

2015 Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

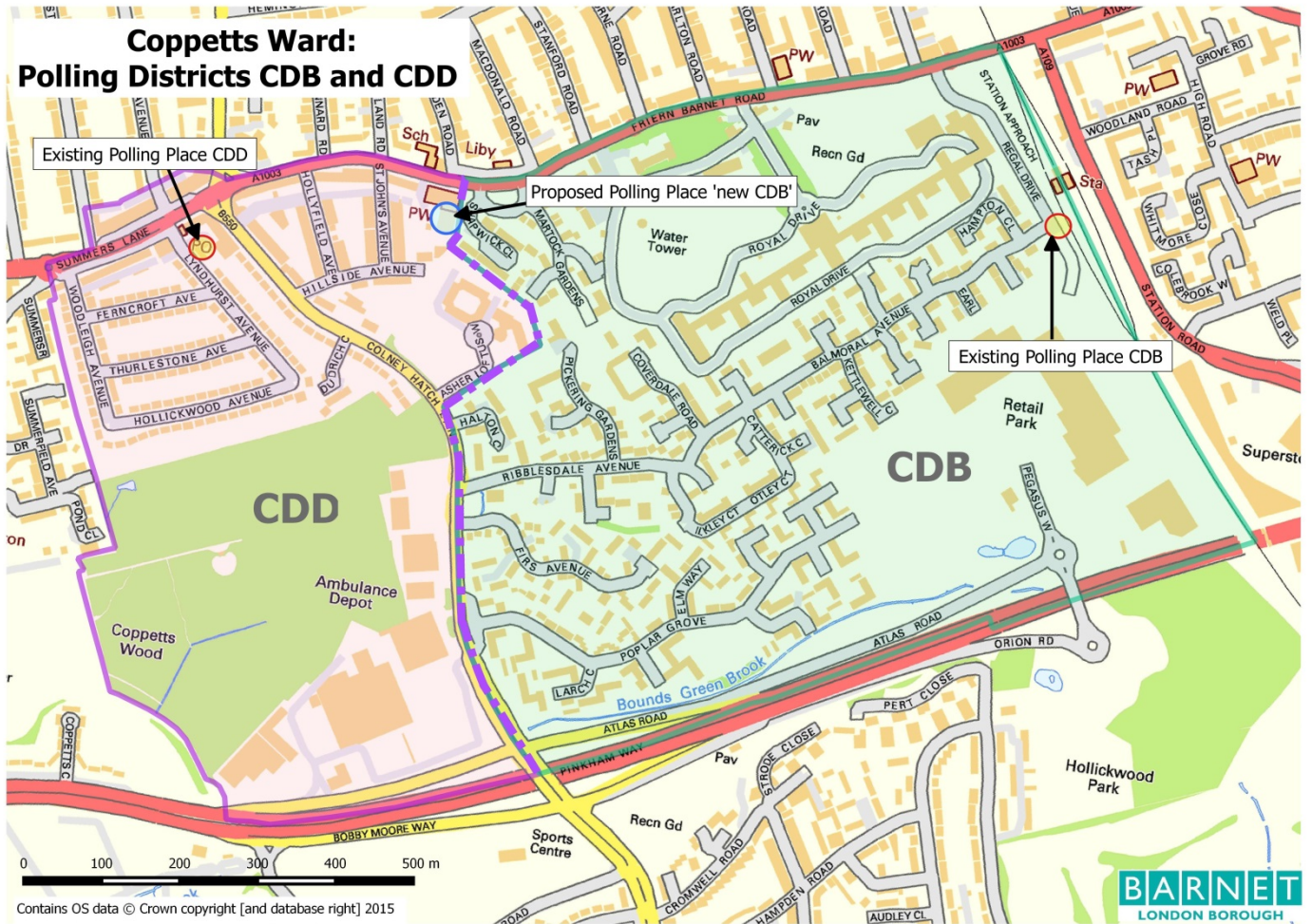
Appendixes A, B and C

**Proposals of the London Borough
of Barnet's Returning Officer**

January 2016

Chipping Barnet Parliamentary Constituency
Polling Place Proposals Overview:

