wards to South Mitcham Community Centre will overwhelm the venue. The 2010 Club has been visited by Electoral Services and has been assessed as meeting the requirements of a polling station.</p> <p>Polling district EB remains unchanged, with voters attending the Mitcham Parish Church.</p> <p>The boundaries of polling district EC remain unchanged, however the ARO proposes that electors visit the Vestry Hall rather than Age UK Merton. This is because Age UK Merton is required to accommodate electors from polling district HA in Figges Marsh ward, and the newly conceived polling district EF, created as a result of the extension of Cricket Green ward into Commonsides East, Commonsides West, Esher Mews and Hallowell Close. The Vestry Hall has been visited by Electoral Services and has been assessed as being suitable for use as a polling station. The main hall is on the first floor but is served by a working lift.</p> <p>Polling district ED remains unchanged except that the easterly boundary is moved to Commonsides West to accommodate the new EF polling district. Electors will continue to vote at the 11th Mitcham Scout and Guide Headquarters in Mitcham Park.</p> <p>Polling district EE also remains unchanged, with electors continuing to vote at Mitcham Garden Village.</p>			

Ravensbury ward (F)

Ravensbury

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
FA	708	Ravensbury Club Room, Ravensbury Grove, Mitcham, CR4 4DL (in the club room)	permanent ramp
FB	1422	Communal Tenants' Rooms, 90 Rawnsley Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 4BX (in the tenants' rooms)	level
FC	1661	Portacabin, Gifford House, 67C St. Helier Avenue, Morden, SM4 6HY (in former office)	permanent ramp
FD	1510	Malmesbury Primary School, Malmesbury Road, Morden, SM4 6HG (in school hall)	permanent ramp
FE	1455	St Theresa's Church Hall, 250 Bishopsford Road, Morden, SM4 6BZ	level

Representations Received

One representation was received from Cllr Natasha Irons (Labour) regarding the Malmesbury Primary School, suggesting the Newminster Road Centre as an alternative venue.

ARO submission

Polling districts FA and FB remain unchanged and voters will continue to vote at the same polling stations.

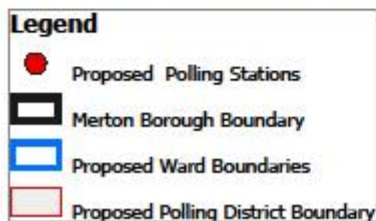
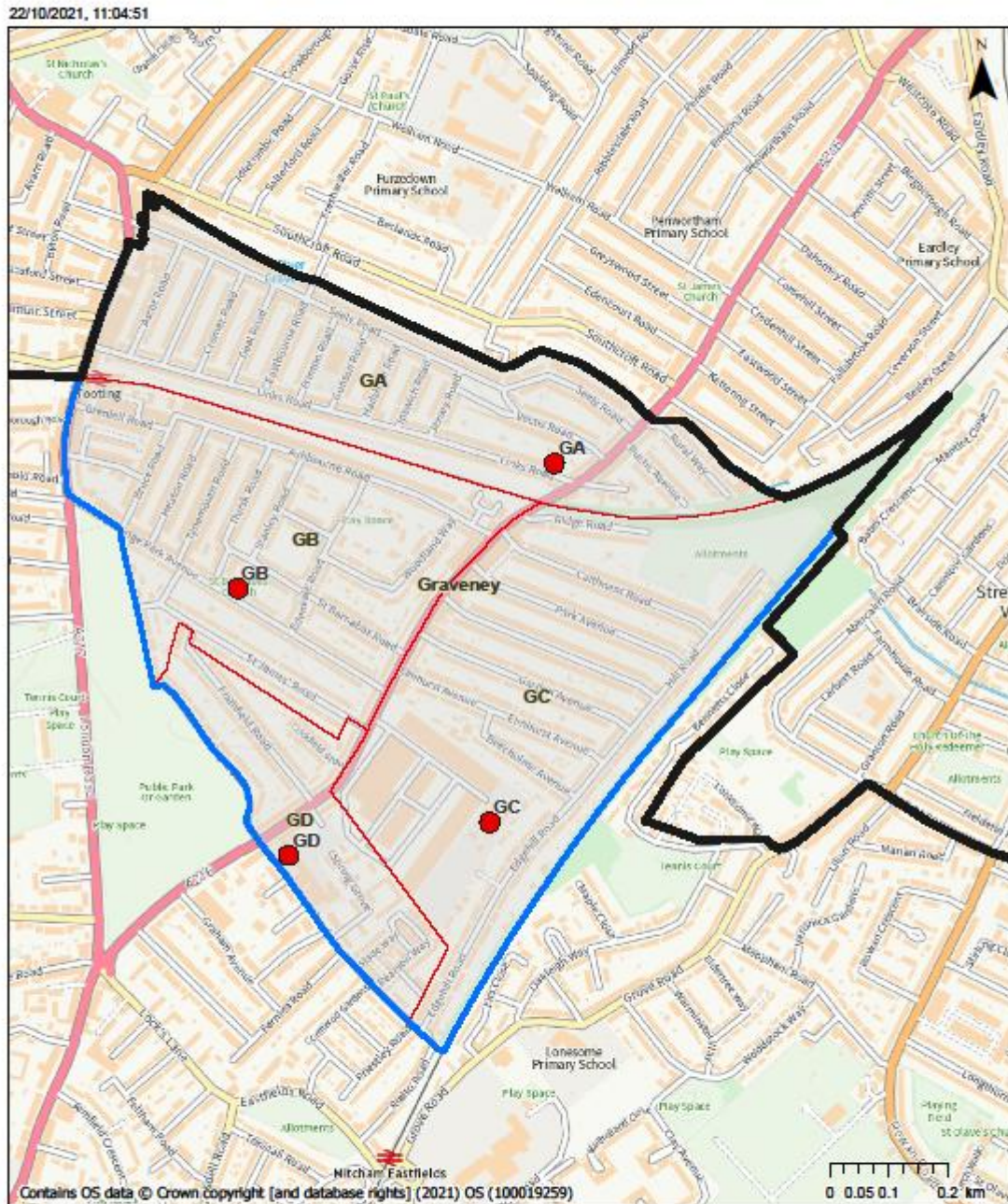
Polling district FC has been cropped very slightly to the north of the district above Morden Road but is otherwise unchanged. Therefore the polling station remains the same.

In polling district FD, the boundary with the new polling district FE (previously polling district FF) has been amended so that it now cuts out Muchelney Road, Montacute Road and part of Bishopford and Middleton Roads. Electors in these roads will now have less distance to travel in order for them to reach their polling station, which has been changed to the St Theresa's Church Hall. This action also has the effect of equalising electorates for polling districts FD and FE.

The Newminster Road Centre was considered as an alternative to Malmesbury Primary School, but was judged as unsuitable for use as a polling station after a site visit by Electoral Services. The hall contains several permanent structures which cannot be removed for a temporary hire. The Newminster Children's Centre next door to the school was also considered but the majority of the internal space is leased to health visitors and midwifery tenants, so this venue is also unsuitable for a polling station of the size required by polling district FD. Therefore the Malmesbury Primary School will remain as a polling station but the school will continue to stay open on polling day, minimising disruption to parents and pupils. The previous polling district FE, which contained the roads south of Morden Hall Road (Abbotsbury Road, Aberconway Road, Bardney Road, Bayham Road, Beeleigh Road) and some of Morden Hall Park is now in St Helier ward. This polling district retains the same boundaries, and electors will continue to vote at the Merton and Morden Guild, 34A Aberconway Road.

Graveney ward (G)

Graveney



Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
GA (2 PS)	2398	Church of the Assumption, 282 Links Road, Tooting, SW17 9ER	level
GB (2 PS)	2880	St. Barnabas Church, Thirsk Road, Mitcham, CR4 2BD (in the rear of the church)	level
GC (2 PS)	1995	Beecholme Primary School, Edgehill Road, Mitcham, CR4 2HZ (in school hall)	level
GD (2 PS)	1034	Gorringe Park Primary School, Sandy Lane, Mitcham, CR4 2YA (in school hall)	level

Representations received

One representation was received from the Labour Group (Merton Council) with regards to the extension of the ward to the south, which takes in Uckfield Road, Manship Road, Framfield Road, Sandy lane, Spring Grove, Summerhill Way, Slade Way, Pearson Way and part of Streatham Road. The Group proposed that the electors in these roads continued to vote at Gorringe Park Primary School, rather than moving into St Barnabas Church and Beecholme Primary School, respectively.

The Labour Group have also continued to urge that the ARO looks for alternative polling stations where schools are unable to remain open on polling day, or limit the number of children impacted. The group asked that a full assessment is carried out on alternative locations though they recognise that some are difficult due to lack of suitable alternatives (comment included here as Beecholme Primary School usually closes on polling day).

ARO submission

The ARO agreed with the Labour Group’s recommendation with regards to the extension of the ward to the south, and has created polling district GD, encompassing the streets mentioned above. Electors will continue to vote at Gorringe Park Primary School, which remains open on polling day.

Polling districts GB and GC therefore remain unchanged and voters will continue to vote at St Barnabas Church and Beecholme Primary School, respectively.

