



Gravesham Borough Council

Review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations: Consultation document

September/October 2024



Introduction

Under the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places (Parliamentary Elections) Regulations 2006 and the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, all local authorities are required to review their polling districts, polling places, and polling stations every fifth year. The review period starts in October, and each authority may choose the exact dates and length of their review; however it must fall within a 16 month period. The compulsory review period is from October 2023 to January 2025.

The review requires the council to:

- Seek to ensure that all the electors in the constituency have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- Seek to ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places they are responsible for are accessible to all electors, and when considering the designation of a polling place, must have regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons.

This consultation document contains an assessment of the arrangements for the constituency and the proposals for the polling districts and polling places for the Gravesham constituency.

Commenting on the proposed recommendations

We welcome views from all interested parties including all residents, parish councils and other representative bodies. Anyone making representations should, if relevant, give alternative places that may be used as polling places if it is felt that the suggested sites are not suitable.

Any comments or contributions must be made in writing by **25 October 2024** and may be submitted as follows:

By post: Electoral Services, Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend, Kent. DA12 1AU

By email: elections@gravesham.gov.uk

Process following consultation

Once the consultation process has been completed, all responses will be analysed and where appropriate, the proposed polling districts and polling places updated accordingly.

The proposals will be presented to Full Council in December 2024 for approval and subject to this approval, will be implemented ahead of the next Parliamentary General Election.

Definitions

Polling Districts

A polling district is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a ward for purposes of a council election. Each parish council area (including parish wards) has to be grouped separately, whether that be by a single polling district for the entire area or by multiple districts in one area.



<i>Polling Place</i>	A polling place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer. A polling place within a polling district must be designated so that polling stations are within easy reach of all electors from across the polling district.
<i>Polling Station</i>	A polling station is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. Unlike polling districts and polling places which are fixed by the local authority, polling stations are chosen by the relevant Returning Officer for the election.
<i>Electorate</i>	The number of people within the polling district that are registered to vote. This is broken down into total electorate and the number of postal voters within this total
<i>(Acting) Returning Officer</i>	The (Acting) Returning officer (ARO) is the person who has overall responsibility for the conduct of any elections held within the borough. They are an officer of the council who is appointed under the Representation of the People Act 1983.

How these proposals have been developed

Following the review of the electoral boundaries in 2022, a review of the current polling districts has taken place to assess whether they remain relevant and appropriate for the Gravesham constituency. As part of the review, consideration has also been given to ensuring any changes do not negatively effect the ability of electors to attend the polling station.

All existing stations have been visited within the last four years. A desktop exercise was also undertaken to ensure that any recent accessibility issues and feedback from Presiding Officers and Polling Station Inspectors from previous elections was reviewed.

Draft proposals

Following the recent review in 2022, the council are proposing only one change. The polling station at Wye Road (which is currently a mobile unit) is changed to Trimarco's Hairdresser at The Parade, Valley Drive. Every effort has been made to ensure continuity for electors.

The following pages of the consultation pack provide the details of the proposed polling districts, places and stations listed by ward along with maps to provide a pictorial representation of the proposals set out.



