

Polling Districts and Polling Places Review
Public Consultation Oct/Nov 2021 - Representations Received

Ward	Representation Received	From	RO's Response
Barnet Vale	<i>I would like to register my strong objection to the proposed provision of polling stations in the new Barnet Vale ward, where I expect to be living shortly: why on earth are there no polling stations in the south of this ward, ie the East Barnet area? Is it because there is a Labour councillor in this region? In my view, this is arguably an example of gerrymandering, providing polling stations in the more traditionally Tory loyal areas, and removing them from the part of the ward that might return Labour representatives.</i>	Theresa Musgrove	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Discovery Hall (Scout Hall), which is located on the southern edge of the new ward, has been included in the final proposals.</p>
Barnet Vale	<i>The proposed southern polling district has the polling place a long way from residents at the south end. If found to be suitable, we would support use of the scout hut in Stevenson Close as a polling place with adjustments to polling district boundaries, even though it is at the edge of the ward. A width restriction makes crossing of Netherlands Road relatively safe.</i>	Labour Group submission	
Brunswick Park	<i>I wish to continue voting at the LCCI Polling Station in Osidge Lane please.</i>	Jen Newton (resident)	We are continuing to use CCI Church as a polling venue in Brunswick Park ward.
Brunswick Park	<p><i>I have received an update on the proposed polling stations for Barnet and in particular Brunswick Ward i.e. Osidge School.</i></p> <p><i>As a parent who has a child who goes to Osidge School I find the disruption to the school i.e. it closing for the day hugely negative to my child's education. This school already has what I believe are more inset days than most schools.</i></p> <p><i>Are you sure you can't rent out the Church next to Asda. I know it is technically Enfield. If you have to do it then why don't you inconvenience the primary school children at an Outstanding school that have less Inset days i.e. Ashmole Primary. Technically it is more central as well.</i></p>	Somer Zeynel (resident)	<p>This representation is not resolved by the RO's final proposal.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no alternative venues have been proposed or identified that would mean that Osidge Primary school could stop being used as a polling venue. Electoral Services work closely with all schools that are used for polling to try and minimise disruption, but unfortunately Osidge Primary is a school that usually decides that it needs to close on polling days (for safeguarding reasons) due to the nature of the school grounds and buildings.</p>
Brunswick Park	<i>Various polling places are under consideration for the southern polling district. A portable office in the car park on Brunswick Park Road would not be a good solution. The Pavilion at New Southgate Recreation Ground in Oakleigh Road South and St Paul's School in The Avenue are both acceptable locations. We suggest that the Family Resource Centre in Coppies Grove should be considered too – there is adequate parking space nearby. The Ryhope Road/Dale Green Road/Pymmes Green Road area should be included in the southern polling district rather than electors having to travel to Osidge School.</i>	Labour Group submission	<p>This representation is resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>We have been unable to secure a visit to review the Family Resource Centre in Coppies Grove (*I don't believe it is controlled by the council?). Based upon feedback from several councillors on the 'Working Group' (reviewing the work on the new polling arrangements), the</p>

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			proposal is now to move the polling place from the New Southgate Recreation Ground Pavilion to the nursery at St Paul's Primary School. This polling district has also been amended to include Ryhope Road, Dale Green Road and Pymmes Green.
Burnt Oak	<p><i>During the boundary changes I made a number of suggestions for places. Here are my thoughts</i></p> <p><i>New places</i> <i>Watling park school</i> <i>Islamic Centre Edgware</i> <i>Edgware Central Mosque</i> <i>Burnt Oak leisure centre</i></p> <p><i>Easier places to get to in burnt oak A that aren't obscure and in the far corner</i> <i>Deansbrook Road shops</i> <i>Woodcroft Primary School</i></p>	Ben Samuel	These suggested locations have been considered, but it is felt that the proposal put forward utilises good polling locations and serves the electors of Burnt Oak ward well.
Burnt Oak	<p><i>The new Burnt Oak ward has, at its northern most boundary, absorbed an entire polling district from the old Hale ward and part of a polling district from the old Edgware ward. Consequently, it is entirely reasonable to submit that the new Burnt Oak ward ought to consist of at least 5 polling districts.</i></p> <p><i>The proposals retain 4 polling districts in the new Burnt Oak ward, however in order to do so it has resulted in the northern most polling district being awkwardly formed. The residents of the Heming Road / Fairfield Crescent area, as well as those in Symphony Close and Fortune Avenue, are considerably disconnected from the proposed polling place of the Watling Community Centre. Due to the old London Transport railway line, these residents can only access the polling place by walking along Deansbrook road, which, due to its narrowness and incline, ought to be considered inaccessible for those of reduced mobility.</i></p> <p><i>For the reasons stated above it is submitted that the Heming Road / Fairfield Crescent area, the Symphony Close / Fortune Avenue area as well as the North Road Estate area, ought to be an entirely separate polling district, with its polling place at the North Road Community Centre. The boundary between this new polling district and the polling district with St Alphage Church as its polling place should arise north of Barnfield Road, such that the area from Barnfield Road down to The Greenway would constitute a discrete polling district.</i></p>	Cllr Ammar Naqvi	<p>This representation is resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>The final proposals for Burnt Oak include an additional polling place located at Edgware Methodist Church Hall. This means that Burnt Oak will have five polling districts and that electors in Heming Road/Fairfield Avenue/Fairfield Crescent will not need to go to Watling Community Centre to vote.</p>
Childs Hill	No representations received		N/A