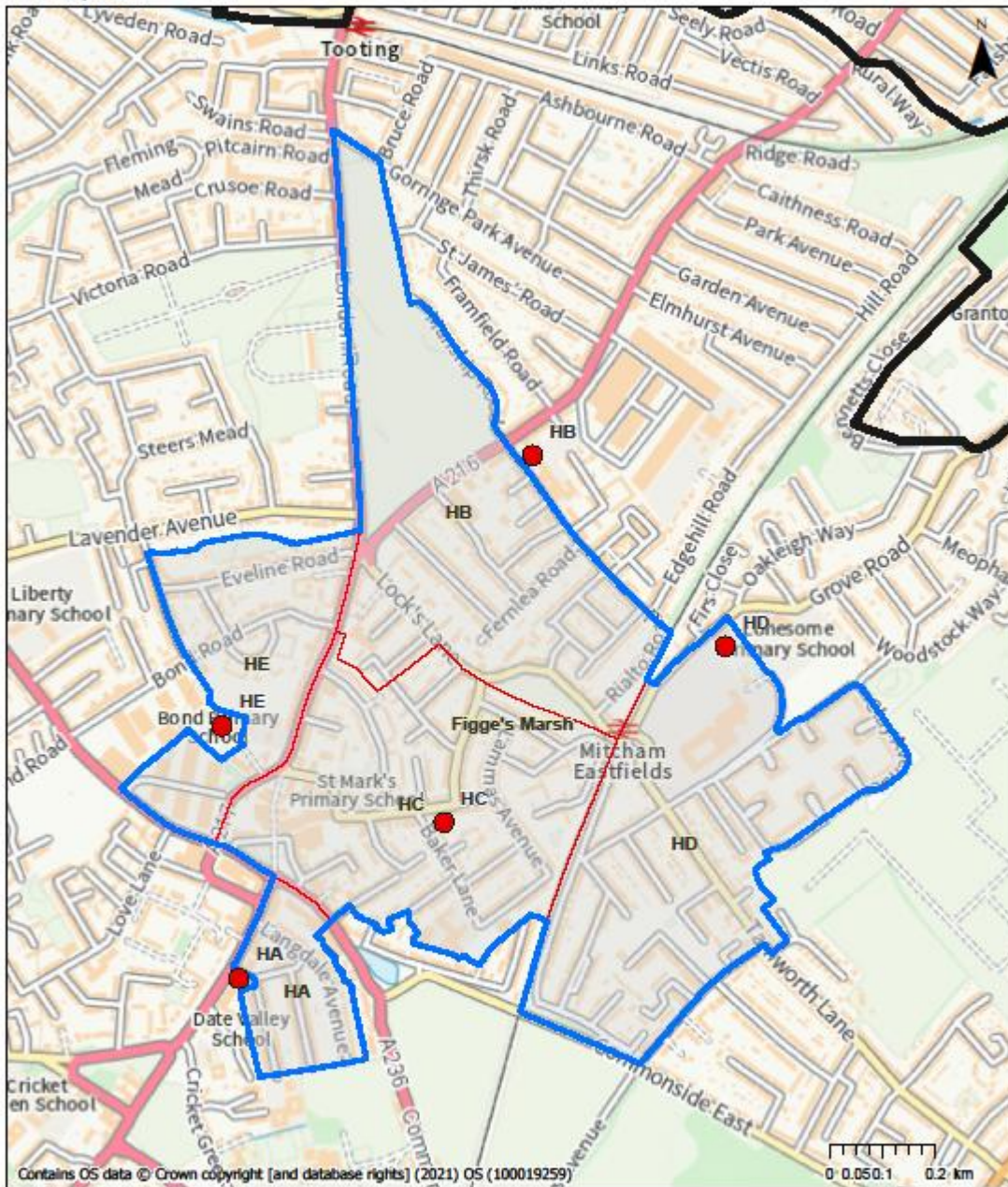
With regards to Beecholme Primary School, which is required to close on polling day, the ARO considered using the North East Mitcham Community Centre on Woodland Way, which would require a redrawing of polling district boundaries. However, the centre could only offer up their smaller hall which unfortunately isn’t large enough to accommodate the amount of electors that would be assigned to this polling district. Therefore the ARO proposes that the school continues to be used as a polling station. Electoral Services will arrange to visit the school prior to next year’s elections to work with the Headteacher to see if there is any way that the school could remain open on polling day.

Polling district GA remains unchanged and voters will continue to vote at the same polling station.

Figge's Marsh ward (H)

Figge's Marsh

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
HA	536	Age UK Merton, 277 London Road, Mitcham, CR4 3NT (in ground floor meeting room)	permanent ramp
HB (2 PS)	1633	Gorringe Park Primary School, Sandy Lane, Mitcham, CR4 2YA (in part of the school hall)	permanent ramp
HC (2 PS)	2207	St. Mark's Church Hall, St Mark's Road, Mitcham, CR4 2LF (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
HD	2023	Acacia Adventure Playground, 230 Grove Road, Mitcham, CR4 1SD (in the hall)	level
HE (2 PS)	1276	Bond Primary School, Bond Road, Mitcham, CR4 3HG (in school hall)	level

Representations received

None

ARO submission

As a result of the boundary review, polling district HA has lost those properties on Commonsides West south of the Three Kings pond, which are now in Cricket Green ward. This area, along with Esher Mews, Hallowell Close and those properties on Commonsides East to the north of the pond (previously in HC polling district) will form the new polling district EF, and electors will vote at Age UK Merton. The rest of polling district HA remains unchanged, and electors will continue to vote at Age UK Merton.

Polling district HB has also been amended as a result of the boundary review, with Uckfield Road, Manship Road, Framfield Road, Sandy lane, Spring Grove, Summerhill Way, Slade Way, Pearson Way and part of Streatham Road all now in Graveney ward. For this reason the ARO proposes to extend polling district HB to the south, taking in Lock's Lane, Marsh Avenue and Firtree Avenue, and part of London Road. This increases the electorate at Gorringe Park Primary (which has a large hall with ample space for two polling stations) and reduces the electorate at St Marks Church (which has a smaller hall) as the designated polling station for polling district HC. The Gorringe Park Primary School remains open on polling day.

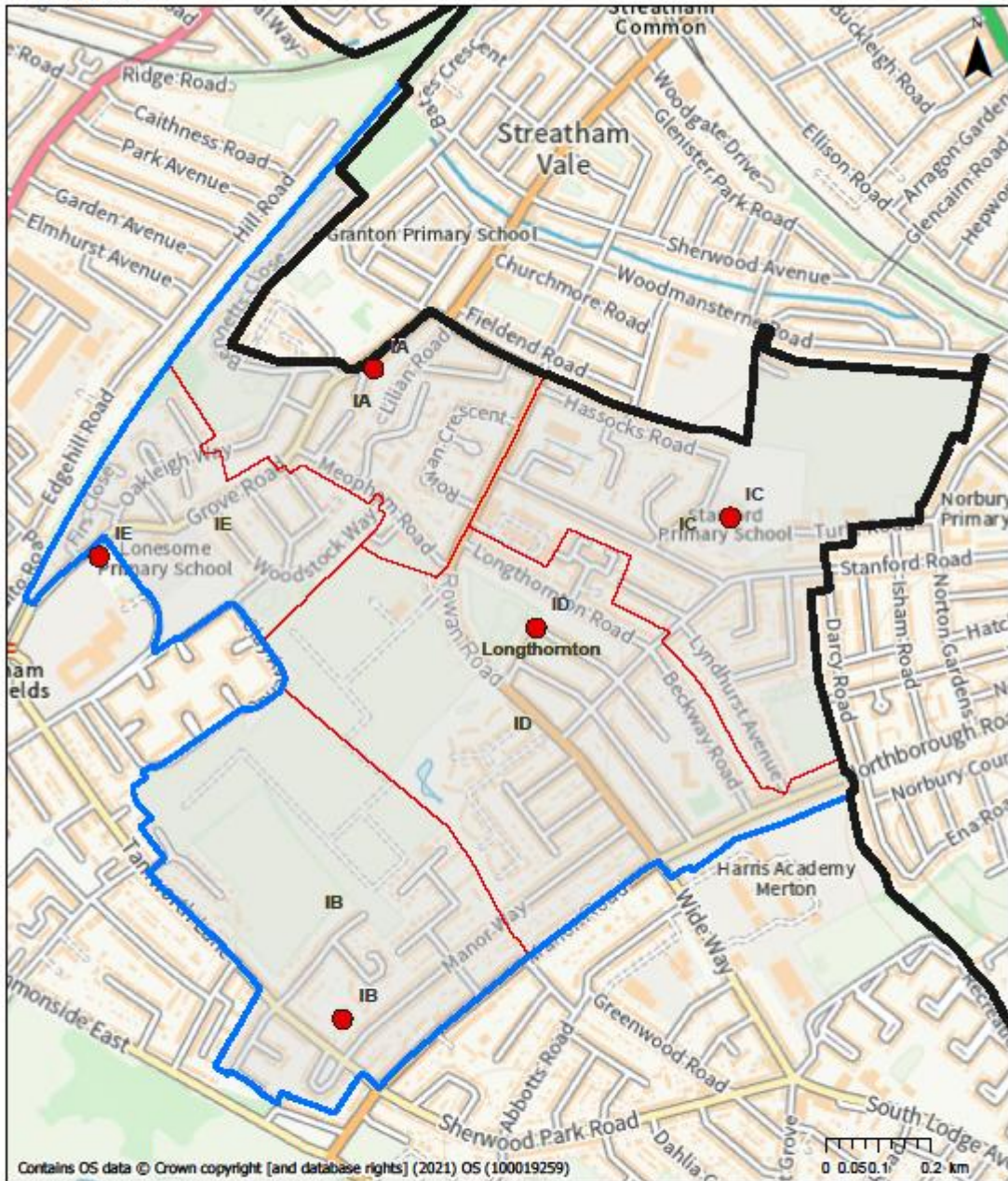
Polling district HC, as well as giving away properties to polling districts EF and HB, also loses Sadler Close and some of Holborn Way to the newly conceived polling district HE. This polling district was created as a result of the extension of Figges Marsh ward into what was Lavender Fields ward, encompassing Eveline Road, Sunshine Way, Plummer Lane, Bond Road and some of London Road. The ARO proposes that these electors continue to vote at Bond Primary School, as was previously the case.

Polling district HD is unchanged apart from giving the eastern side of Cedars Avenue, Imperial Gardens and some of St Georges Road to Pollards Hill ward. Electors in polling district HD will continue to vote at Acacia Adventure Playground, 230 Grove Road.

Longthornton ward (I)

Longthornton

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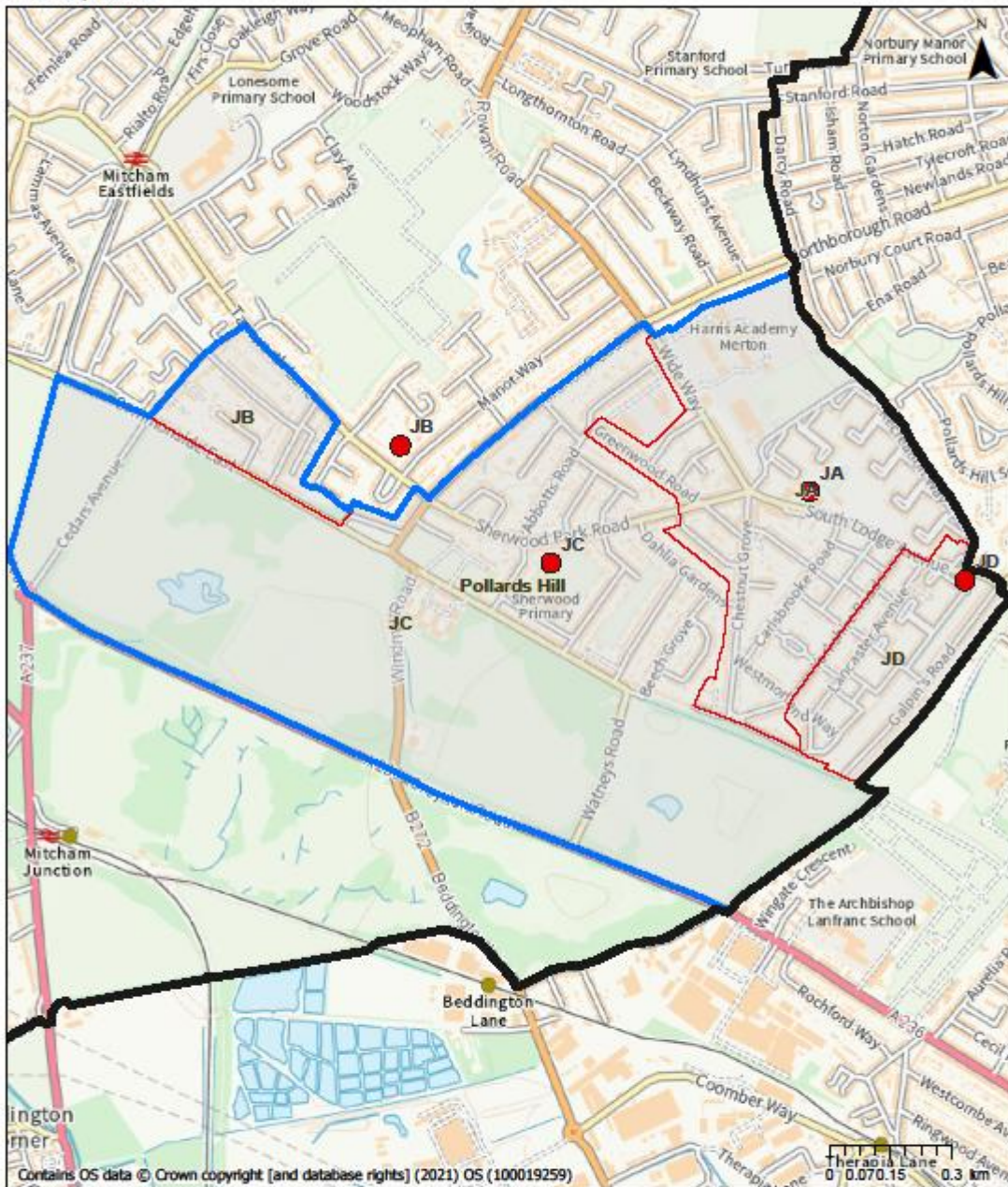


