



## Review of Polling Districts and Places 2019

### Background

The Council must conduct a full review of its polling districts, polling places and polling stations by 31 January 2020, and thereafter every five years from 1 October 2018. However, this does not prevent changes being made at any time before the next full review in October 2023.

The last full review was completed in January 2014.

### Definitions

**Polling District** - the geographical area created by sub-dividing an electoral area. All wards within North Hertfordshire are divided into polling districts, which form the basis upon which the register of electors is produced. Although there is no requirement to sub-divide local government electoral wards into polling districts, it is recognised good practice to do so. In addition, and unless there are special circumstances that lead the Council to determine otherwise, each parish must be in a separate polling district.

**Polling Place** - the designated area in which a polling station is located. In the absence of any legal definition, this can be regarded as widely as a polling district or as narrowly as the building in which a polling station is located.

**Polling Station** - the actual area where the process of voting takes place, e.g. a room in a community centre or school.

Please note that during this review, we will not be considering ward boundaries, divisions or parliamentary constituencies.

The Council must comply with the following access requirements and as part of the review:

- Seek to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
- As far as is reasonable and practicable, polling places are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled. When designating a polling place, have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

When conducting the review, North Hertfordshire District Council will use the guidance and resources published by the Electoral Commission:

<https://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/i-am-a/electoral-administrator/polling-place-reviews>

Formal commencement of the review requires the Authority to give notice of the review and the Notice will therefore be published on the Council's website in accordance with the timetable below.



### Review Timetable

Event	Date
Consultation Period	14 August – 16 September 2019
Proposed Changes to be presented to the Area Committees	1-16 October 2019
Republish Register of Electors	1 December 2019

### The Returning Officer's Proposals

The Polling District Schedule showing the existing polling stations, polling places and polling stations for the entire District used by the Returning Officer and any proposals for all forthcoming elections may be found below.

### How to respond:

It is important to consult as widely as possible so any comments on the existing structure or proposed changes would be most welcome. Representations should be sent to Electoral Services, at the address below or emailed to [elections@north-herts.gov.uk](mailto:elections@north-herts.gov.uk) Please mark the subject of your email as '*Polling District Review*'.

You can also write to:

Electoral Services  
North Hertfordshire District Council  
Council Offices, Gernon Road  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 3JF

Please ensure responses are received by **16 September 2019**.

Consultation issued by:

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**Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer and Chief Executive**

Polling Station	Polling District	Ward	Polling Place	Electorate	The Returning Officer's Proposals
Baldock Community Centre, Large / Small Halls, Simpson Drive	AAA	Baldock Town	Baldock Town	1333	No changes proposed.
Tapps Garden Centre, Wallington Road	ABA,ABB	Baldock East	Baldock East	2283	No changes proposed - at present no other more suitable premises - Polling Station has been used for several years.
Westmill Community Centre, Rear of John Barker Place	BAA	Hitchin Oughton	Hitchin Oughton	1749	No changes proposed - need to ensure the large hall used as Polling Station.
Catholic Parish Church Hall, Nightingale Road	BBA,BBD	Hitchin Bearton	Hitchin Bearton	1774	No changes proposed.
Hitchin Rugby Clubhouse, King Georges Recreation Ground,	BBB	Hitchin Bearton	Hitchin Bearton	2293	No changes proposed.
Walsworth Community Centre, 88 Woolgrove Road	BBC	Hitchin Bearton	Hitchin Bearton	700	No changes proposed.
Baptist Church Hall, Upper Tilehouse Street	BCA	Hitchin Priory	Hitchin Priory	2001	No changes proposed.
St Johns Community Centre, St Johns Road	BCB	Hitchin Priory	Hitchin Priory	893	No changes proposed.
Walsworth Community Centre, 88 Woolgrove Road	BDA	Hitchin Walsworth	Hitchin Walsworth	2341	No changes proposed.
New Testament Church of God, Hampden Road/William Road	BDB	Hitchin Walsworth	Hitchin Walsworth	1835	No changes proposed.
St Michaels Community Centre, St Michaels Road	BDC,BDD	Hitchin Walsworth	Hitchin Walsworth	1753	No changes proposed.
Benslow Music Trust- Fieldfares, Benslow Lane	BEA	Hitchin Highbury	Hitchin Highbury	1605	No changes proposed - at present no other more suitable premises - Polling Station has been used for several years.
Whitehill J.M. School, Whitehill Road	BEB	Hitchin Highbury	Hitchin Highbury	1654	No changes proposed.
Grange Youth Centre, Pelican Way	CAA,CAC	Letchworth Grange	Letchworth Grange	1436	At present no other more suitable premises. Community Centre already has 2 polling stations
Grange Community Centre, Middlefields	CAB	Letchworth Grange	Letchworth Grange	2016	No changes proposed.
Clulow Room, St George's Hall, Common View	CBA	Letchworth East	Letchworth East	2097	No changes proposed.
Central Methodist Church Hall, Norton Way South	CBB	Letchworth East	Letchworth East	2212	No changes proposed.
The Annex at Garden City Academy, Garden City Academy, C	CCA,CCF	Letchworth South East	Letchworth South East	1499	No changes proposed.
Jackmans Old Library, Ivel Court	CCB	Letchworth South East	Letchworth South East	1887	No changes proposed.
Lordship Farm JMI School, Howard Drive	CCC,CCE	Letchworth South East	Letchworth South East	1758	No changes proposed - at present no other more suitable premises.
Willian Village Hall, Willian	CCD,CCG	Letchworth South East	Letchworth South East	196	No changes proposed.
St Thomas of Canterbury, Bedford Road	CDA	Letchworth Wilbury	Letchworth Wilbury	1906	No changes proposed.
St Michael's Church Hall, Broadway	CEA, CEC	Letchworth South West	Letchworth South West	2099	No changes proposed.
Lordship Farm JMI School, Howard Drive	CEB	Letchworth South West	Letchworth South West	1864	No changes proposed.
Icknield Walk First School, Poplar Drive	DAA	Royston Meridian	Royston Meridian	2685	No changes proposed - will become a split polling station.
Studlands Rise First School, Studlands Rise	DAB,DAB2	Royston Meridian	Royston Meridian	1413	No changes proposed.
Tannery Drift School Annex, Tannery Drift First School, Tanne	DBA,DBD	Royston Heath	Royston Heath	2576	Alternative venue to be identified - potential new venue Royston Bowls Club.
Market Hill Rooms, Fish Hill	DBB,DBB2,DBC,D	Royston Heath	Royston Heath	1759	No changes proposed.
Coombes Community Centre, Burns Road	DCA,DCC	Royston Palace	Royston Palace	2521	No changes proposed.
Royston Town Hall, Melbourn Street	DCB	Royston Palace	Royston Palace	1762	No changes proposed.
Ashwell Parish Room, Swan Street	FA	Arbury	Parish of Ashwell	1497	No changes proposed.
Sandon Village Hall, Payne End	FAA	Weston and Sandon	Parish of Sandon	418	No changes proposed.
Barkway Village Hall, 4 Cambridge Road	FB1,FB2	Ermine	Parishes of Barkway and Nuthampstead	754	No changes proposed.
Therfield Chapel, Wellhead	FBB	Ermine	Parish of Therfield	419	No changes proposed.
Barley Town House, Church End	FC	Ermine	Parish of Barley	524	No changes proposed.
Wallington Village Hall, The Street	FCC	Weston and Sandon	Paish of Wallington	124	No changes proposed.
The Old Forge, Manor Farm, Church Lane	FD	Arbury	Parish of Bygrave	240	No changes proposed.
Weston Village Hall, Maiden Street	FDD, FDD1, FE	Weston and Sandon	Parishes of Weston and Clothall	916	No changes proposed.
Great Wymondley Village Hall, Great Wymondley	FEEA	Chesfield	The area of Great Wymondley within the Parish of Wymondley	132	No changes proposed.
Wymondley Baptist Church, Stevenage Road	FEEB,FEEC	Chesfield	The areas of Little Wymondley and Todds Green within the Parish of Wymondley	783	No changes proposed.
Peace Memorial Hall, High Street	FFB	Knebworth	The area of Codicote East within the Parish of Codicote	1635	No changes proposed.
Graveley Village Hall, High Street	FGA	Chesfield	Parish of Graveley	349	Need to supply ramp if venue accomodates.