	Ward	Polling District	Current Polling Place	Proposal
1	High Barnet	CAA	Hadley Memorial Hall	No Change
2	High Barnet	CAB	St Mark's Church Hall	No Change
3	High Barnet	CAC	Arkley Men's Club	No Change
4	High Barnet	CAD	Q E Boys School	No Change
5	High Barnet	CAE	Chipping Barnet Library	No Change
6	East Barnet	CBA	New Bevan Baptist Church	No Change
7	East Barnet	CBB	Trent (CE) Primary School	No Change
8	East Barnet	CBC	Scout Hall, Vernon Crescent	No Change
9	East Barnet	CBD	Brookside Methodist Church	No Change
10	East Barnet	CBE	New Barnet Community Centre	No Change
11	Brunswick Park	CCA	Monkfrith Primary school	No Change
12	Brunswick Park	CCB	Osidge Primary School	No Change
13	Brunswick Park	CCC	Portable Offices Car Park - Brunswick Park Rd	No Change
14	Brunswick Park	CCD	Brunswick Park Primary School	No Change
15	Coppetts	CDA	Scout Hall, Goldsmith road	No Change
16	Coppetts	CDB	Portable Offices – Corner of Balmoral Ave and Regal Drive	Move to St John's Parish Centre (combine with CDD)
17	Coppetts	CDC	St Peter Le Poer Church Hall	No Change
18	Coppetts	CDD	Hindu Cultural Centre	Move to St John's Parish Centre (combine with CDB)
19	Coppetts	CDE	Freehold Community Centre	No Change
20	Oakleigh	CEA	Barnet Lawn Tennis Club	No Change
21	Oakleigh	CEB	Lyonsdown Main Hall	No Change
22	Oakleigh	CEC	St Mary Magdalen Parish Centre	No Change
23	Oakleigh	CED	Methodist Church Hall Manor Drive	No Change
24	Totteridge	CFA	St Andrew's JMI school	Move to Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft
25	Totteridge	CFB	Totteridge Tennis Club	No Change
26	Totteridge	CFC	St John's Church Hall	No Change
27	Totteridge	CFD	Finchley Catholic High School	No Change
28	Totteridge	CFE	Woodside park social club	No Change
29	Underhill	CGA	Underhill Junior school	Move to (new) Hope Community Centre, Mays Lane
30	Underhill	CGB	St Catherine's (RC) Primary School	Move to Underhill Baptist Church Hall, Elton Avenue
31	Underhill	CGC	St Stephens Church Hall	No Change
32	Underhill	CGD	The Pavilion, Brickfield Lane	No Change
33	Underhill	CGE	Grasvenor Avenue school	No Change



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
<p>CDB: Portable Offices at Corner of Regal Drive and Balmoral Avenue.</p> <p>CDD: Hindu Multi-Cultural Centre, Lyndhurst Avenue</p>	<p>St John's Church Hall, Friern Barnet Lane</p>	<p>Combine CDB and CDD by removing the north-south border between them that runs between them (shown by dashed purple line on map), to create larger single polling district (new CDB).</p>

Review Commentary: Number of Electors: CDB=2565, CDD=1115

The polling place for CDB is the 'Corner of Regal Drive and Balmoral Avenue', where it is necessary to position two Portable Offices to act as polling stations. The Portable Offices are located close to the New Southgate over-ground train station, but they do present a severe obstruction, during the days they are on-site, to an emergency access road for the Friern Bridge Retail Park. They also reduce residents vehicular access to Balmoral Avenue, which the Presiding Officer for the May 2015 elections recorded as 'a H&S risk' in their log book on polling day.

Portable Offices offer very poor access to electors with mobility issues and some disabilities, but they do need to be used in a limited number of locations across the borough where no polling facilities in a permanent building and with DDA compliant access can be identified within or near the polling district. It is however considered that, the proposal to combine polling districts CDB and CDD and locate the polling place for this new larger CDB polling district at St John's Church Hall, allows superior polling facilities to be offered to those electors disadvantaged by the use of portable offices, without significantly affecting any other electors within the (new) district. In addition there would be some reasonable cost-savings achieved by not using portable offices and by virtue of the new location, removing the requirement altogether for a further polling place at the Hindu Multi-Cultural Centre in Lyndhurst Avenue.

Returning Officer's Proposal:

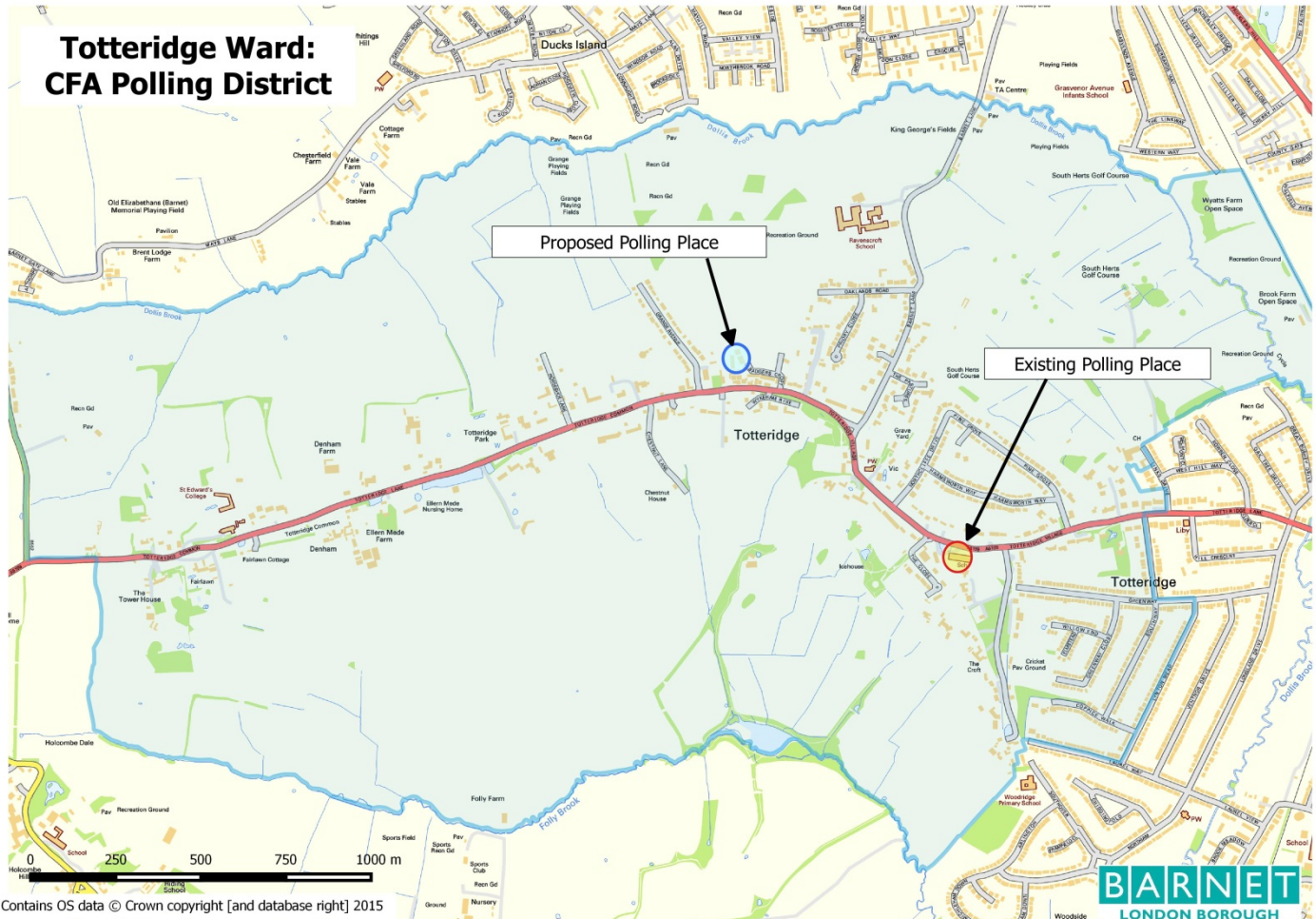
Combine polling districts CDB and CDD and place the polling place at St John's Parish Centre, Friern Barnet Road, N11 3EQ

Representations Received:

From the Agent for Theresa Villiers, MP for Chipping Barnet:

"...we feel it important that a polling station should remain at the junction of Balmoral Avenue and Regal Drive.

If a polling station is located there, it means that commuters using the Tube can vote on their way to / from work easily. If they need to walk in the opposite direction to St John's before work or after a long day, this may discourage people from voting."



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
St Andrew's JMI Primary School, Totteridge Lane	Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft	None

Review Commentary: *Number of Electors: CFA=1639*

Following a representation received from the Chair of Governors at St Andrews Primary School (the current polling place in the CFA Polling District), the three suggested alternatives were visited and their suitability for use as a polling place was assessed. Only the Village Hall in Badgers Croft was assessed as having facilities and accessibility that matched (or even improved upon) those offered by the school. The Village Hall at Badgers Croft is very central to the polling district, though a little further away from the area within the polling district that most electors reside than the school. It does though have excellent parking facilities and is served by the same public transport (buses) as the school.