Proposed arrangements			
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IA	1592	Streatham Vale Baptist Hall, Leonard Road, SW16 5SY (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
IB	1260	Elmwood Tennis Club, Rear of 337 Tamworth Lane, Mitcham, CR4 1DL (in the main space)	temporary ramp
IC	1635	Stanford Primary School, Chilmark Road, SW16 5HB (in the school hall)	level
ID (2 PS)	2663	St. Olave's Church, Church Walk, SW16 5JH (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
IE	1043	Acacia Centre, 230 Grove Road, Mitcham, CR4 1SD (in the hall)	level
Representations Received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>Polling district IA retains the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling station.</p> <p>As a result of ward boundary changes, polling district IB has been extended to the south and now takes in electors from Barnfield Avenue, Jonson Close, Donne Place, and Marlowe Square. These electors previously voted at Elmwood Tennis Club and will continue to do so as the polling station is shared between polling districts IB and JB.</p> <p>Polling district IC retains the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling station. The Stanford Primary School remains open on polling day, minimising disruption for parents and pupils.</p> <p>Polling districts ID and IE retain the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations.</p>			

Pollards Hill ward (J)

Pollards Hill

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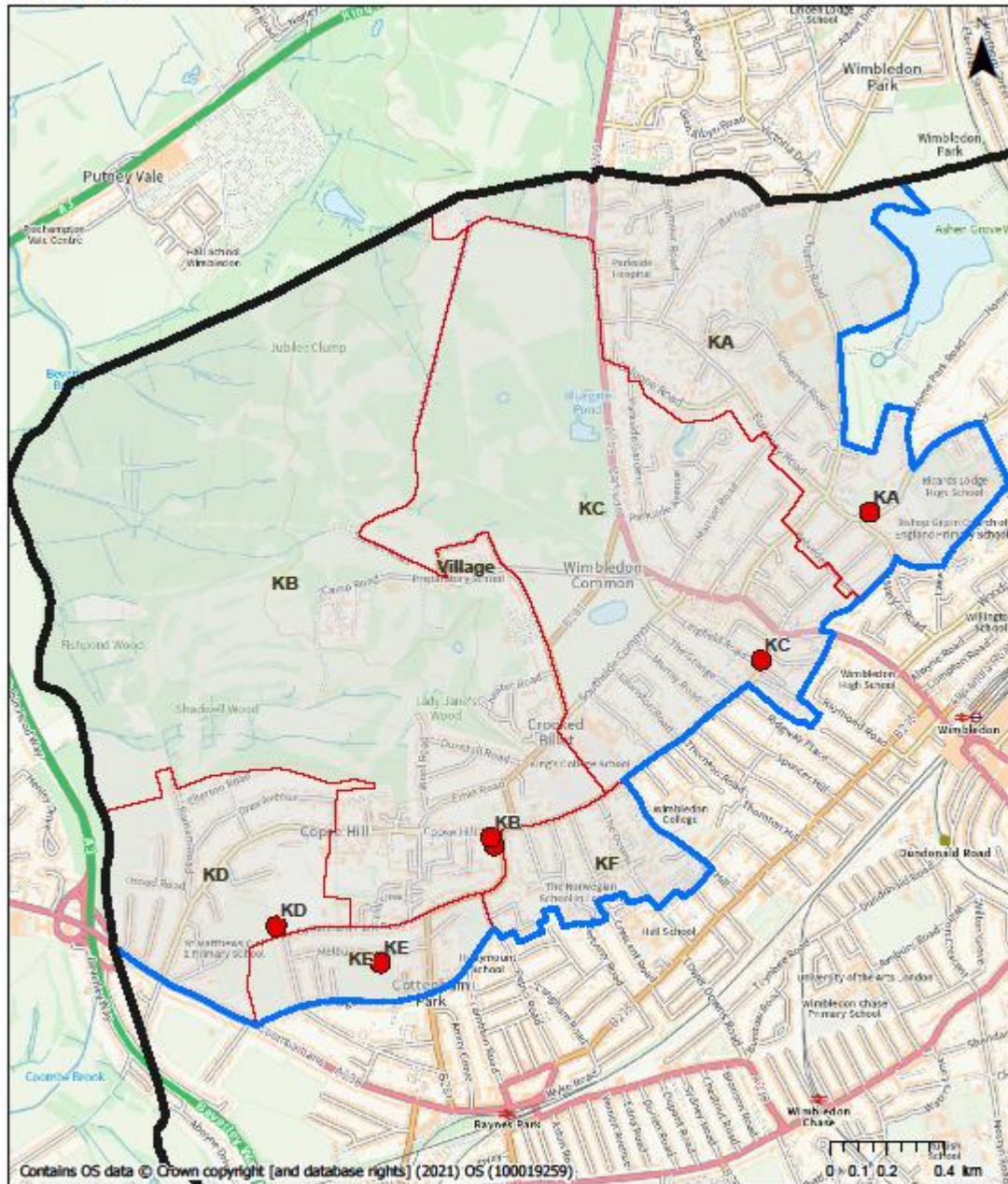


Proposed arrangements			
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JA (2 PS)	2930	New Horizon Centre, South Lodge Avenue, Mitcham, CR4 1LT (in the hall)	level
JB	730	Elmwood Tennis Club, Rear of 337 Tamworth Lane, Mitcham, CR4 1DL (in main space)	temporary ramp
JC (2 PS)	2916	Sherwood Park Hall CIC, Recreational Ground, Abbotts Road, London, CR4 1JP (in hall)	Level
JD	1603	Moat Housing Office, 50 Montgomery Close, Mitcham, CR4 1XT (room on ground floor of office)	permanent ramp
Representations received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>Polling district JA retains the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling station.</p> <p>As mentioned above, polling district JB has given Barnfield Avenue, Jonson Close, Donne Place, and Marlowe Square to Longthornton ward. However, Pollards Hill ward has been extended slightly to the west of the polling district, taking in the eastern side of Cedar Avenue, Imperial Gardens and the rest of St Georges Road. The polling station remains at the Elmwood Tennis Club, meaning that only electors new to the ward in the aforementioned roads will change polling station.</p> <p>Polling districts JC and JD retain the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations.</p>			

Village ward (K)

Village

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
KA	1695	St. Mary's Garden Hall, 30 St Mary's Road, SW19 7BP (in the garden hall)	level
KB	1555	Christ Church Hall, 2 Cottenham Park Road, SW20 0RZ (in the church hall)	temporary ramp
KC (2 PS)	2232	Village Hall, Lingfield Road, London, SW19 4QD (in the hall)	separate level entrance
KD	983	19th Wimbledon Scout Group, 106 Cottenham Park Road, Wimbledon, SW20 0SX (in main hall)	level
KE	923	Cottenham Park Recreation Ground Pavilion, Melbury Gardens, London, SW20 0DH (in hall)	temporary ramp
KF	1327	Christ Church Hall, 2A Cottenham Park Road, London, SW20 0RZ	temporary ramp

Representations Received

None

ARO submission

Polling districts KA, KB, KC and KD retain the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations.

The extension of Village ward to the south into what was Raynes Park ward has resulted in the creation of polling districts KE and KF.

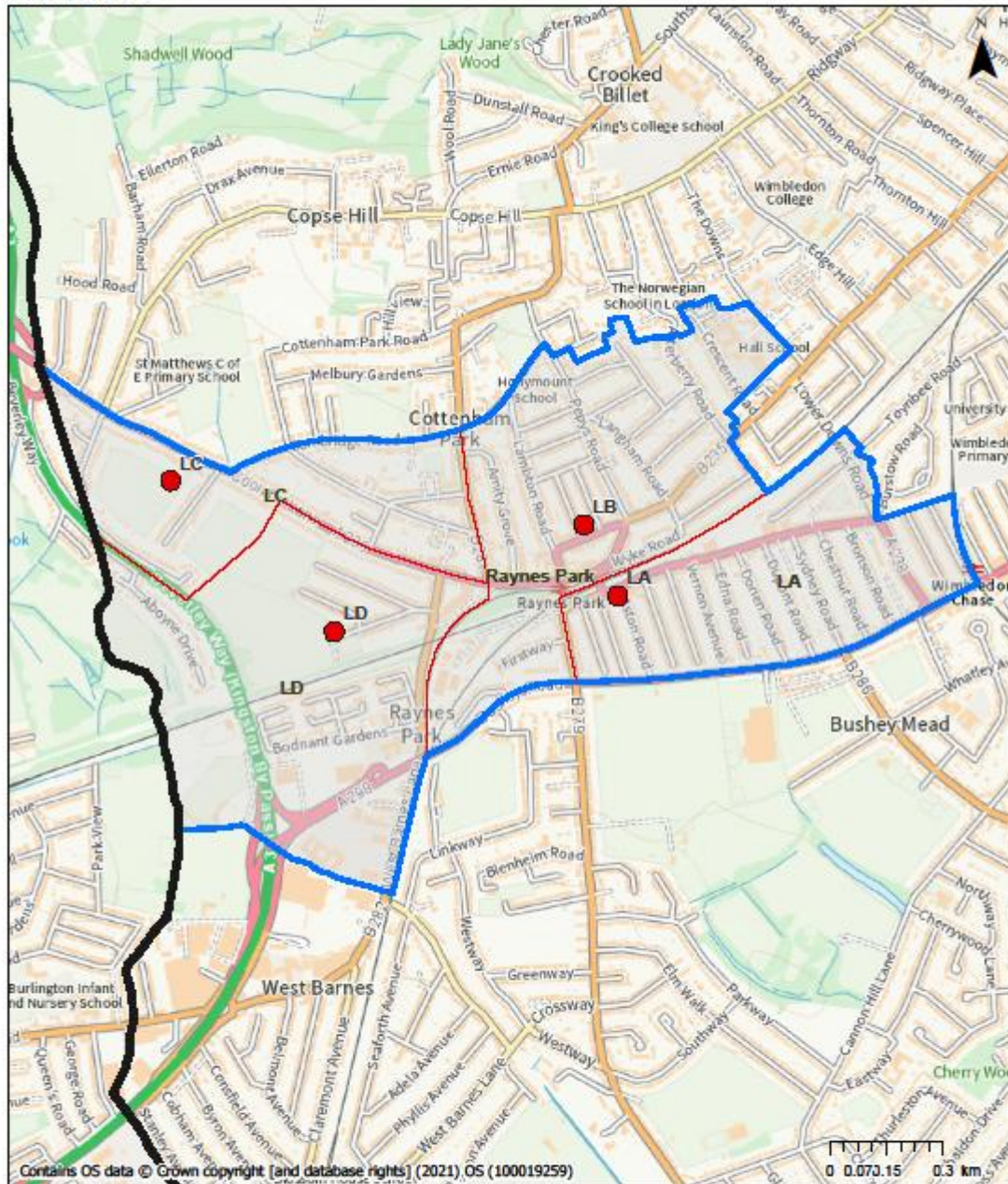
Polling district KE contains many of the streets surrounding Cottenham Park which were previously in polling district LC, namely Cottenham Park Road, Melbury Gardens, Oakwood Road, Laurel Road, Cambridge Close, Panmuir Road, Durham Road, Orchard Lane and Cambridge Road. The electorate will continue to vote at the Cottenham Park Recreation Ground Pavilion.