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Colindale North	<i>No representations received</i>		N/A
Colindale South	<i>Residents on the south side of Colindale Avenue and culs-de-sac off it are a long way from the Hyde United Reform Church Hall and much closer to the Pulse Community Flat. Please consider moving the polling district boundary from Colindale Avenue to Colindeep Lane/Sheaveshill Avenue. If the capacity of the Pulse Community Flat is an issue and all available space that is suitable is already allocated, please consider a partial extension of the northern polling district to include as much as possible of the area described above. Capacity should be a temporary problem because the new Jain centre in Colindale Avenue is expected to become available.</i>	Labour Group submission	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals (as far as is practicable at present).</p> <p>The polling district served by the Pulse Community Flat has been extended to include as many electors as possible. Unfortunately, the location is only suitable for use as a single polling station. Initial contact has been made with the Jain Centre, so it is hoped that it can be introduced as a polling venue once construction has completed on the building.</p>
	<i>The tremendous increase of residents within the Colindale ward area necessitated the division of Colindale into two separate wards. It is therefore evident that Colindale is an area of sustained population growth, and the polling district that serve this electoral area must be alert to this reality. As such, it is submitted that the polling district for which the Hyde United Reform Church is the polling place is unwieldy in its size and density. More specifically, it is entirely unintelligible why the roads south of Colindale Avenue are in this polling district even though they are entirely geographically disconnected from the Colindeep Lane network of roads. Any resident living south of Colindale Avenue would need to take an unreasonably lengthy detour in order to vote, whereas their neighbours on the other side of Colindale Avenue have a comparatively short journey to the Pulse Community Flat.</i>	Cllr Ammar Naqvi	
	<i>The simplest remedy to this problem is to shift the polling district boundary such that all residents either side of Colindale Avenue are in the same polling district. However, the population growth of Colindale will unquestionably necessitate the need to create a separate polling district for the area south of Aerodrome Road – this can either be done now voluntarily or in the future of necessity.</i>		
Cricklewood	<i>I have real concerns about the polling stations for the new Cricklewood Ward. There needs to be an additional polling station towards Prayle Grove and the Whitefield Estate. Additionally, residents of Hadley Grove should use the Carey Hall Polling Station.</i>	Cllr Anne Clarke	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Hendon Leisure Centre, which is located in the north end of the new ward, is included as a polling venue in the final proposals. Hadley Grove included within the polling district to use Carey Hall as polling station.</p>
	<i>I would like to suggest the Tesco car park, the Better sports hall or the sales suite of Brent Cross Town for the North of Cricklewood Ward.</i>		
	<i>It is requested that Handley Grove votes at Carey Hall rather than Kent Hall – it is closer and avoids the need to cross the busy Cricklewood Lane. The northern part of the ward is a long way from Carey Hall and the population is expected to increase substantially.</i>	Labour Group submission	