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Great Ashby Community Centre, Whitehorse Lane, Great Ashby	FGB	Chesfield	Parish of Great Ashby ( area within North Hertfordshire )	2047	No changes proposed.
St Faiths Community Centre, Barton Road	FH	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Hexton	96	No changes proposed.
Hinxworth Village Hall, Francis Road	FI	Arbury	Parish of Hinxworth	258	No changes proposed.
Holwell Village Hall, Pirton Road	FJ	Cadwell	Parish of Holwell	321	No changes proposed.
Ickleford Village Hall, 82 Arleseey Road	FK	Cadwell	Parish of Ickleford	1457	No changes proposed.
St Ippolyts Parish Hall, Waterdell Lane	FLA, FLB	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of St.Ippolyts	1652	No changes proposed.
Kelshall Village Hall, Village Green	FM,FM1	Ermine	Parish of Kelshall	136	No changes proposed.
Kimpton Memorial Hall, Hall Lane	FN	Kimpton	Parish of Kimpton	1793	No changes proposed.
Kings Walden Village Hall, Church Road	FOA	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Kings Walden	191	Need to supply ramp if venue accomodates.
Breachwood Green Village Hall, Chapel Road	FOB	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	The area of Breachwood Green within the Parish of Kings Walden	608	No changes proposed.
Knebworth Village Hall, Park Lane	FPA,FPB	Knebworth	Parish of Knebworth	1828	No changes proposed
Wyitch End, Homefield Lane	FQ	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Langley	137	Need to supply ramp if venue accomodates.
Cassel Memorial Hall, West Street	FR	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Lilley	304	No changes proposed
Newnham Village Hall, Ashwell Road	FS1,FS2	Arbury	Parishes of Caldecote and Newnham	65	No changes proposed
Offley Village Hall, Luton Road	FTA	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Offley	820	No changes proposed
Cockernhoe Memorial Hall, Mangrove Road	FTB	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	The area of Cockernhoe within the Parish of Offley	391	No changes proposed
New Fellowship Hall, Bendish lane	FU	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Whitwell	1021	Need to supply ramp if venue accomodates.
Pirton Village Hall, High Street	FV	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Pirton	990	No changes proposed.
Preston Village Hall, School Lane	FW,FW1	Hitchwood, Offa & Hitchin	Parish of Preston	347	No changes proposed.
Radwell Village Hall, Radwell Lane	FX	Arbury	Parish of Radwell	94	Need to supply ramp if venue accomodates.
Reed Village Hall, Blacksmiths Lane	FYA	Ermine	Parish of Reed	233	No changes proposed.
Rushden Village Hall, Rushden	FZ	Weston and Sandon	Parish of Rushden	201	No changes proposed.
Zeo Centre, Hitchin	BEC, BED	Hitchin Highbury	Hitchin Highbury	1176	No changes proposed.