Polling district KF contains most of what was polling district LA in Raynes Park ward, (The Drive, Arterberry Road, Lansdowne Road, Durrington Road, Durrington Avenue, Lansdowne Close, Cumberland Close, Cottenham Park Road) but also the Downs (along with associated streets) and Edgehill from Hillside ward. Electors in polling district KF will vote at Christ Church Hall on Cottenham Park Road. Electors that were previously in Raynes Park ward will experience no change in polling station.

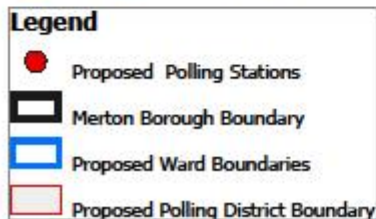
Raynes Park (L)

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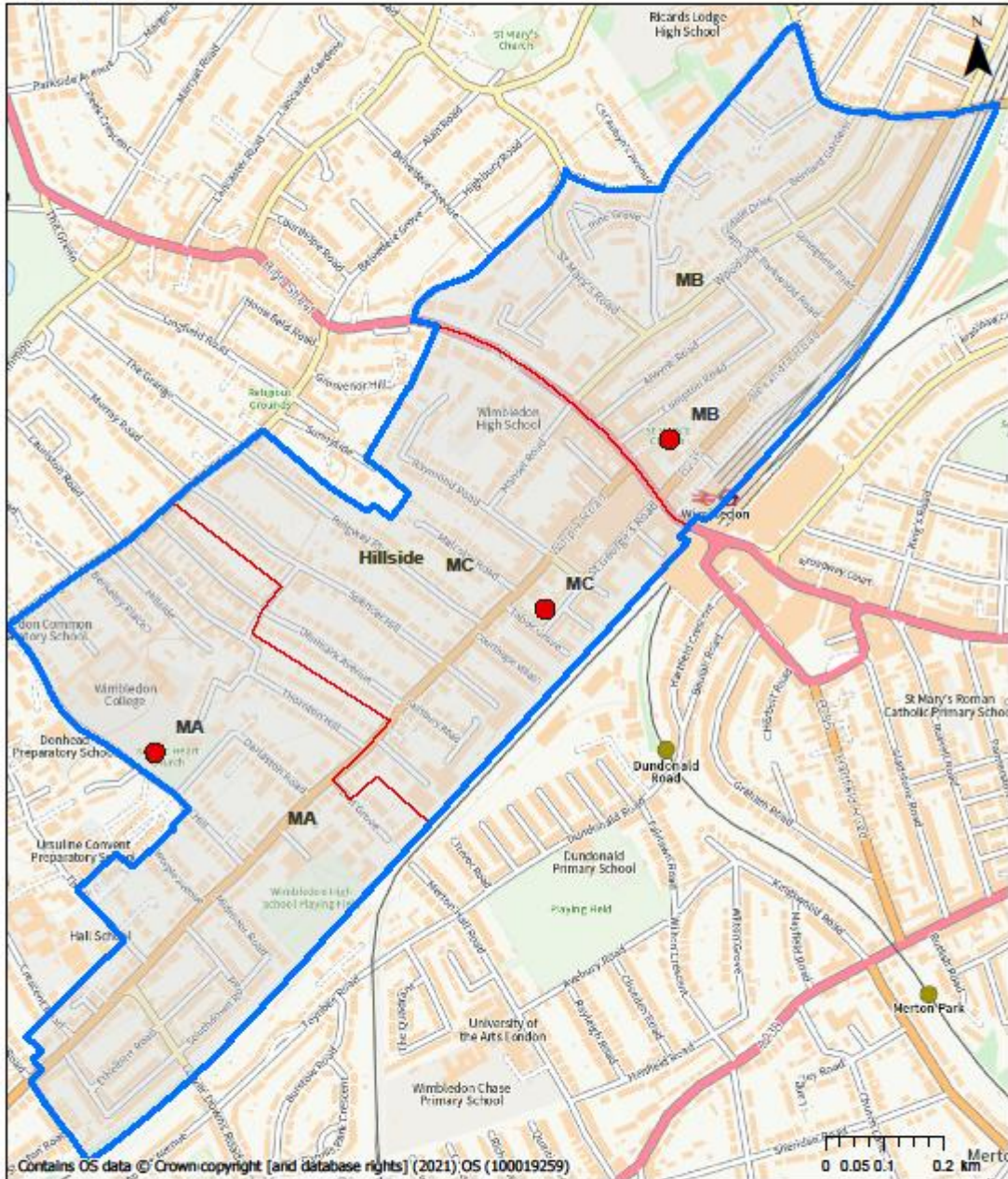


Proposed arrangements			
polling district	electors	polling place (polling station)	disabled access
LA (2 PS)	3061	Raynes Park Library, 21 Approach Road, Raynes Park, London, SW20 8BA (in the hall)	Permanent ramp
LB (2 PS)	2648	Lantern Methodist Church Hall, Worple Road, London, SW20 8RA (in the church hall)	temporary ramp
LC	1194	Wimbledon College Sports Ground, 183 Coombe Lane, London, SW20 0RG (in the hall)	temporary ramp
LD	1771	Raynes Park Sports Ground, Taunton Avenue, SW20 0BH (in the main hall)	permanent ramp
Representations received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>The boundaries of Raynes Park ward have been significantly altered by the boundary review, resulting in changes to polling districts LA and LC.</p> <p>Polling district LA is now located to the south of the ward rather than the north and has the exact same boundaries as what was polling district PC in Dundonald ward. Therefore electors will vote at the Raynes Park Library and will experience no change.</p> <p>Polling district LB has been amended slightly so that electors to the west of Durham Road in Spencer Road, Avenue Road and the rest of Richmond Road are now in polling district LC. The rest of polling district LB remains unchanged and electors will continue to vote at the Lantern Methodist Church Hall on Worple Road.</p> <p>Polling District LC has been reduced in size as a result of the extension of Village ward into Raynes Park ward. The roads surrounding Cottenham park, with the exception of Cambridge Road, are now in Village ward, so polling district LC has been extended to the east to take in Spencer Road, Avenue Road and the rest of Richmond Road, up to Durham Road. To the west, the polling district retains similar boundaries, and includes the roads surrounding Wimbledon College Playing Fields, such as Coombe Lane, Coombe Gardens, Westcombe Avenue and Beverley Way. Electors in polling district LC will now vote at the Pavilion at Wimbledon College Sports Ground, which has been visited by Electoral Services and assessed as meeting the requirements of a polling station.</p> <p>Polling district LD retains the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the Pavilion in Raynes Park Sports Ground.</p>			

Hillside ward (M)

Hillside

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Legend

- Proposed Polling Stations
- Merton Borough Boundary
- Proposed Ward Boundaries
- Proposed Polling District Boundary

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Proposed arrangements			
polling district	electors	polling place (polling station)	disabled access
MA (68 & 69)	2378	Sacred Heart Parish Hall, Edge Hill, SW19 4LP (in the parish hall)	temporary ramp
MB (70 & 71)	2028	St. Mark's Hall, Compton Road, SW19 7QD (in the church hall)	level access
MC (72)	1710	Drake House, 44 St. George's Road, SW19 4ED (in the main hall)	permanent ramp

Representations received

One representation was received from Cllr David Williams (Conservative) on behalf of Hillside ward Councillors, who were happy with the ARO's proposals for Hillside polling districts and polling places.

ARO submission

Hillside's ward boundaries were left relatively unchanged by the boundary review, apart from polling district MA, which has lost the Downs (along with associated streets) and Edgehill to Village ward. The ARO proposes only one change to the existing polling district boundaries, which is to include all of Denmark road in polling district MA rather than splitting the road between polling districts MA and MC.