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	<i>Please consider providing a polling place in that area e.g. in the Better Sports Hall or Brent Cross Town Visitor Pavilion.</i>		
East Barnet	<p><i>Dear Sir/Madam, as I understand it the current polling station for East Barnet ward which is usually held in Trent School is now proposed to be moved to New Barnet Recreation Centre next to New Barnet ward polling station. My family and I live in the Bevan Road area which is very convenient to the current Polling Station at Trent School, Chalk Lane, not only is it convenient for us but for most of the residents who live nearby, it is sited on a flat area there is plenty of parking and it is near the Cockfosters Piccadilly Line tube station, which suits those who work in the city and west end to be able to vote on the way to work or on the way home from work.</i></p> <p><i>The population of this area does have a lot of elderly people living in it so having to go to New Barnet to vote becomes a problem as it does for those with young families too, apart from having to use a vehicle to get there what's the parking like, particularly in bad weather? My experience is it's not very good!</i></p> <p><i>More importantly what's the logic in having two polling stations for two different areas in the same place, is it just to save money, or plain laziness? In these times it's hard enough to get people to vote and in my view and many others agree that it will see a drop off in people willing to go to the proposed new venue to cast their vote. Along with the change in boundaries It could possibly cause a change in voting patterns between Tory and Labour wards, which could seriously affect the precarious balance of local democracy and that's SERIOUS STUFF! It's plain tinkering with a perfectly good system.</i></p>	Robin Shirfield (resident)	<p>This representation is not resolved by the RO's final proposal.</p> <p>It is considered that the polling place proposed for New Barnet Leisure Centre and Library, whilst not central within its polling district, does offer excellent voting facilities. The venue is easily accessible, served by public transport and also offers its own on-site parking. Using this location also avoids the need for Trent School to close on polling days.</p>
East Finchley	<i>No representations received</i>		N/A
Edgware	<i>No representations received</i>		N/A
Edgwarebury	<p><i>I am writing to object to the polling station in this area being relocated. At the moment it is in the scout hut which is Central to the local vicinity and if it is moved to St. Andrews Church Hall potentially this will mean many local residents are unable to travel the distance and therefore will be disenfranchised.</i></p> <p><i>I hope this move will be reconsidered.</i></p>	Sue Layton (resident)	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Changes made to polling district proposals within Edgwarebury and the Scout Hut at Edgware United Synagogue has been proposed to be used for electors living within the area and roads mentioned in these representations..</p>
Edgwarebury	<i>The current proposal to move my local Polling Station in Edgwarebury to St. Andrew's Church would be remote and inaccessible to a significant subset of my Polling District's electorate, particularly those (myself included) living East of Kenilworth Road. The Edgware United Synagogue Scout Hut on Parnell Close is much more easily accessible, centrally located in this Polling District and is already familiar to the electorate. I</i>	Rishikesh Chakraborty (resident)	

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	<p>would support keeping my Polling Station at the Scout Hut.</p>		
Edgwarebury	<p><i>I live in the Edgwarebury ward, and I'm really concerned at the possibility of the polling station moving from the Scout Hut at Edgware United Synagogue.</i></p> <p><i>Several people I know in Fairmead Crescent, Luther Close and Bellamy Close will struggle to make the longer journey to St Andrew's Church. This is especially important as so many residents are Jewish and already know Edgware United Synagogue really well.</i></p> <p><i>I really hope that you amend these proposals, and keep a polling place at Edgware United Synagogue/the Scout Hut.</i></p>	Amy Tapper (resident)	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Changes made to polling district proposals within Edgwarebury and the Scout Hut at Edgware United Synagogue has been proposed to be used for electors living within the area abnd roads mentioned in these representations..</p>
Edgwarebury	<p><i>I am a resident in the new Edgwarebury ward, and want to make the following submission on the review of polling districts and polling places:</i></p> <p><i>Moving the polling station from the Scout Hut near Edgware United Synagogue to St Andrew's Church risks confusing and alienating a number of residents living on Parnell Close, Fairmead Crescent, Harcourt Avenue and other surrounding roads.</i></p> <p><i>The Scout Hut is recognisable to many residents who live nearby and have voted there for years. St Andrew's isn't as recognisable or well-known to as many residents.</i></p> <p><i>I really urge you to keep a polling station at the Scout Hut.</i></p>	Jonathan Tapper (resident)	
Edgwarebury	<p><i>I wish to confirm that I wish for the polling station to remain at the Scout Hut Parnell Close. This is an extremely convenient venue, known to all the locals and serves the purpose of a polling station very efficiently.</i></p>	Debjani Mukherjee (resident)	
Edgwarebury	<p><i>I have strong concern that the relocation of my local Polling Station in Edgwarebury to St. Andrew's Church would be remote, inconvenient and inaccessible to myself and a significant proportion of my Polling District's electorate, particularly those (me included) living East of Kenilworth Road. The Edgware United Synagogue Scout Hut on Parnell Close is much more easily accessible, more centrally located in this Polling District and is already familiar to the electorate. I support keeping my Polling Station at the Scout Hut.</i></p>	Nikhilesh Chakraborty (resident)	

