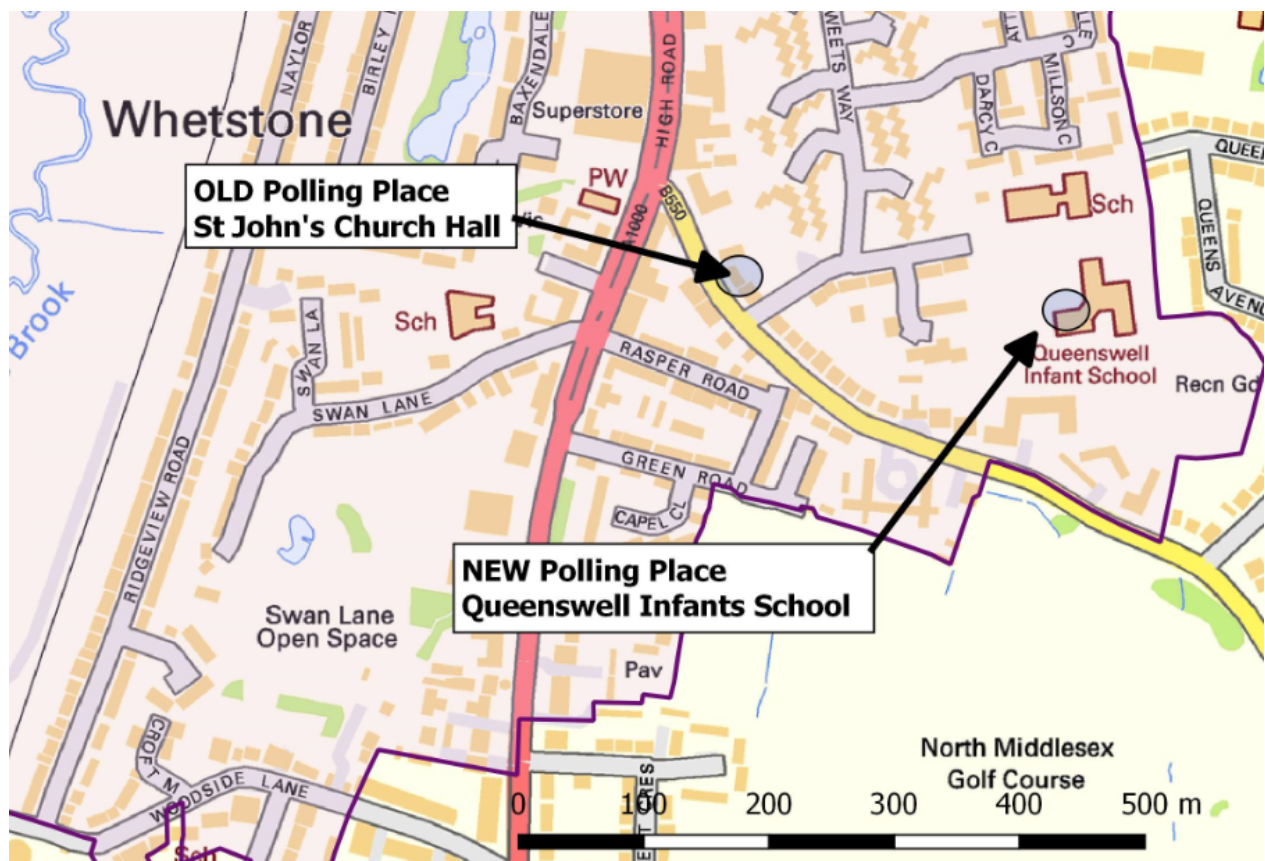


Formal notice of enforced late changes to Polling Places undertaken by the (Acting) Returning Officer for use at the Parliamentary General Election on 8 June 2017

Totteridge Ward – CFC Polling Place	
Designated Polling Place:	(A)RO Polling Place (for UKPE only):
St John's Church Hall, Friern Barnet Lane	Queenswell Infants School Sweets Way, Friern Barnet Lane, N20 0NQ
<p>Commentary:</p> <p>St John's Church recently sold the church hall that has been used as a polling place for many years to a property development company.</p> <p>Despite repeated attempts to negotiate the use of the hall with the property development company an agreement could not be reached and no guarantee of the hall's availability was received before the date when poll card data had to be supplied to the ARO's elections print and postage supplier.</p> <p>The ARO's staff contacted two nearby schools whilst the negotiations with the property development company were being undertaken and agreement was reached with Queenswell Infants School in nearby Sweets Way before the deadline for poll card data was reached.</p> <p>The Head of Electoral Services and Assurance Director visited the school site prior to the agreement being reached and were satisfied that the school is able to offer excellent polling facilities to the affected electors of CFC polling district. All eligible electors will receive a poll card that has both the address and a map showing the location of this polling place.</p> <p>It will be necessary to find a long-term replacement for the polling place at St John's Church Hall, so this will be included as part of the next annual 'Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places' that will come to the GFC for decisions ahead of the Council elections scheduled for May 2018.</p>	



East Finchley Ward – FIB Polling Place

Designated Polling Place:

East Finchley Library
High Road, East Finchley

(A)RO Polling Place (for UKPE only):

Martin School (Sports Field building)
Plane Tree Walk N2 9JP

Commentary:

The East Finchley library is temporarily closed as part of the libraries refurbishment programme taking place across the borough.

Although it has been possible to make interim arrangements at all other affected libraries that are designated as polling places, East Finchley library has significant internal structural work being undertaken that mean that it is not possible to make the building suitably safe for use as polling place on 8 June 2017.

The ARO's staff contacted the nearby Martin School (used as a polling place up until 2014) and following a visit by the Acting Returning Officer it was agreed that the out-building on the school's sports field would be suitable for use as a polling place. All eligible electors will receive a poll card that has both the address and a map showing the location of this polling place.

It should not be necessary to find a long-term replacement for the polling place at East Finchley library as the library will re-open, following refurbishment, to the public later in 2017. However, a new assessment of the library's suitability for use as a polling place will be undertaken as it is understood that the space previously used for polling purposes will no longer exist following the refurbishment works. Any proposal to change the polling place for FIB polling district will be brought before the next annual 'Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places' that will come to the GFC for decisions ahead of the Council elections scheduled for May 2018.