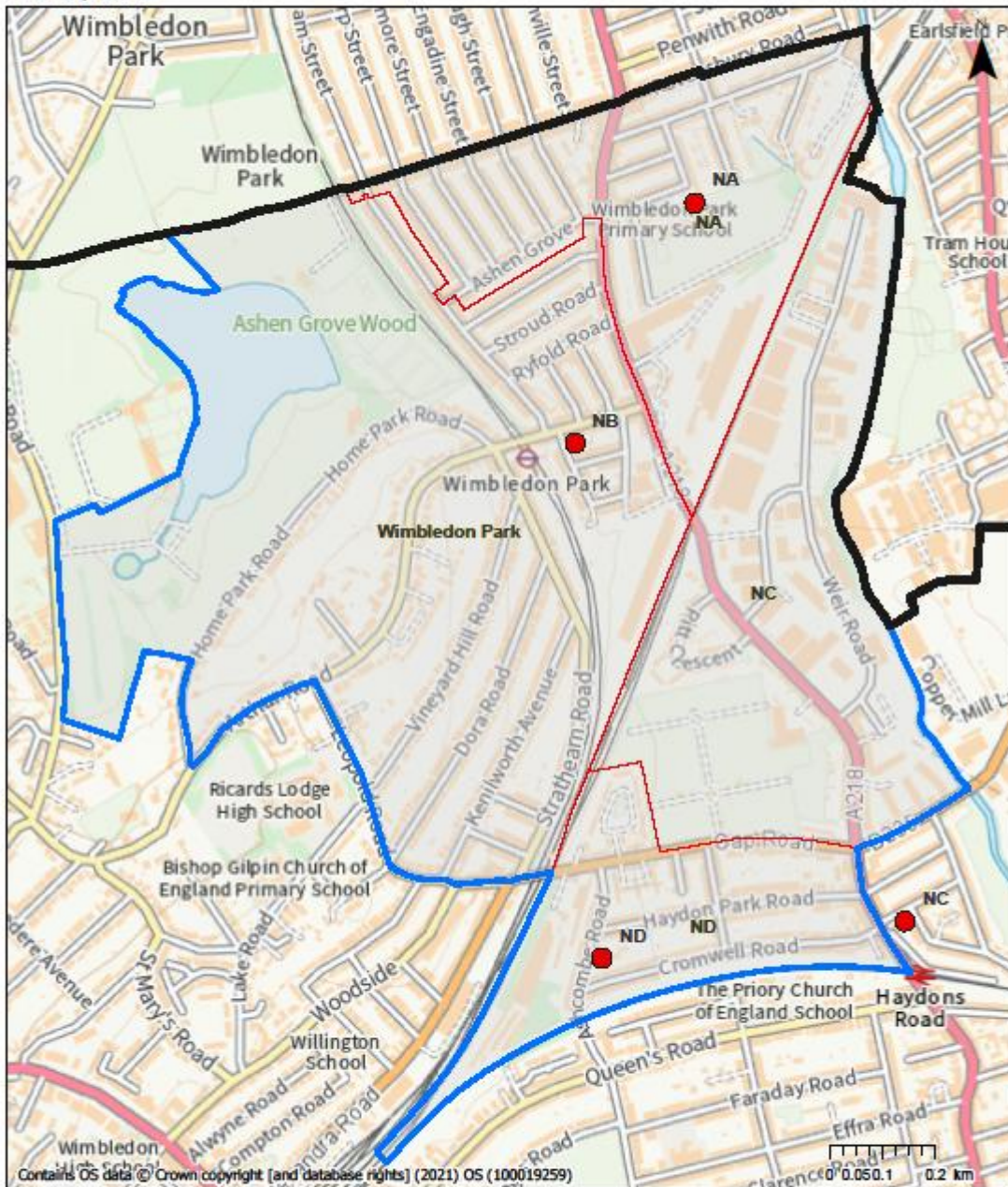
Other than this slight amendment, the polling district boundaries of MC remain unchanged and electors will continue to vote at Drake House on St Georges Road. Polling district MB remains unchanged and electors will continue to vote at St Mark's Hall, Compton Road.

The polling station for polling district MA also remains unchanged.

Wimbledon Park ward (N)

Wimbledon Park

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- Proposed Ward Boundaries
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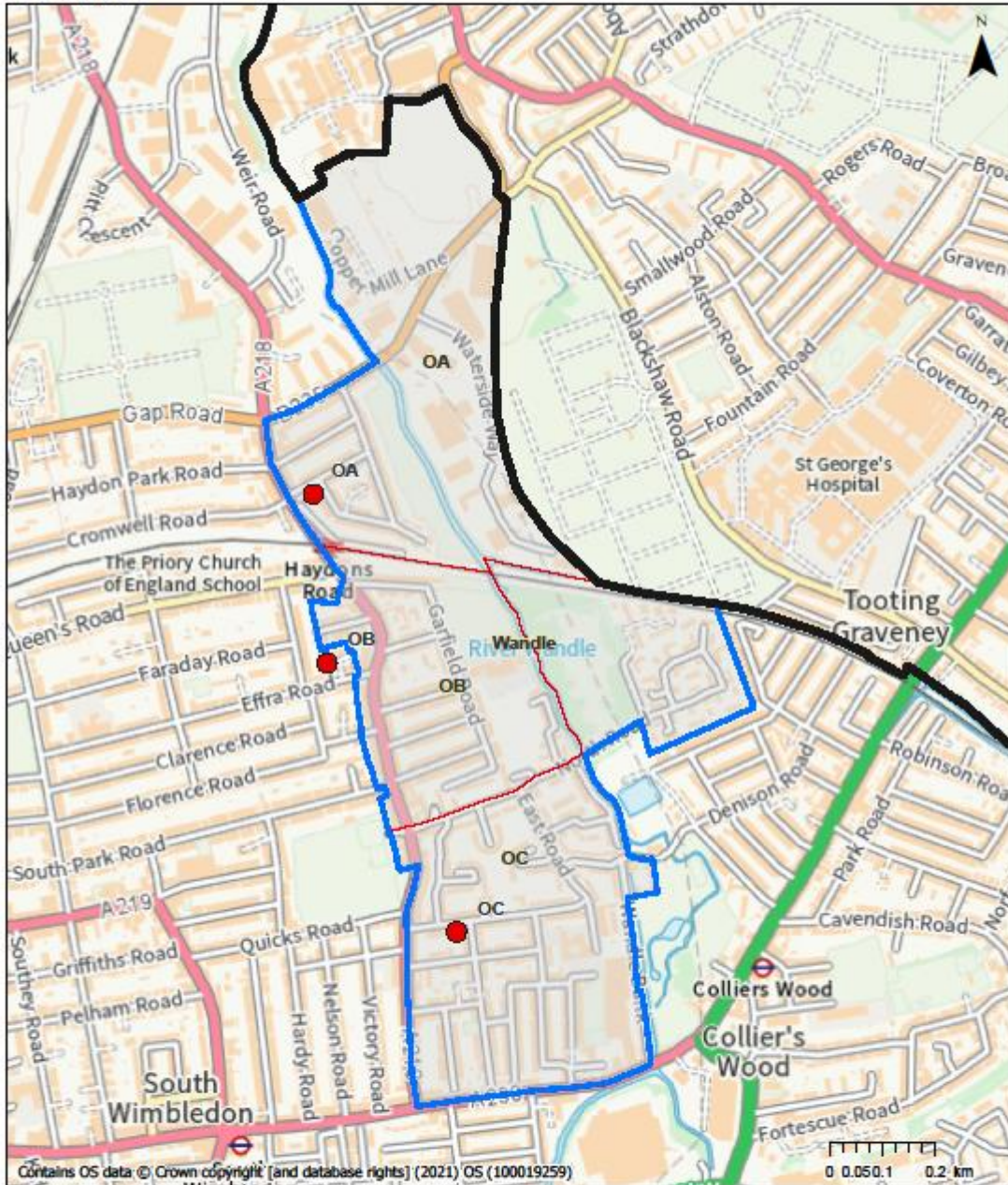


Proposed arrangements			
polling district	electors	polling place (polling station)	disabled access
NA	1945	Wimbledon Park Primary School, Havana Road, SW19 8EJ (in the school nursery)	level access
NB (2 PS)	3153	Christ The King Church Hall, The Crescent, SW19 8AW (in the church hall)	temporary ramp
NC	1275	Bethel United Church Hall, Kohat Road, SW19 8LD (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
ND	1369	Marchard Hall, Rear of Coronation Hall, Ashcombe Road, SW19 8JR (in the hall)	level access
Representations received			
None			
ARO submission			
<p>Polling districts NA and NB retain the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations. Wimbledon Park Primary School is a school that stays open on polling day.</p> <p>Polling district NC has been reduced in size due to the creation of the new Wandle ward, which takes the roads to the south of Plough Lane (Kingsley Road, Kohat Road, Havelock Road, Regent Place), and the new Wimbledon stadium development. However, in order to minimise any confusion electors in the polling district will continue to vote at the Bethel United Church Hall in Kohat Road.</p> <p>Polling district ND has been slightly increased in size in order to reduce any pressure on the Bethel Church Hall, as this venue is also being used as a polling station for polling district OA in Wandle ward, which includes the Wimbledon stadium development. Therefore electors in the entirety of Avondale Road, Cromwell Road, Haydon Park Road, and the south side of Gap Road and Haydon's Road will now vote at the Marchard Hall on Ashcombe Road.</p>			

Wandle ward (O)

Wandle

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Legend

- Proposed Polling Stations
- Merton Borough Boundary
- Proposed Ward Boundaries
- Proposed Polling District Boundary

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Proposed arrangements

<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
OA	672	Bethel United Church Hall, Kohat Road, SW19 8LD (in the church hall)	level
OB	1326	Shree Ghanapathy Temple, 125-133 Effra Rd, Wimbledon, SW19 8PU (in entrance hall)	level
OC	2617	All Saints Church Hall, Norman Road, London, SW19 1BT (in church hall)	level

Representations received

One representation was received from the Labour Group (Merton Council) that proposed using the new AFC Wimbledon stadium (if available) as a polling station for the part of polling district OA to the north of Plough Lane, as a result of the many residential units in the stadium development which may be occupied by the time of the 2022 elections. This would avoid putting pressure on the polling station at Bethel United Church Hall. The Group proposed that the other part of the OA polling district to the south of Plough Lane should continue to poll at Bethel United Church Hall with the remainder of the NC polling district of Wimbledon Park.

In addition to the above points, the Labour Group proposed that OC polling district should include the All Saints Estate with a boundary along North Road. The Group argued that this would bring the area closer to a polling station, with polling district OB taking in the area to the north. With the reduced numbers polling at Garfield Primary School, the Group asked that an alternative polling station is sought for polling district OB.

ARO submission

In Wandle ward, the ARO proposes that electors to the south of Plough Lane in Kingsley Road, Kohat Road, Havelock Road, and Regent Place, continue to vote at the Bethel United Church Hall, along with those electors in the new Wimbledon stadium development. This will form polling district OA.

The ARO accepts the Labour Group's point regarding Wimbledon Stadium and takes the view that this is a good idea for future elections. However, at present there are very few electors in the new stadium development. Even if this is increased by the time of the election next year, the ARO is of the opinion that the polling station for polling district OA will cope with the number of electors assigned to it. At the moment the Bethel United Church Hall has 672 electors in Wandle ward and 1298 in Wimbledon Park ward. The ARO proposes to continue to monitor the occupancy levels at the new stadium development and then depending on numbers, look into using the stadium as a polling station for future elections.