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Edgwarebury	<p><i>As a resident in the new Edgwarebury ward, I would like to oppose the proposal to move the Scout Hut polling station in Edgware United Synagogue to St Andrew's Church.</i></p> <p><i>There are many Jewish residents who live in Fairmead Crescent and Harcourt Avenue, and Edgware United is much more familiar to many of these residents, and also nearer to more of them.</i></p> <p><i>St Andrew's is further away and less well-known to much of the community. I would urge you to please keep the polling station at the Scout Hut, Edgware United Synagogue.</i></p>	Josh Tapper (resident)	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Changes made to polling district proposals within Edgwarebury and the Scout Hut at Edgware United Synagogue has been proposed to be used for electors living within the area and roads mentioned in these representations..</p>
Edgwarebury	<p><i>The proposed polling place at St Andrew's Church Hall (wrongly referenced as St Stephen's in the key of the map) in Lynford Gardens is remote and inconvenient for electors to the east of Kenilworth Road. The existing polling place at the United Synagogue Scout Hut in Parnell Close is better located. The cost of security has not prevented other Jewish premises from being proposed as polling places for future use.</i></p>	Labour Group submission	
Edgwarebury	<p><i>The proposed south eastern polling district of the new Edgwarebury ward is the one element of the drafts proposals regarding which I have had the most negative public feedback. Accessibility of St Andrew's Church for residents in eastern most part of this proposed polling district is highly questionable. For residents who live near Stoneyfield's Park the distance to St Andrew's Church is almost a mile – to situate the polling place at this location would be tantamount to disenfranchising these electors.</i></p> <p><i>A solution is quite clear, and benefits from considerable local support: retain the polling place at the Scout Hut outside Edgware United Synagogue. This venue is well known to all those residents who used to reside in the Hale ward polling district of HRE and it is precisely central to the proposed new polling district. Since there will be a change of polling venue for some electors whichever location was selected, there would have been a need to publicise the new polling place to all residents of the new polling district, so no elector is worse off for opting for the Scout Hut as the polling place for this polling district, and yet all electors are greatly benefited from having a central location that is not especially disconnected from any part of the proposed polling district.</i></p>	Cllr Ammar Naqvi	

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Finchley Church End	<p><i>I am delighted that you come to an agreement to move the voting on the 5th May 2022 from Chalgrove School to Kinloss</i></p> <p><i>It will be most convenient for the local people in the FMD area to access and vote without too much inconvenience and also free the school from closing on election day</i></p> <p><i>I want to thank you again for your understanding and support to make this possible</i></p>	Cllr Eva Greenspan	<p>This representation is resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Finchley United Synagogue offers excellent facilities for voting and can serve the electors in the proposed polling district well.</p>
Friern Barnet	No representations received		N/A
Garden Suburb	<p><i>In Garden Suburb, It's completely unacceptable to remove polling stations from Norrice Lea and Widdecombe Way without replacement. How are residents expected to walk all the way to St Judes and Brooklands school respectively? We must reinstate at least one of those polling stations. Why can we not put a mobile one back on Widdecombe Way, or use the pavilion in Lyttleton Playing Fields?</i></p> <p><i>What is the rationale for the proposals in these two locations?</i></p>	Cllr Rohit Grover	<p>This representation is not resolved by the RO's final proposal.</p> <p>Following polling station risk assessments related to the Covid restrictions in place at the time, of the London Mayoral and GLA elections on 6 May 2021, the two portable offices previously used at Norrice Lea and at Widdecombe Way were not used. Affected electors were instead allocated to St Jude's and Brookland Primary School respectively. Turnout across these polling stations was very healthy and is supported by some of the highest rates of postal voting across the borough. It is considered that the advantages to all affected electors, in having excellent polling places, housed within permanent buildings, outweigh the disadvantage that may be caused to a much smaller number of electors from the increased distance to their polling location.</p>
Garden Suburb	<p><i>Please stop using schools. My son's school (Brookland Hill) keeps closing to be used as a polling place. Our kids have suffered enough disruption to their education over the past two years.</i></p> <p><i>Find alternatives—I'm sure you could rent a church hall, use a library, etc. If you don't have the budget, that's because you keep making below inflation increases to our council tax bill. It's a rich borough.</i></p>	John Maris (resident)	<p>These representations are not resolved by the RO's final proposal.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no alternative venues have been proposed or identified that would mean that Brookland Primary school could</p>