Polling District	Polling Name	Reference	Map	Location	Polling Station Name	Electorate (Including postal voters)	Existing or New	Review
Chalk	Gravesend-Chalk	CH1	Map Link	At or near Chalk Church Hall, Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2NQ	Chalk Church Parish Hall	2,119	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Coldharbour and Perry Street	Northfleet-Coldharbour-Dover Road	CP1	Map Link	At or near Copperfield Academy, Dover Road East, Gravesend, DA11 0RB	Copperfield Academy	2,518	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Coldharbour and Perry Street	Northfleet-Coldharbour-All Saints	CP2	Map Link	At or near All Saints Parish Centre, Perry Street, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 8RD	All Saints Parish Centre	2,670	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Coldharbour and Perry Street	Northfleet-Coldharbour-Shears Green	CP3	Map Link	At or near Shears Green Community Centre, Westcott Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 7HP	Shears Green Community Centre	837	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No change to polling district boundaries.
Denton	Gravesend-Denton-Milton	DT1	Map Link	At or near St Peter and Paul's Church, East Milton Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JL	St Peter and Paul's Church	1,190	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Denton	Gravesend-Denton-Northcourt	DT2	Map Link	At or near City Praise Centre, Base Camp, 7-11 Lower Higham Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2LY	City Praise Centre	897	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Denton	Gravesend-Denton-Denton	DT3	Map Link	At or near Riverside Family Learning Centre, Dickens Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2JY	Riverside Family Learning Centre	1,123	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Higham and Shorne	Higham-Lower Higham	HS1	Map Link	At or near Higham Memorial Hall, School Lane, Higham, Kent, ME3 7JL	Higham Memorial Hall	1,562	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Higham and Shorne	Higham-Gadshill	HS2	Map Link	At or near Merston Court, Hermitage Road, Higham, Kent, ME3 7DE	Merston Court	1,602	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Higham and Shorne	Shorne-Shorne Central	HS3	Map Link	At or near Shorne Village Hall, 16 The Street, Shorne, Kent, DA12 3EA	Shorne Village Hall	1,269	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Higham and Shorne	Shorne-Shorne West	HS4	Map Link	At or near Riverview Library, The Alma, Leander Drive, DA12 4NG	Riverview Library	729	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Istead Rise, Cobham and Luddesdown	Northfleet-Istead Rise	ICL1	Map Link	At or near Istead Rise Community Centre, Worcester Close, Istead Rise, Gravesend, Kent, DA13 9LB	Istead Rise Community Centre,	2,710	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Istead Rise, Cobham and Luddesdown	Cobham-Cobham Village	ICL2	Map Link	At or near Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham, Kent, DA12 3BZ	Meadow Rooms	430	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Istead Rise, Cobham and Luddesdown	Cobham-Sole Street	ICL3	Map Link	At or near St Mary's Church Rooms, Manor Road, Sole Street, Cobham, Kent, DA12 3AX	St Mary's Church Rooms	702	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Istead Rise, Cobham and Luddesdown	Luddesdown	ICL4	Map Link	At or near Meadow Rooms, The Street, Cobham, Kent, DA12 3BZ	Meadow Rooms	167	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham North	Meopham North-Nurstead	MN1	Map Link	At or near Meopham Scout Hall, Judson's Recreation Ground, Hook Green, Wrotham Road, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0HX	Meopham Scout Hall	1,567	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham North	Meopham North-Camer	MN2	Map Link	At or near Chinnery Court, Wrotham Rd, Meopham, Gravesend DA13 0JT	Chinnery Court	688	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham North	Meopham North-Steeles Lane	MN3	Map Link	At or near Meopham Village Hall, Wrotham Rd, Meopham, Gravesend DA13 0AT	Meopham Village Hall	452	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham South	Meopham South-The Street	MS1	Map Link	At or near Meopham Village Hall, Wrotham Rd, Meopham, Gravesend DA13 0AT	Meopham Village Hall	682	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham South	Meopham South-Harvel	MS2	Map Link	At or near Harvel Village Hall, Harvel Street, Harvel, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0DE	Harvel Village Hall	330	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Meopham South	Meopham South-Culverstone	MS3	Map Link	At or near Culverstone Community Centre, Whitepost Lane, Culverstone Green, Meopham, Kent, DA13 0TN	Culverstone Community Centre	1,589	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Meopham South	Meopham South-Vigo	MS4	Map Link	At or near Vigo Village Hall, The Bay, Vigo Village, Kent, DA13 0TD	Vigo Village Hall	1,519	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Northfleet and Springhead	Northfleet-Northfleet Springhead-High Street	NS1	Map Link	At or near The Hive Library, Hive House, 10-11 The Hive, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 9DE	The Hive Library	1,343	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Northfleet and Springhead	Northfleet-Northfleet Springhead-The Hill	NS2	Map Link	At or near Northfleet Veterans Club, The Hill, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 9ES	Northfleet Veterans Club	1,214	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Northfleet and Springhead	Northfleet-Northfleet Springhead-Springhead	NS3	Map Link	At or near Eastgate Centre, 141 Springhead Parkway, Northfleet, Kent. DA11 8AD	Eastgate Centre	1,162	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Northfleet and Springhead	Northfleet-Northfleet Springhead-Hall Road	NS4	Map Link	At or near Cygnet Leisure Centre, Old Perry Street, Northfleet, Kent. DA11 8BU.	Cygnet Leisure Centre	1,553	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Painters Ash	Northfleet-Painters Ash-Deneholm	PA1	Map Link	At or near Methodist Church Hall, Dene Holm Road, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 8LG	Methodist Church Hall	2,473	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Painters Ash	Northfleet-Painters Ash-Nightingale	PA2	Map Link	At or near Nightingale Close Community Room, Nightingale Close, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 8PW	Nightingale Close Community Room	1,729	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Pelham	Gravesend-Pelham-Grange Road	PL1	Map Link	At or near Army Cadet Hall, Grange Road, Gravesend, Kent DA11 0EU	Army Cadet Hall	1,195	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Pelham	Gravesend-Pelham-Wrotham Road	PL2	Map Link	At or near Claremont Place, Claremont Place, 47 Cutmore Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0PS	Claremont Place	1,443	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Pelham	Gravesend-Pelham-St Thomas	PL3	Map Link	At or near St Thomas's Almshouses, Old Road West, Gravesend, Kent. DA11 7LA	St Thomas's Almshouses	1,302	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Riverview	Gravesend-Riverview-Riverview West	RV1	Map Link	At or near Riverview Junior School, Cimba Wood, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4SD	Riverview Junior School	1,331	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Riverview	Gravesend-Riverview-Riverview East	RV2	Map Link	At or near Riverview Junior School, Cimba Wood, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4SD	Riverview Junior School	962	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Riverview	Gravesend-Riverview-Riverview South	RV3	Map Link	At or near Riverview Junior School, Cimba Wood, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4SD	Riverview Junior School	1,671	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Rosherville	Northfleet-Rosherville-St Marks	RS1	Map Link	At or near St Marks Church, 123 London Road, Northfleet, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 9NH	St Marks Church	2,531	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Rosherville	Northfleet-Rosherville-Maritime	RS2	Map Link	At or near St Botolphs School, Dover Road, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 9PL	St Botolphs School	623	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Singlewell	Gravesend-Singlewell-Hawthorne Close	SW1	Map Link	At or near Smile Centre, Ifield School, Cedar Avenue, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5JT	Smile Centre	87	Existing	(Polling district implemented to consider that county electoral division boundary does not run coterminous with ward)
Singlewell	Gravesend-Singlewell-Cedar Avenue	SW2	Map Link	At or near Smile Centre, Ifield School, Cedar Avenue, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5JT	Smile Centre	1,758	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Singlewell	Gravesend-Singlewell-Mackenzie Way	SW3	Map Link	At or near Marling Cross Library, 266 Mackenzie Way, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5TY	Marling Cross Library	2,202	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Town	Gravesend-	TW1	Map	At or near St George's Church	St George's	749	Existing	Existing Polling Station.