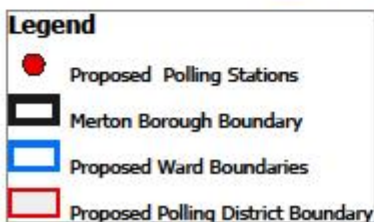
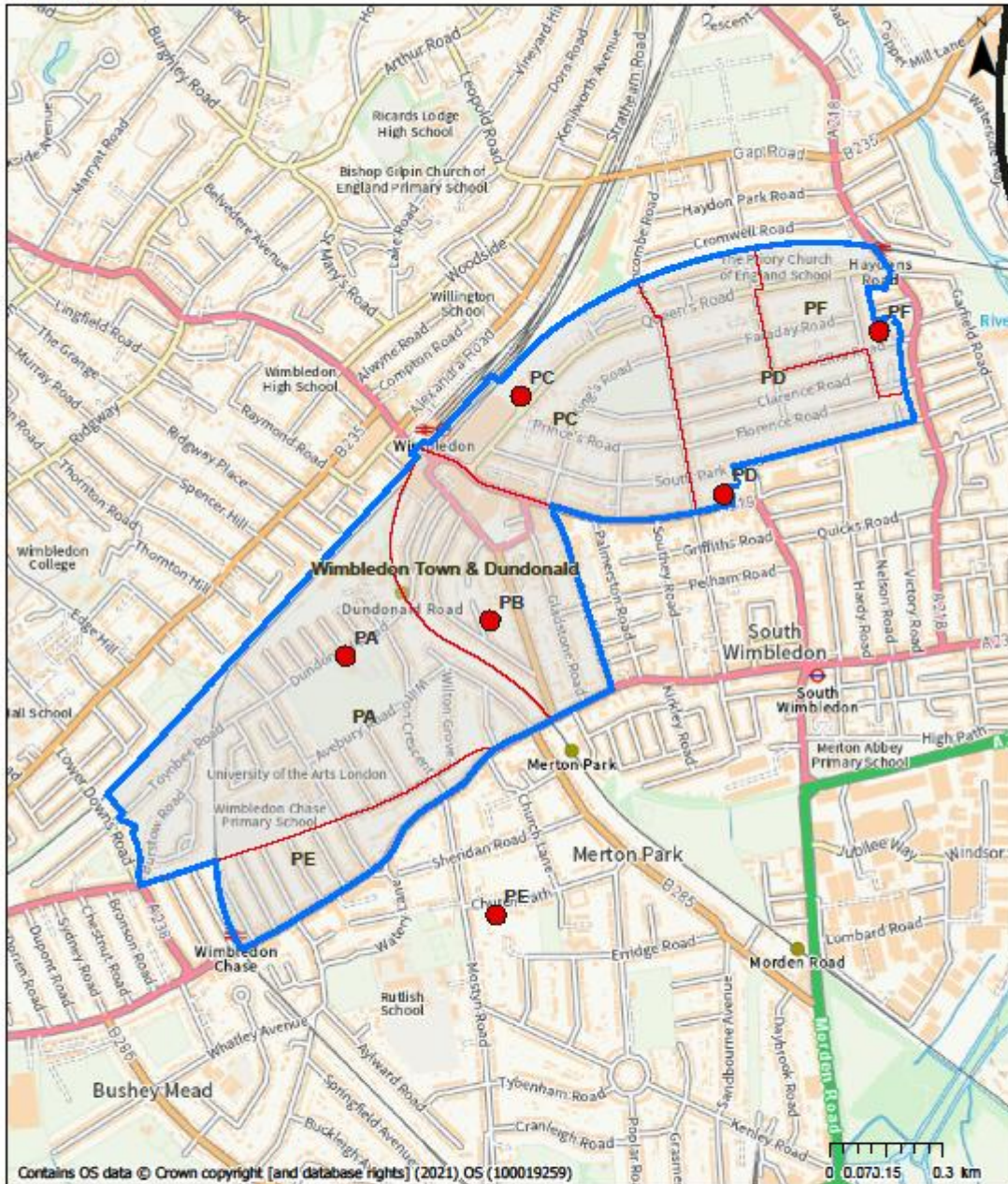
With regards to the Group's points concerning the use of Garfield Primary School as a polling station, the ARO proposes that electors situated to the east of the river Wandle in Chaucer Way, Burns Close, Keats Close, Pope Close, Shelley Way, and Kipling Drive are moved to polling district OC. This action reduces the electorate for OB polling district, meaning that electors in Haydon's Road, Caxton Road, Cowdrey Road, Tennyson Road, Dryden Road, Milton Road, Cowper Road, Autumn Close and Garfield Road can now be allocated to the Shree Ghanapathy

Temple on Effra Road. This venue is slightly outside of the ward, but has been used as a polling station in Trinity ward for the previous 2 elections. In polling district OC, as mentioned above, electors in Chaucer Way, Burns Close, Keats Close, Pope Close, Shelley Way, and Kipling Drive will now vote at the All Saints Church Hall in Norman Road. The rest of the polling district is made up of streets south of North Road, including Bewley Street, South Road, Downside Close, Lacock Close, Tintern Close, Abingdon Close, East Road, All Saints Road, Deburgh Road, Hanover Road, Gilbert Road, Olive Road, Hotham Road, Norman Road, Leyton Road and Holmes Road. Electors residing in these addresses will continue to vote at the All Saints Church Hall, as was the case when these roads were located in Abbey ward.

Wimbledon Town and Dundonald ward (P)

Wimbledon Town and Dundonald

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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
PA	2040	Dundonald Recreation Ground Pavilion, Dundonald Road, SW19 3QH (in the main hall)	lift
PB	1868	St. Andrew's Hall, Herbert Road, SW19 3SH (in the hall)	level
PC	1405	Everyday Church, 28-30 Queen's Road, London, SW19 8LR (in the hall)	level
PD	1775	Holy Trinity Church Hall, The Broadway, London, SW19 1RY (in hall)	level
PE	1107	St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Path, London, SW19 3HJ (in hall)	level
PF	735	Shree Ganapathy Temple, 125-133 Effra Rd, Wimbledon, London, SW19 8PU (in entrance hall)	level

Representations received

In the ARO's original proposals, the Wimbledon College of Arts was proposed as the polling station for polling district PA, along with the area that now forms polling district PE. The College was proposed because the ARO was of the opinion that the Dundonald Recreation Ground Pavilion would not be equipped to cope with an electorate of 3000 plus people (the original electorate of polling district PA).

In these original proposals, the Wimbledon Chase Primary School was suggested as an alternative venue for polling district PA if the Wimbledon College of Arts was unavailable.

One response from a member of the public (Kevin Clarke) commented that the proposal to use the Wimbledon Chase Primary School, even as a "fallback" was unacceptable. The respondent made the point that the school has a large number of pupils, circa 700, that would be affected if the school had to close for polling. As it turned out, the Wimbledon College of Arts could not be confirmed for hire, so the ARO produced revised proposals that would prevent the Wimbledon Chase Primary School from having to be used as a polling station. In these revised proposals, the polling station for polling district PA reverts to the Dundonald Recreation Ground Pavilion, but the streets of Sandringham Avenue, Chatsworth Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Quintin Avenue and Merton Hall Road are removed and form the new PE polling district, where electors will vote at the St Marys Church Hall in Merton Park ward.

In their response to the consultation, the Liberal Democrat Group (Merton Council) was disappointed to hear of the revised proposals for district PA. They believed that the use of a single polling location for multiple districts from different wards is sub optimal from the perspective of on the-day voter clarity and can also complicate the activity of telling by members of local political parties. They do however fully support the recommendation to not use Wimbledon Chase Primary School, or indeed any school in the borough if it can otherwise be avoided.

In their response to the consultation, the Merton Park Ward Independent Residents Group (Merton council) pointed out that the load in Merton Park Ward is now unevenly distributed between RA (John Innes Rec) with just 715 electors and RB (St Mary's) with 3294 electors. The group also mentioned that the polling station in RA polling district would be more conveniently located for the majority of

electors north of Kingston Road than the currently allocated polling station in polling district RB.

The Labour group were happy with the use of Dundonald Pavillion as a polling station and changes to Wimbledon Town and Dundonald ward.

ARO submission

The ARO recognises that the proposal to send electors in polling district PE to Merton Park ward is not ideal, but in not being able to hire the Wimbledon College of Arts for use as a polling station, and in keeping polling out of Wimbledon Chase Primary School, is left with little choice. The ARO continues to be of the opinion that Dundonald Recreation Ground Pavilion (already housing a double polling station on the first floor of the building) would not be equipped to cope with an electorate of 3000 plus people (the electorate of polling district PA in the ARO's original proposals).

Therefore polling district PA retains the same boundaries, and electors will continue to vote at the same polling station.

With regards to polling district PE, electors in Sandringham Avenue, Chatsworth Avenue, Richmond Avenue, Quintin Avenue and Merton Hall Road were located in Merton Park ward under the previous ward structure, and voted at St Marys Church Hall, so should experience minimal confusion under these new arrangements.

Polling district PB retains the same boundaries and electors will continue to vote at St Andrew's Hall, Herbert Road.

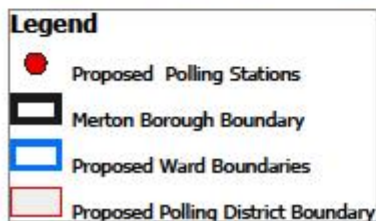
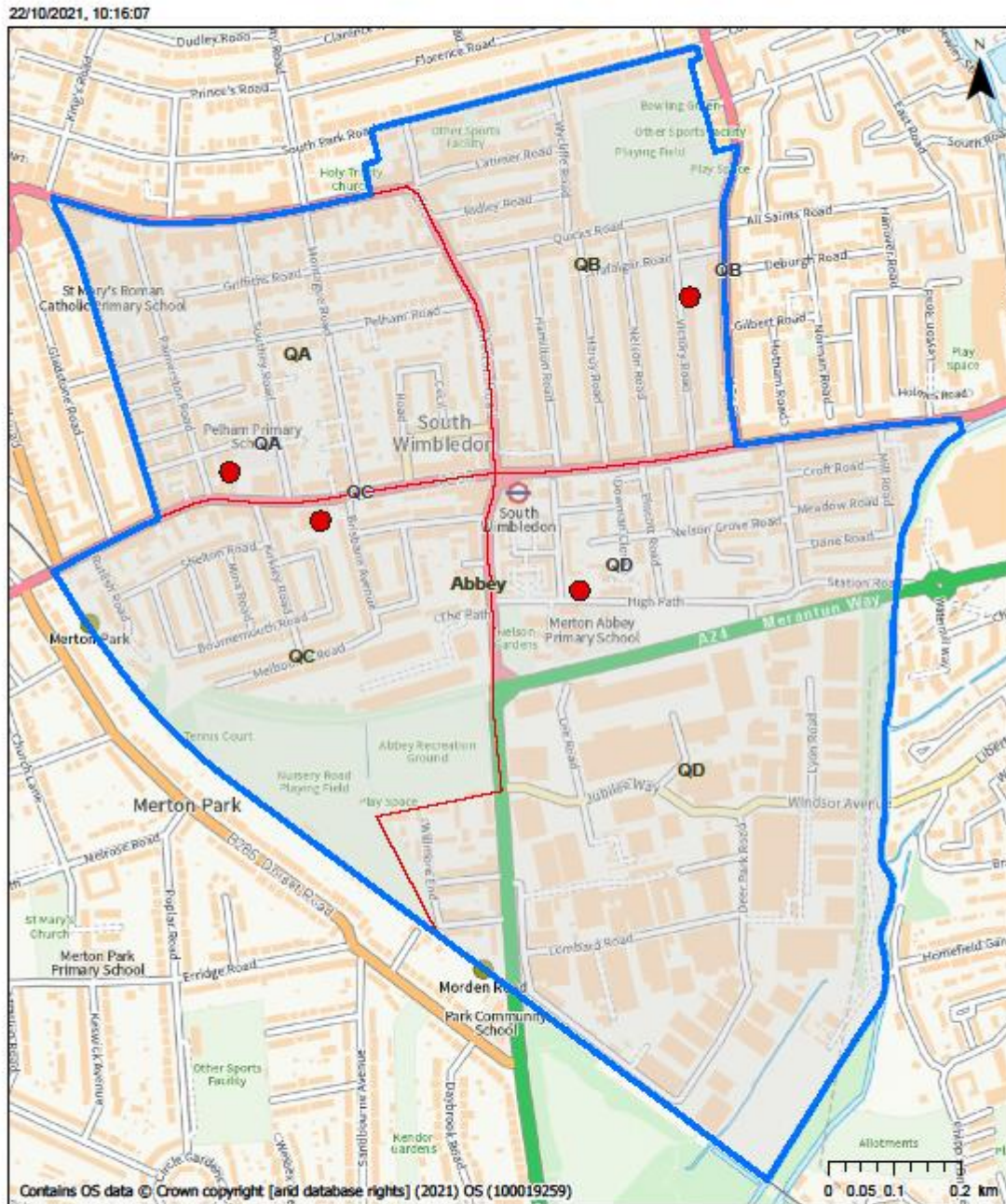
Polling district PC is comprised of most of the former polling district OB in Trinity ward, with the only change being that the polling district boundary will now travel straight down Trinity Road, rather than cutting in to take in the YMCA and part of the Broadway. Most electors will continue to vote at the Everyday Church, 28-30 Queens Road.