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Garden Suburb	<p><i>I'm not sure if this is a correct Representation, however I write because I'd like to say that I'm not OK with Brookland Infant or Brookland Junior schools in Garden Suburb area being used as polling stations. Not only do the kids need every day of school they can get, but it's hard as working parents to make these days work.</i></p> <p><i>The school has closed many times over the years for polling stations and it strikes me as inappropriate when there are other public venues which are empty in the day and may be more suited.</i></p>	Romy Miller (resident)	stop being used as a polling venue. Electoral Services work closely with all schools that are used for polling to try and minimise disruption, but unfortunately Brookland Primary is a school that does need to close on polling days (for safeguarding reasons) due to the nature of the school grounds and buildings.
Golders Green	No representations received		N/A
Hendon	<p><i>I live in cheyne walk, nw4, and have just heard that hamonean primary school will no longer be a polling station.</i></p> <p><i>It will be infinitely easier for me to vote if my polling station was at hendon school rather than our lady of doloures church hall. The latter takes much longer to get to due to traffic from cheyne walk, and i can vote at hendon school as a courseof my day to day routine... im afraid if i had to get to the church hall, i probably wouldnt have time to vote.</i></p>	Rachel Baigel (resident)	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>The polling district around Hendon School has been modified to take in Cheyne Walk, Renters Avenue, Denehurst Gardens and Beaufort Gardens. The electors in these roads are allocated to Hendon School in the final proposals.</p>
Hendon	<p><i>I understand that there is currently a review of all polling stations taking place in Barnet. Hasmonean Prep School, my current polling station, will no longer be a polling station. The recommendation is for mine to now be Our Lady of Doloures Church Hall (opposite the town hall. There is very little parking close to this site and quite a distance from where we live. My neighbours and I would prefer to go to Hendon School.</i></p>	Adrian Jacobs (resident)	
Hendon	<p><i>As a current West Hendon councillor and a candidate for Hendon ward in 2022, I would like to make a representation in relation to the following roads which currently sit in West Hendon and will be moving to Hendon ward:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cheyne Walk • Renters Avenue • Denehurst Gardens • Beaufort Gardens <p><i>These roads are closely connected to the Shirehall estate, and historically voted at Hasmonean Primary School.</i></p> <p><i>I have spoken to several residents from these streets, and they have unanimously told me that they would prefer to vote in Hendon School rather than Our Lady of Doloures Church hall as is currently proposed.</i></p>	Cllr Alex Prager	

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High Barnet	<i>Can I suggest you recognise the steepness of the hill when choosing a polling station in High Barnet High St. There are many elderly or disabled voters who will be extremely disadvantaged by having to climb the hill and walk the distance to the library. A more equitable site would be Barnet College or St John's church. Although still at the top of the hill, they are closer in distance to those with the steepest climb.</i>	Holly Kai-Weiss (resident)	The library is considered a good polling station with excellent access and facilities for electors.
High Barnet	<i>The proposed polling places at St Peter's Church Hall and The Arkley Club with the polling district boundary cutting across Barnet Road would result in many electors, some less nimble than others, needing to cross a relatively high-speed section of Barnet Road to vote and again to return home without any controlled pedestrian crossing. This would be an unusual circumstance for drivers to encounter at that location and very dangerous. It would probably deter a significant number of residents from voting. It would be much better to have the polling district boundary along the centre of Barnet Road so that no voter would need to cross the road on foot. The Arkley Club could cater for electors on the north side of Barnet Road and, instead of St Peter's, Whittings Hill School should be considered as the polling place for electors south of Barnet Road. The Brickfield Lane polling place could and should have its area extended eastwards. It is located near traffic lights where crossing is much safer.</i>	Labour Group submission	This representation is not resolved by the RO's final proposal. An assessment of Whittings Hill School has shown that it would almost certainly have to fully close on polling days. Based on retaining the initial proposed polling places, it then becomes difficult to justify running the polling district boundary along the centre of Barnet Road – as a great number of electors would need to pass a polling station located much closer to their home in order to visit their allocated polling place. The RO's final proposal in High Barnet therefore remains as was published for public consultation.
	<i>We would like the polling station at Mill Hill Library.</i>	Adam Morley (resident)	This representation is not resolved by the RO's final proposal. It is considered that Hartley Hall offers better facilities for electors in this polling district.
Totteridge & Woodside	<i>I appreciate the update as we have been in touch with colleagues from Barnet for quite a long time now over this issue. For us, this is positive news.</i>	Niamh Arnall - Headteacher, Finchley Catholic High School	This representation is resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals. The new proposals allow suitable polling arrangements for electors, without using Finchley Catholic High School.
Underhill	<i>No representations received</i>		N/A
West Finchley	<i>No representations received</i>		N/A
West Hendon	<i>In West Hendon, the proposal to place the Polling Station in St. Matthias' Church would mean the vast majority of this Polling District's electorate would have to cross a busy road (the A5) making accessibility more difficult. There are 3 possible locations that are more centrally located in this Polling District; the Hyde School, Hendon Magistrates Court and the Parkside View Children's Nursery. I propose that either one of these three alternatives or parts of some or all three</i>	Rishikesh Chakraborty	These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.