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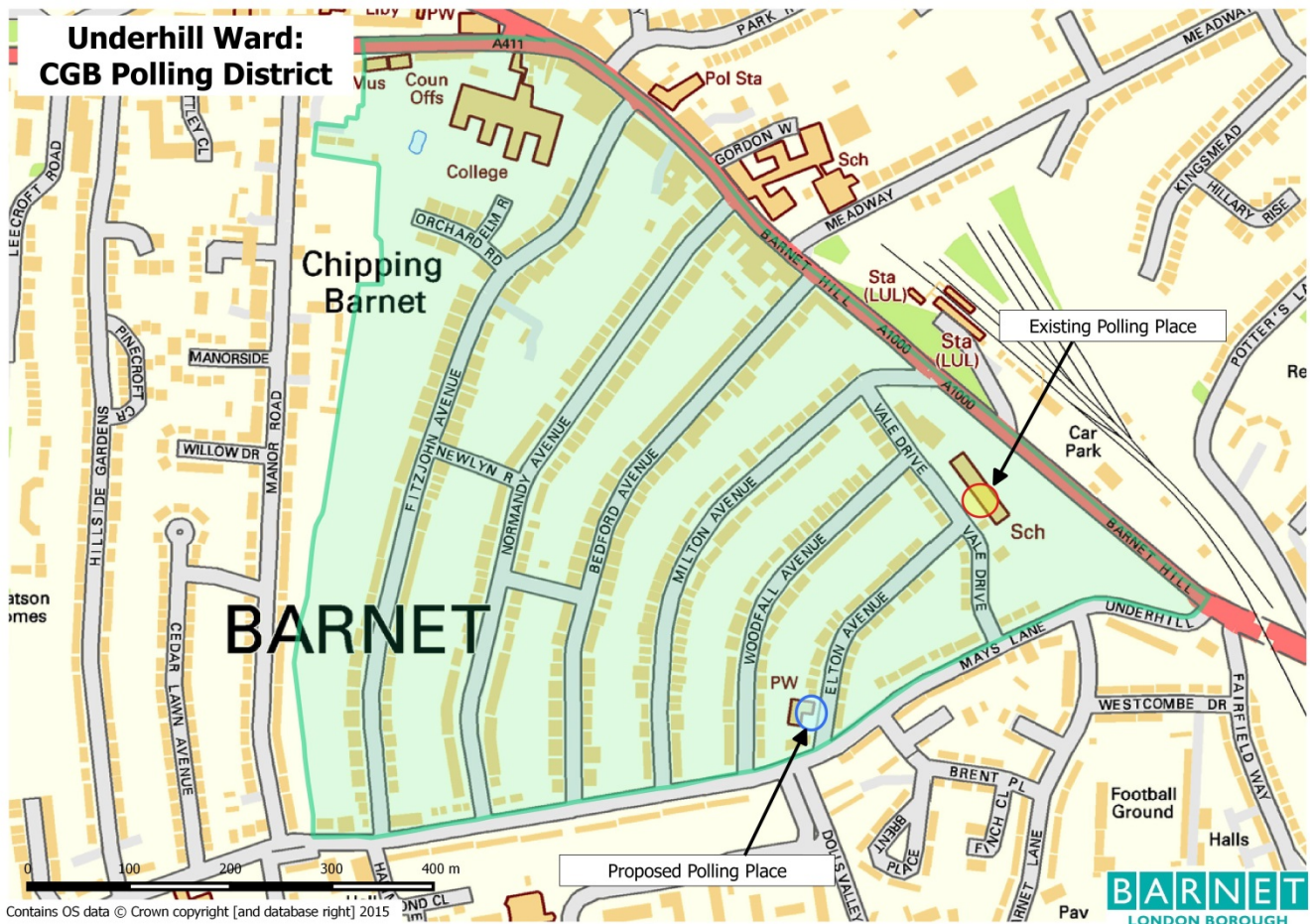
Locate the Polling Place for CFA at Totteridge Village Hall, Badgers Croft for future elections.

Representations Received:

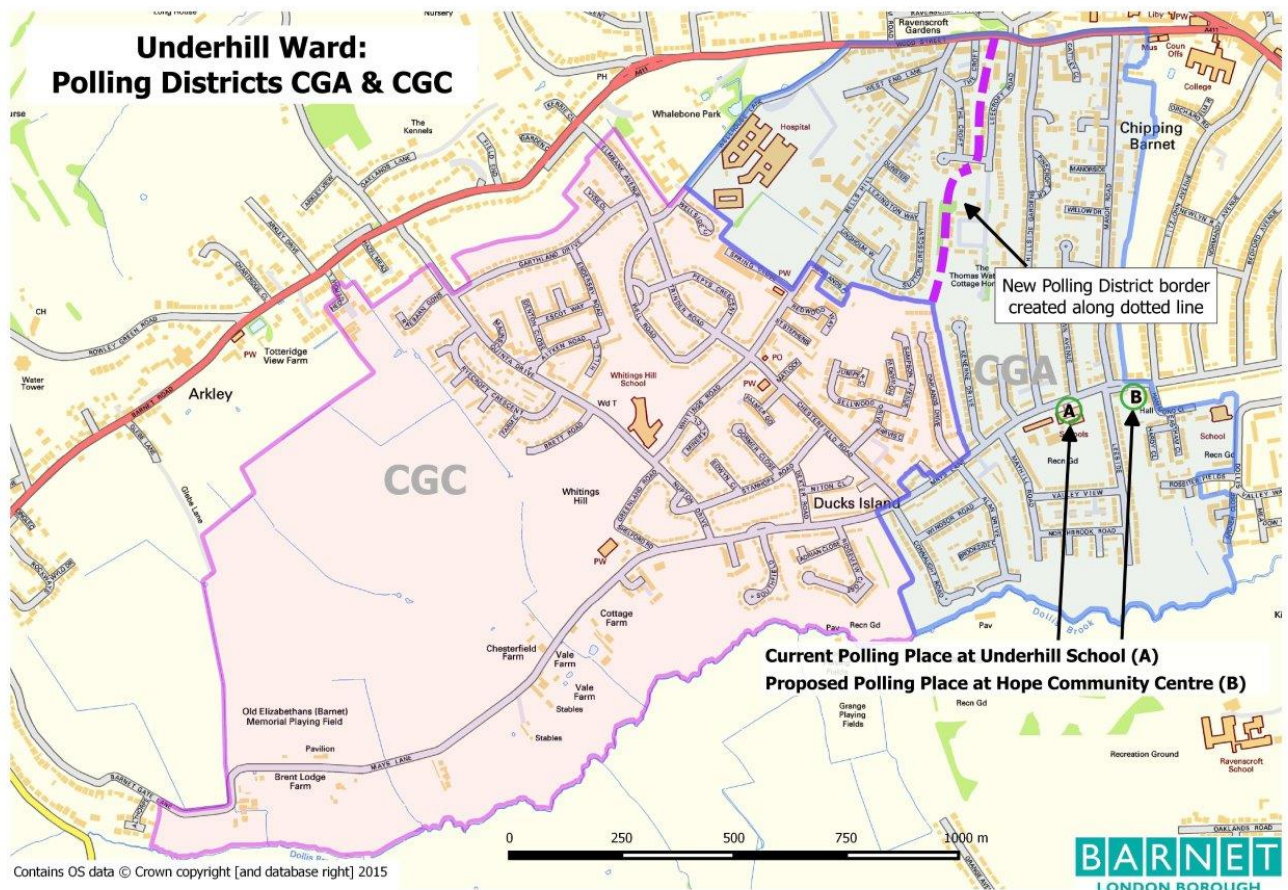
From the Chair of Governors, St Andrew's School:

"The Board of Governors have decided that the school should not be used as a polling station in future. Please remove the school from the relevant list."

"...alternative (polling) venues: St Andrew's Church has a Church Hall or the Totteridge and Mill Hill Cricket Club is just down the road and there is Badgers Croft Village Hall just up the road."



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
St Catherine's RC Primary School, Vale Drive	Underhill Baptist Church Hall, Elton Avenue	None
<p>Review Commentary: <i>Number of Electors: CGB=1572</i></p> <p>Following a representation from the Chair of Governors at St Catherine's Primary School, the suggested alternative venue of the Underhill Baptist Church Hall was visited and assessed on its suitability for use as a polling place. Although the parking is limited (as it is at the school), the hall has step-free access and excellent internal facilities. The proposed location is actually very close to the existing site and it is not considered that any electors would be disadvantaged by moving the polling place as requested.</p>		
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal:</p> <p>Locate the Polling Place for CGB at Underhill Baptist Church Hall, Elton Avenue for future elections.</p>		
<p>Representations Received: From the Chair of Governors, St Catherine's RC School:</p> <p>"I would like to start a process in moving this polling station to the Baptist Church Hall 200 metres from the school.</p> <p>Every time there is an election the education of 450 children and their families is disrupted for a day"</p>		



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place (s):	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
CGA: Underhill Junior School CGC: St Stephen's Church Hall	CGA: Hope Community Centre, Mays Lane CGC: No Change	Move Bells Hill and some adjoining streets into CGC (as indicated on Map above)
Review Commentary: Number of Electors: CGA=3352, CGC=3351		
<p>Following the receipt of a representation proposing that electors in Bells Hill and it's adjoining roads would benefit from being able to vote at St Stephen's Church Hall (due to the steepness of Bells Hill and some of its adjoining roads) a review of the polling district borders was conducted. It is considered that for the vast majority of affected electors (797 as at 4 Jan 2016) it will be more convenient and accessible for them to vote at St Stephen's Church Hall.</p> <p>Information about a new community centre on Mays Lane ('Hope Community Centre') was sent to the Electoral Services office and a review was conducted to assess its suitability for use as a polling place. The facilities and accessibility at the venue are excellent and it is considered of benefit to many local residents if the polling place for CGA is located there, in order that Underhill School does not need to close on future polling days.</p>		
Returning Officer's Proposal: Locate the Polling Place for CGA at Hope Community Centre for future elections. Move part off the polling district border between CGC and CGA to allow electors from Bells Hill and adjoining roads to vote at St Stephen's Church Hall in CGC.		
Representations Received: From the Labour Group: "People living in Bells Hill going north from Dellors Close and all the roads off Bells Hill up to and including West End Lane and The Croft should be able to vote in St Stephens Church Hall. This transfer from CGA to CGC would reduce the journey to the polling station for those electors."		