Polling district PD is made up of a combination of the former polling districts OA and OC in Trinity ward. The district follows the new ward boundary with Abbey at the southern end, taking in some of the Broadway and South Park Road from the former polling district OA, and the remainder of South Park Road, Florence Road, Clarence Road, Ashley Road, and Trinity Road. To the north, the polling district is made up of the entirety of Craven Gardens, along with Queens Road, Faraday Road and Effra Road up to Evelyn Road, which forms the boundary with the new polling district PF. Electors in polling district PD will vote at Holy Trinity Church Hall on the Broadway. This will be a change of polling station for electors previously in polling district OC, who voted at the Shree Ghanapathy Temple on Effra Road, but for most will not result in any further distance to travel.

The reason that the polling station has changed for the electors mentioned above is the use of the Shree Ghanapathy Temple as a replacement for Garfield Primary School in the new Wandle ward. As a result, the polling station cannot accommodate the entirety of electors in the former polling district OC, resulting in the creation of polling district PF. This new polling district comprises of the remainder of Queens Road, Faraday Road, and Effra Road, along with Birkbeck Road, Edith Road and York Road, up to the boundary with Wandle ward. When combined with the electorate from Wandle ward, this creates a total electorate of 2061 at the Shree Ghanapathy Temple, a similar amount from the 2246 electors that were assigned to the venue for the 2021 GLA elections.

Abbey ward (Q)

Abbey



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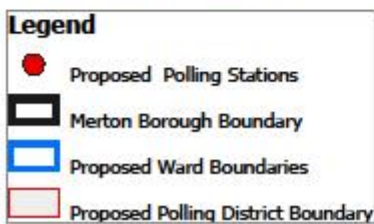
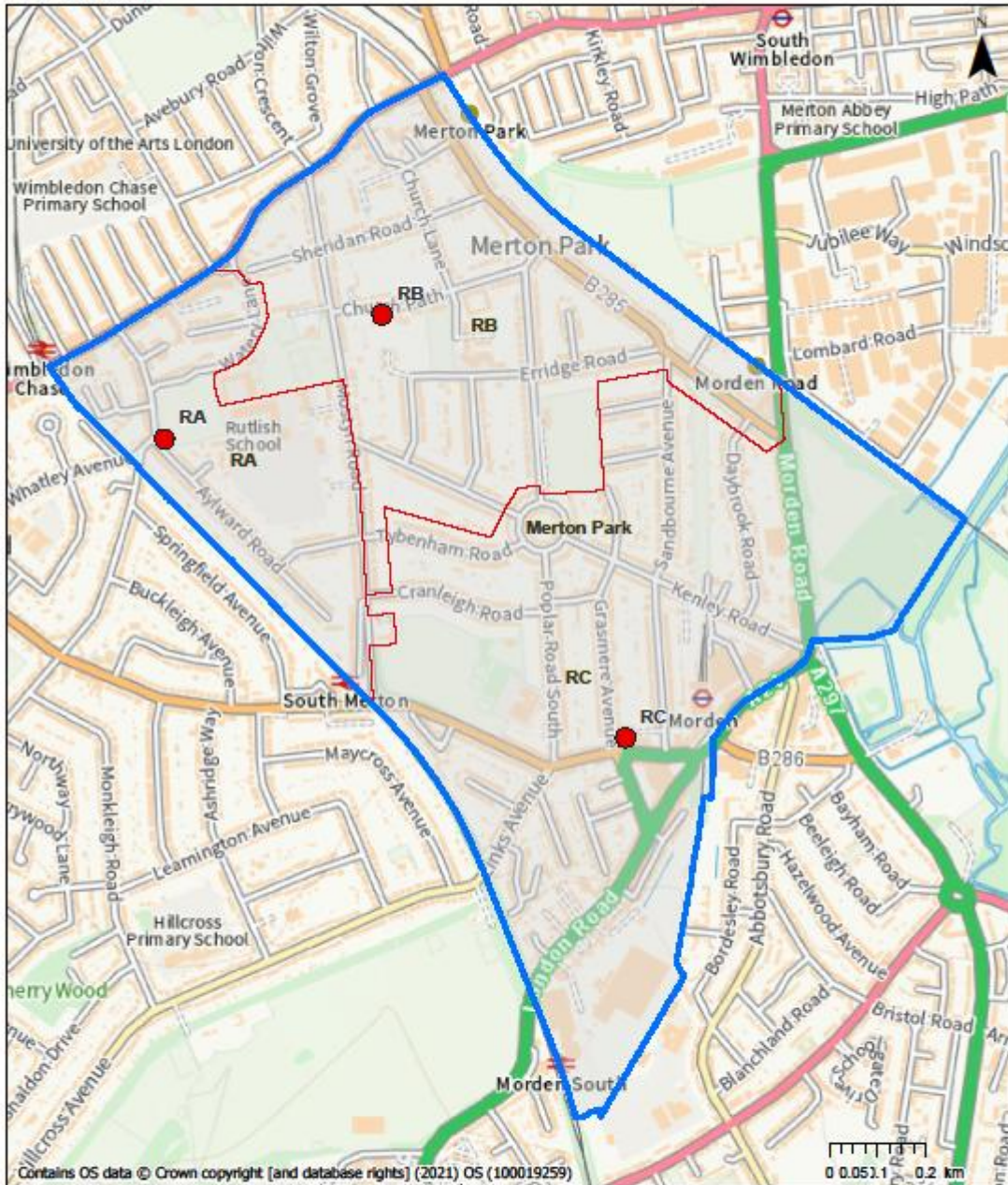


Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
QA (2 PS)	2103	Salvation Army Hall, 109 Kingston Road, SW19 1LT (in the main hall)	level
QB (2 PS)	1928	South Wimbledon Community Centre, 78 Victory Road, London, SW19 1HN (in main hall)	level
QC	1474	Elim Pentecostal Church, 76/78 Kingston Road, London, SW19 1LA (in the main hall)	level
QD	1893	St John the Divine Church Hall, High Path, SW19 2JY (in main hall)	Temporary ramp
Representations received			
<p>One representation was received from a member of the public (Barry Smith) that suggested that the decision to move the site for district QC from the St. John's Ambulance site (122-124 Kingston Rd) to the Elim Church risked causing unnecessary confusion for voters. The respondent suggested continuing to use the St. John's Ambulance site.</p> <p>One representation was received from the Liberal Democrat Group (Merton Council), who are supportive of the proposed move of the polling station to the recommended location in district QB.</p>			
ARO submission			
<p>In response to the above representation from the member of the public, the ARO points out that the Elim Church was used as a polling station for polling district QC in the 2021 GLA elections and experienced no issues. The reason that the polling station was changed is that the St John's Ambulance Centre is no longer available for hire. Therefore the ARO proposes to continue to use the Elim Church as a polling station for future elections. The boundaries for polling district QC remain unchanged.</p> <p>The boundaries for polling district QA also remain unchanged apart from the decision to move the eastern boundary slightly so that it travels down the middle of Merton Road. This will mean that electors on the right hand side of Merton Road are now in polling district QB. Electors for polling district QA will continue to vote at the Salvation Army Hall on Kingston Road.</p> <p>Polling district QB has been reduced in size due to the creation of the new Wandle ward, with the eastern boundary now running down Haydon's Road. This means that the previous polling station for polling district QB, the All Saints Church Hall on Norman Road, is now in Wandle ward. Therefore the ARO proposes using the South Wimbledon Community Centre on Victory Road as a polling station for the electors of polling district QB. This venue is in a convenient location for electors, and has been visited by Electoral Services and assessed as being suitable for use as a polling station.</p> <p>The boundaries of polling district QD remain unchanged and electors will continue to vote at the St John the Divine Church Hall on High Path.</p>			

Merton Park ward (R)

Merton Park

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Proposed arrangements

<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
RA	1046	Cricket Pavilion, John Innes Recreation Ground, Hill Lane, London, SW20 9ES (in the main room of the pavilion)	level except slight lip at entrance
RB (2 PS)	1807	St. Mary's Church Hall, Church Path, London, SW19 3HJ (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
RC (2 PS)	3225	Morden Baptist Church Hall, 36 Crown Lane, Morden, SM4 5BL (in the church hall)	level

Representations received

In their response to the consultation, the Merton Park Ward Independent Residents Group (Merton Council) pointed out that the load in Merton Park Ward is now unevenly distributed between RA (John Innes Rec) with just 715 electors and RB (St Mary's) with 3294 electors. The group also mentioned that the polling station in RA polling district would be more conveniently located for the majority of electors north of Kingston Road than the currently allocated polling station in polling district RB.

ARO submission

As a result of the boundary review, Merton park ward has been reduced in size with electors to the north of Kingston Road now in Wimbledon Town and Dundonald ward (forming the new polling district PE).

The ARO understands the concerns raised by the Merton Park Ward Independent Residents Group regarding the electorate at St Mary's Church Hall, but unfortunately the Cricket Pavilion is not large enough to accommodate a double polling station comprising of polling districts RA and PE. The St Mary's Church Hall is a much larger venue, therefore the ARO is of the opinion that it is more preferable for this venue to take the electors from polling district PE than the Cricket Pavilion.