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	<p><i>locations are used as a Polling Station instead of St. Matthias' Church</i></p>		<p>Based upon these representations, the polling place proposed for location at St Matthias Church has been moved to the Children's Centre at Hyde School. Based on arrangements used for the London Mayoral and GLA elections on 6 May 2021, it is anticipated that Hyde School will be able to remain open on polling days as the Children's Centre is situated in a separate building to the main school. This means that the polling place is closer to the majority of electors within this polling district than it would have been if left at St Matthias Church.</p>
<p>West Hendon</p>	<p><i>We live in the Welsh Harp Village and we are surprised that you are proposing to put our polling station, East of the A5 at St Matthias Church which appears to be at the other end of our polling district. We also believe the parts of the polling district, east of the A5 has a smaller population compared to the Welsh Harp or west of the A5, hence it is odd that rather than have a polling station at an area which is equidistant to all residents, the current proposal is to expect a significant majority of residents to walk for nearly 30 minutes just to vote.</i></p> <p><i>As we are both over 80, we will find it hard to go vote at this polling station as we are quite frail and old school and have always voted in person. Many friends of ours of the same age group feel the same way as we do, especially from a safety perspective with the traffic on the A5. We also believe residents with children and disabilities might find it hard going to vote in St Matthias Church from the Welsh Harp. We propose the polling station is brought back to the Hyde School, or the Magistrates Court or Parkside View Children's Nursery.</i></p>	<p>Dagma Perera (resident)</p>	
<p>West Hendon</p>	<p><i>I live in the Welsh Harp Village with my family and we are dismayed at the proposed location of our new polling station. I did a journey planner and it indicated that I will need to walk for just under 30 minutes to go vote. I also struggle to understand why the polling station is not placed somewhere more central in the polling district like the Hyde School or Parkside Children's nursery.</i></p> <p><i>I am fairly active in the local community and my reservations are shared by many of my neighbours as they think the proposed new polling station is unsuitable and does not take into account that people with children or elderly folks might struggle to cross the A5 just to vote.</i></p> <p><i>I humbly request the polling station is returned to the Hyde School where I have always voted and it is accessible to everyone or to Parkside Children's nursery.</i></p>	<p>Hameed Khandahari (resident)</p>	