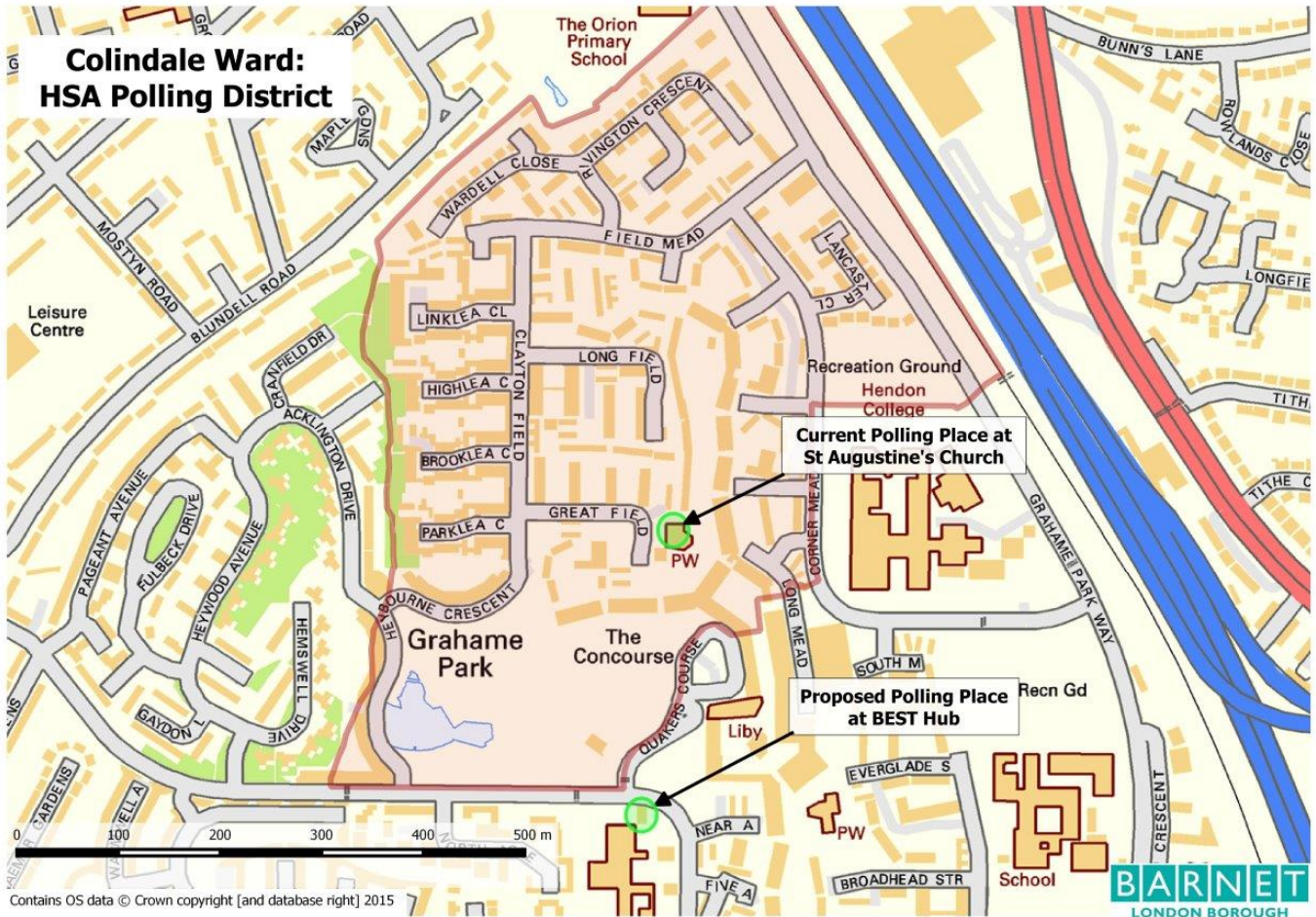
Finchley and Golders Green Parliamentary Constituency