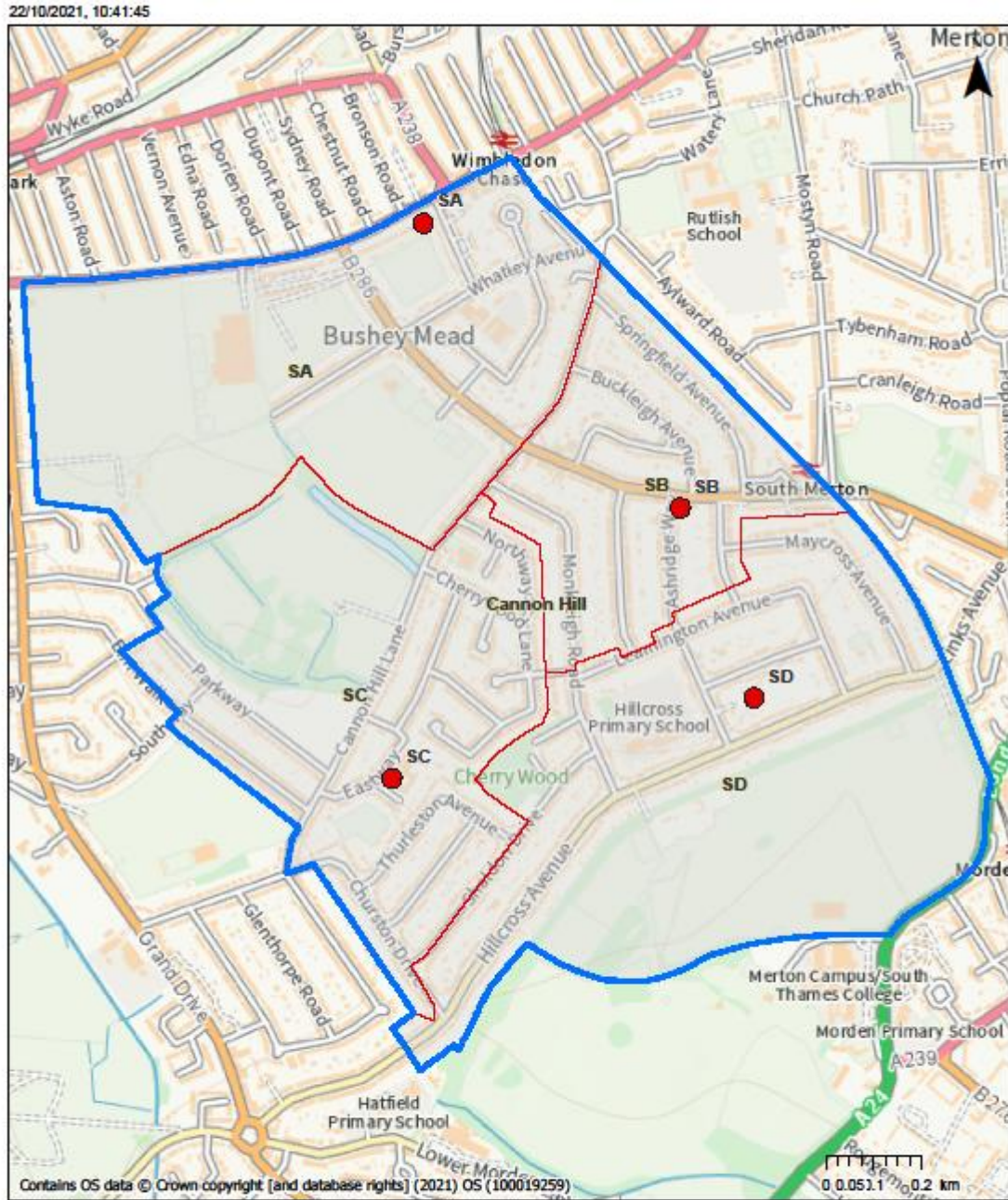
However, in an effort to even up the numbers between the two polling districts, the ARO proposes that the boundary line between RA and RB is moved to Mostyn Road up to the Rutlish School. This will put the properties on the left hand side of the road into polling district RA, along with Leafield Road.

This would increase the electorate in polling district RA to 1046 and decrease polling district RB to 1807 electors. This takes the total electorate at the St Mary's Hall to 2914, a lower number than the 3336 electors that were allocated to this polling station at the 2021 GLA elections.

Polling district RC remains unchanged and electors will continue to vote at the Morden Baptist Church Hall on Crown Lane.

Cannon Hill ward (S)

Cannon Hill



Scale: 1:11,000

Legend

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- Proposed Ward Boundaries
- Proposed Polling District Boundary



Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
SA	1409	Merton Park Baptist Church, Bushey Road, London, SW20 8TE (in main hall)	level
SB	1694	Endeavour Club, 190 Martin Way, Morden, SM4 4AJ (in the hall)	level
SC (2 PS)	2244	Eastway Day Centre, 44 Eastway, Morden, SM4 4HW (in the hall)	level
SD (2 PS)	2022	Central Ward Residents Club, Between 55-57 Ashridge Way, Morden, SM4 4ED (in the function room)	permanent ramp

Representations received

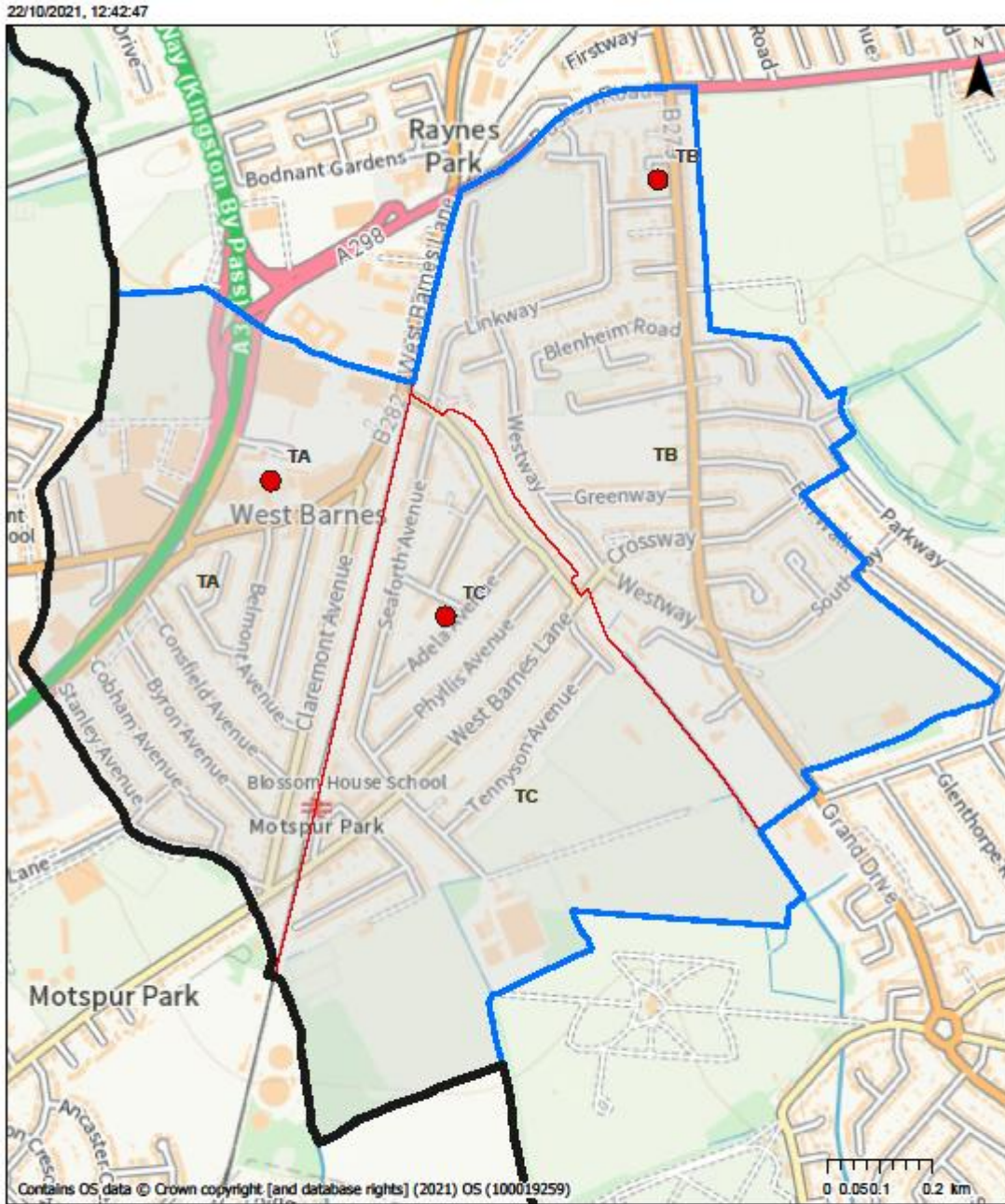
One representation was received from the Liberal Democrat Group (Merton Council), which pointed out that as a consequence of the boundary review several properties (approximately 10) in Hillcross Avenue transfer from Lower Morden ward to Cannon Hill ward. The ARO's initial proposals asked that residents in these properties vote at the SC polling station at Eastway, whereas the 300+ other houses already in Cannon Hill ward all vote at the SD polling station. The Liberal Democrat Group therefore recommend for purposes of simplicity and clarity that all residents of Hillcross Avenue, including those joining Cannon Hill from Lower Morden vote at the same polling station. It should also be noted that there are direct buses from these properties to the SD polling station whereas SC would involve an up-hill walk or a car journey

ARO submission

The ARO is in agreement with the recommendations of the Liberal Democrat Group, and has made the necessary amendments meaning that all electors in Hillcross Avenue that are in Cannon Hill ward are now in polling district SD, and will vote at the Central ward residents club.
Apart from the change mentioned above, polling district SA, SB, SC and SD in Cannon Hill ward remain unchanged and electors will continue to vote at the same polling stations.

West Barnes ward (T)

West Barnes



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Proposed arrangements			
<i>polling district</i>	<i>electors</i>	<i>polling place (polling station)</i>	<i>disabled access</i>
TA (2 PS)	2404	Sacred Heart (RC) Primary School, Burlington Road, New Malden, KT3 4ND (in the school hall)	permanent ramp
TB (2 PS)	2991	St. Saviour's Hall, Church Walk, London, SW20 9DL (in the church hall)	level
TC (2 PS)	2165	Holy Cross Church Hall, Adela Avenue, New Malden, KT3 6HT (in the church hall)	permanent ramp
Representations received			
<p>One response was received from the Labour Group (Merton Council) who continued to urge that the ARO looks for alternative polling stations where schools are unable to remain open on polling day, or limit the number of children impacted. As a group they asked that a full assessment is carried out on alternative locations though they recognise that some are difficult due to lack of suitable alternatives (comment included here as the Sacred Heart Primary School usually closes on polling day).</p>			
ARO Submission			
<p>In an effort to find a replacement for Sacred Heart Primary School, the ARO enquired about the possibility of using the Ray Dawson Jujitsu Academy as a polling station, but unfortunately this venue was not available to hire for this purpose. The ARO also considered using the 22nd Scout Group Hall on Arthur Road, which would serve well as a polling station but was ruled out because of its location, with electors from polling district TA having to walk a significant distance and cross the railway line in order to reach the polling station. The ARO also considered redrawing polling districts TA and TC but the presence of the railway line as a natural boundary makes this very difficult and would mean a polling district boundary which crosses the railway line and dissects various roads. Therefore the ARO proposes that Sacred Heart Primary School remains as a polling station venue. Electoral Services will arrange to visit the school prior to next year's elections to work with the Headteacher to see if there is any way that the school could remain open on polling day.</p> <p>Polling districts TA, TB and TC otherwise remain unchanged and electors will continue to vote at their existing polling stations.</p>			

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