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West Hendon	<p><i>I was a councillor for West Hendon for 36 years until 2018 and have also been Civic Mayor of Barnet. I have reviewed the proposals for polling districts and polling stations in West Hendon ward and whilst I think most of the proposals are reasonable, I have misgivings about the location of the polling station in St Matthias Church for that polling district especially as this part, east of the A5 is a new addition to West Hendon ward.</i></p> <p><i>Having dealt with residents in the Welsh Harp in the past and met them recently in community groups, it is my view that a good number of them especially those on the most western part of the Welsh Harp Village would find it difficult to get to St Matthias Church to vote. I am particularly referring to elderly residents, families with children and residents with disabilities. My recollection of that polling district makes me believe that a larger proportion of the electorate live on the west part of the A5 hence it would be better to have the polling station back at the Hyde School or at the nursery on West Hendon Playing fields. Thank you for considering my proposals.</i></p>	Agnes Slocombe	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>Based upon these representations, the polling place proposed for location at St Matthias Church has been moved to the Children's Centre at Hyde School. Based on arrangements used for the London Mayoral and GLA elections on 6 May 2021, it is anticipated that Hyde School will be able to remain open on polling days as the Children's Centre is situated in a separate building to the main school. This means that the polling place is closer to the majority of electors within this polling district than it would have been if left at St Matthias Church</p>
West Hendon	<p><i>Most of the electors who are proposed to vote at St Matthias Church Hall live on the west side of The Hyde, a busy road. Please consider using instead some part of The Hyde School, Hendon Magistrates Court or West Hendon Pavilion (Parkside View Nursery).</i></p>	Labour Group submission	
West Hendon	<p><i>These proposals are largely acceptable, except for the polling place at St Matthias Church Hall, which, whilst it is in the new West Hendon ward area, as far as local residents know and are concerned is actually in the Colindale area. The group of roads known as the Welsh Harp Estate will be both physically and emotionally distanced from their polling place were St Matthias Church Hall chosen as the venue for these purposes. It would be far more preferable and advisable to situate the polling place on western side of the Edgware Road. Whilst I appreciate that efforts are being made to avoid using schools wherever possible, such a desire does not and cannot out-weight the overriding right of local residents to cast their vote. Therefore, it is submitted that the Hyde School ought to be the polling place for this polling district.</i></p>	Cllr Ammar Naqvi	
Whetstone	<p><i>I object to our polling station moving to St Katherines' Church Hall.</i></p> <p><i>It's about a 45 minute walk each way from Ridgeview Road and the distance is thus a deterrent to the many voters who live in these roads from travelling to vote. There are plenty of alternatives nearer to these roads. In the past we've used St John's Church Hall, St Mary Magdalen Church, Finchley Catholic School and the Jewish School on former Police Station Oakleigh Road. There are plenty of venues near here which wouldn't effectively disenfranchise us.</i></p>	Michael Owens (resident)	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>The new proposals for Whetstone now include St John's Primary school on Swan Lane. This means that the residents of Ridgeview Road (and those close by) are no longer allocated to St Katerine's Church Hall.</p>

Ward	Representation Received	From	RO's Response
Whetstone	<p><i>The Labour Group is strongly opposed to many electors around the High Road, even as far as Ridgeview Road and Woodside Lane, having to travel to St Katerine's Greek Orthodox Church Hall in Friern Barnet Lane, more than a mile away in some cases and the other side of a golf course. Even for residents closer to the proposed polling place, St Katerine's is not a good location, sited as it is on a busy and relatively fast road with bends and poor sight lines. Instead, St John's School in Swan Lane should be considered with a consequential adjustment of polling district boundaries such that electors south of Totteridge Lane and the western end of Oakleigh Road North vote at St John's and the St James Avenue area vote at Oakleigh Community Church Hall in Oakleigh Road North.</i></p>	Labour Group submission	<p>These representations are resolved by changes to the RO's initial proposals.</p> <p>The new proposals for Whetstone now include St John's Primary school on Swan Lane. This means that the residents of Ridgeview Road (and those close by) are no longer allocated to St Katerine's Church Hall.</p>
Whetstone	<p><i>The southern most polling district of the new Whetstone ward is unacceptably proportioned. Residents at its western most edge are essentially the entire width of the ward away from their polling place. This polling district entirely fails to adhere to the Electoral Commission's guidance on accessibility, as well as arbitrarily lumping together two geographically distinct neighbourhoods, those being the residents living either side of the High Road and those living between Friern Barnet Lane and Oakleigh Road North.</i></p> <p><i>A solution to this problem would be separate the southern most polling district in the current proposals so as to create two polling districts, one serving the residents around the High Road and the other serving the residents of the roads north of Friern Barnet Lane. The boundary between these polling districts would arise at Myddelton Park, just as it does for the northeast polling district in the current proposals. The polling place for the later of these polling districts would be St Katerine's Greek Orthodox Church, whilst a polling place would need to be identified for the former polling district. A possible venue is St John the Apostle Church, another is St John's Primary School. Such venues would be far more appropriate for the residents of this region of the new Whetstone ward. It may even be advisable, where a new polling district to be included to serve the southwest of the ward, to extend the northern boundary of any such polling district up to Totteridge Lane (with the High Road acting as its eastern boundary) so as to instil a degree of elector balance amongst the various polling districts comprising the new Whetstone ward.</i></p>	Cllr Ammar Naqvi	
Woodhouse	No representations received		N/A