Polling Place Proposals Overview

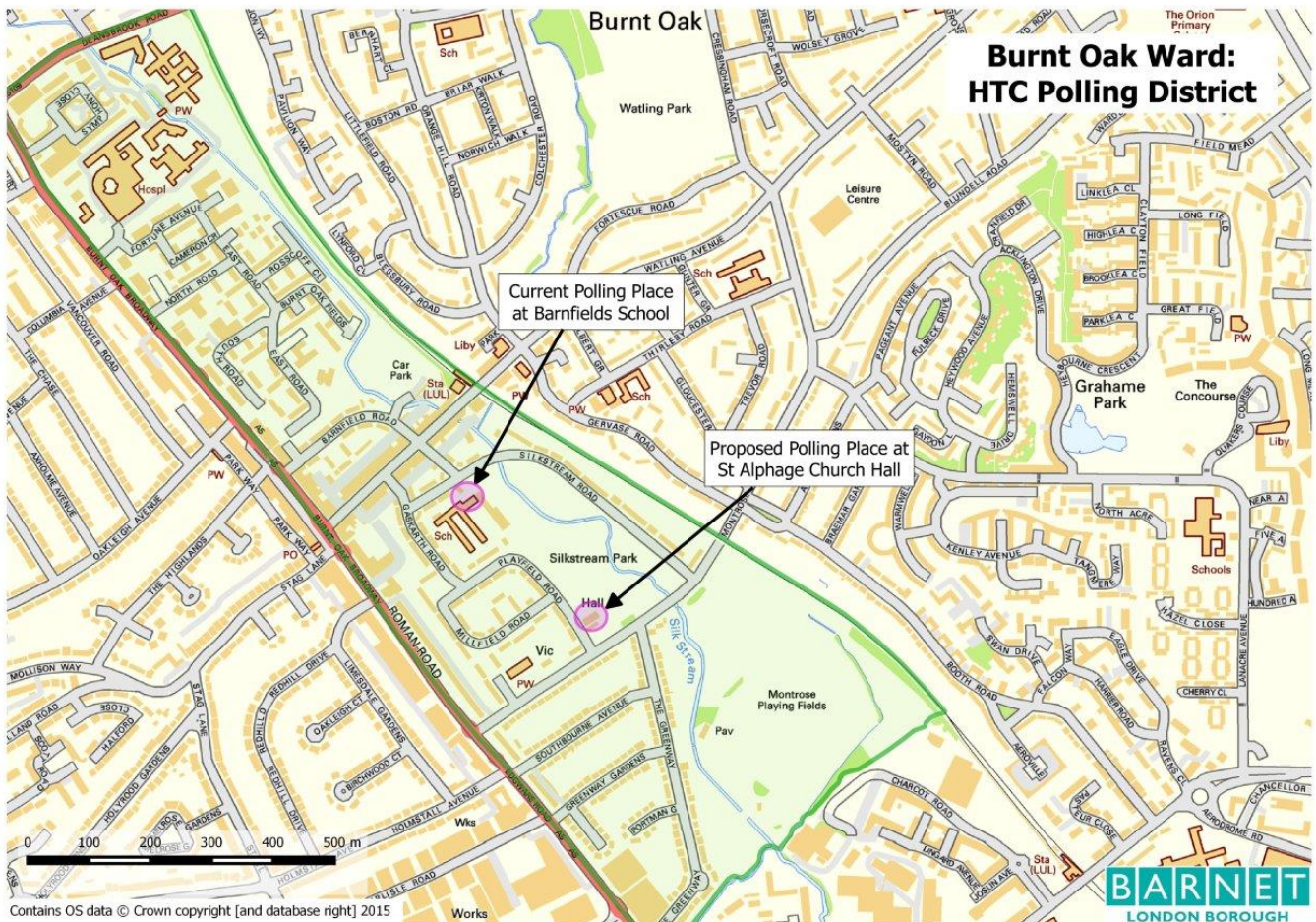
	Ward	Polling District	Polling Place	Proposal
1	Woodhouse	FHA	North Finchley Library	No Change
2	Woodhouse	FHB	Finchley Scout Hall	No Change
3	Woodhouse	FHC	Summerside School	No Change
4	Woodhouse	FHD	Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School	No Change
5	East Finchley	FIA	The Green Man Community Centre	No Change
6	East Finchley	FIB	East Finchley Library	No Change
7	East Finchley	FIC	Finchley Youth Theatre	No Change
8	East Finchley	FID	Bishop Douglas RC school	No Change
9	Garden Suburb	FJA	Brookland Infants school	No Change
10	Garden Suburb	FJB	Portable Office The Green - Widecombe Way	No Change
11	Garden Suburb	FJC	Portable Office The Synagogue - Norrice Lea	No Change
12	Garden Suburb	FJD	St Judes Church Hall	No Change
13	Garden Suburb	FJE	St Edward the Confessor Church Hall	No Change
14	Garden Suburb	FJF	Fellowship House	No Change
15	Childs Hill	FKA	Harris Room - Trinity Church	No Change
16	Childs Hill	FKB	All Saints CE School	No Change
17	Childs Hill	FKC	St Agnes Centre	No Change
18	Childs Hill	FKD	Trading Hut Needham Terrace	No Change
19	Golders Green	FLA	St Mary & Archangel Mikail Coptic Orthodox Church Hall	No Change
20	Golders Green	FLB	Menorah Primary School	No Change
21	Golders Green	FLC	Claremont Primary School	No Change
22	Finchley – Church End	FMA	St Philip the Apostle Parish Centre	No Change
23	Finchley – Church End	FMB	The Dining Room Avenue House	No Change
24	Finchley – Church End	FMC	Finchley Baptist Church hall	No Change
25	Finchley – Church End	FMD	Chalgrove JMI School	No Change
26	Finchley – Church End	FME	Portable Office at Hendon Cemetery	No Change
27	West Finchley	FNA	Carey Room Trinity Church Centre	No Change
28	West Finchley	FNB	St Paul's Church Centre	No Change
29	West Finchley	FND	Essex Hall	No Change

Hendon Parliamentary Constituency
Polling Places Proposals Overview:

	Ward	Polling District	Current Polling Place	Proposal
1	Hale	HOA	Fairway Primary School	No Change
2	Hale	HOB	Courtland JMI School	No Change
3	Hale	HOC	Deansbrook School	No Change
4	Hale	HOD	Portable – Harvester Car Park	No Change
5	Hale	HOE	The Royal British Legion	No Change
6	Hale	HOF	Annunciation Catholic School	No Change
7	Mill Hill	HPA	Etz Chaim Jewish School	No Change
8	Mill Hill	HPB	St Paul's Church Hall	No Change
9	Mill Hill	HPC	Portable Offices Bittacy Road	No Change
10	Mill Hill	HPD	Dollis Infants School	No Change
11	Mill Hill	HPE	Mill Hill Library	No Change
12	Hendon	HQA	Sunnyfields School	No Change
13	Hendon	HQB	St Mary and St John CE School	No Change
14	Hendon	HQC	Bell Lane School	No Change
15	Hendon	HQD	Hendon School	No Change
16	West Hendon	HRA	Barnet Multi-Cultural Centre	No Change
17	West Hendon	HRB	Hasmonean Primary School	No Change
18	West Hendon	HRC	Parkfield Primary School	No Change
19	West Hendon	HRD	West Hendon Community Centre	No Change
20	West Hendon	HRE	The Hyde school	No Change
21	Colindale	HSA	St Augustine's Church Hall	Move to: BEST Hub, Lanacre Ave
22	Colindale	HSB	Grahame Park Community Centre	No Change
23	Colindale	HSD	Estate Management Suite	No Change
24	Colindale	HSC	The Hyde United Reform Church Hall	No Change
25	Burnt Oak	HTA	Trinity Watling Church Hall	No Change
26	Burnt Oak	HTB	Our Lady of the Annunciation Church Hall	No Change
27	Burnt Oak	HTC	Barnfield School	Move to: St Alphage Church Hall
28	Burnt Oak	HTD	Watling Community Association	No Change
29	Edgware	HUA	Broadfields Infant School	No Change
30	Edgware	HUB	Edgware Parish Hall	No Change
31	Edgware	HUC	St Peter's Church Hall	Move to: New Community Centre, (Hayling Way / Green Lane)



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
St Augustine's Church, Great Field	BEST Hub, Lanacre Avenue	None
<p>Review Commentary: <i>Number of Electors: HSA=1966</i></p> <p>A number of concerns were raised by the Presiding Officers and the Electoral Services team throughout the delivery of the General Election in May 2016, regarding the suitability of the venue at St Augustine's Church for use as a polling place. The main hall (used at past elections) has been declared unsafe for use and in the areas that were used for polling; there were multiple leaks in the roof despite some temporary repair work being undertaken shortly before polling day.</p> <p>The only alternative venue found that can serve the electors of HSA is located at the Barnet Education Skills and Training (BEST) Hub on Lanacre Avenue. Although this venue actually is a few metres outside of the polling district, it has excellent facilities and due to the reasonably small geographical size of HSA, it is not considered that electors will be particularly disadvantaged by its location. There is an option to make a small adjustment to the borders of HAS so that it includes the BEST Hub, but this would serve no purpose other than to bring a small area into the polling district that contains no electors or that has any potential future electors.</p>		
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal:</p> <p>Locate the Polling Place for HSA at BEST Hub, Lanacre Avenue for future elections.</p>		
<p>Representations Received:</p> <p>None</p>		



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
Barnfield School	St Alphage Church Hall	None
<p>Review Commentary: <i>Number of Electors: HTC=2758</i></p> <p>Concern was raised during the delivery of the General Election in May 2015 about the safety of the access route for electors from Silkstream Road into the polling place at Barnfield School. The doorway to the polling venue is located underneath a covered archway that is used by vehicles throughout the day and there is no designated space available for pedestrians. As there is very limited parking nearby, all electors must access this polling venue on foot.</p> <p>The proposed polling place at St Alphage Church Hall has superior facilities available inside compared with the school venue and there is much safer access for electors from the street. Although the proposed polling location is a few hundred metres further away from the London Underground station at Burnt Oak, it is well served by local buses and there is some on-street parking available nearby.</p>		
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal:</p> <p>Locate the Polling Place for HTC to St Alphage Church Hall for future elections.</p>		
<p>Representations Received:</p> <p>None</p>		



Existing Polling Place(s):	Proposed Polling Place:	Polling District Proposed Boundary Changes:
St Peter's Church Hall	New-build Community Centre (Hayling Way/Green Lane)	None
<p>Review Commentary: Number of Electors: HSA=1966</p> <p>During the summer of 2015, Electoral Services were informed that St Peter's Church Hall was due to be demolished before the end of March 2016 (as part of the redevelopment of the local area). Upon review it was found that a new community centre is being built nearby and that St Peter's Church Hall would not be demolished until this new centre was open. Although it has not been possible to visit and assess the new centre, as it is being built in compliance with DDA legislation it is expected to be well-suited for use as a polling place. Although Electoral Services has been informed that St Peter's Church Hall will still be available if the new centre is not ready before the GLA elections on 5 May 2016, there is an additional contingency offered by the London Academy Secondary School which is situated nearby within the polling district and this would be used if no other venues are available.</p>		
<p>Returning Officer's Proposal:</p> <p>Locate the Polling Place for HUC at the newly built Community Centre on Hayling Way for future elections.</p> <p>In the event that this venue is not available before May 2016, the polling place will either remain at St Peter's Church Hall or be located within the London Academy for the GLA elections on 5 May 2016 (and any other elections held before the new Community Centre is ready).</p>		
<p>Representations Received:</p> <p>None</p>		