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	Town-St George		Link	Hall, Church Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 0DJ	Church Hall			No changes to polling district boundaries.
Town	Gravesend-Town-Wilfred St	TW2	Map Link	At or near Wesley Methodist Hall, 4 Wilfred Street, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2HA	Wesley Methodist Hall	566	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Town	Gravesend-Town-Gordon	TW3	Map Link	At or near Chantry Academy, Ordnance Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 2RL	Chantry Academy	1,585	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Town	Gravesend-Town-Peacock St	TW4	Map Link	At or near Salvation Army Citadel, The Grove, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1DX	Salvation Army Citadel	1,984	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Westcourt	Gravesend-Westcourt-Lorton Close	WC1	Map Link	At or near Westcourt School, Jubilee Crescent, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4JG	Westcourt School Hall	990	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Westcourt	Gravesend-Westcourt-Thong	WC2	Map Link	At or near St Aidans Church, St Gregorys Way, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4AG	St Aidans Church Hall	1,265	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Westcourt	Gravesend-Westcourt-St Aidan	WC3	Map Link	At or near St Aidans Church, St Gregorys Way, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 4AG	St Aidans Church Hall	1,611	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Whitehill and Windmill Hill	Gravesend-Whitehill	WH1	Map Link	At or near Veteran's Club, Clarence Place, Gravesend, Kent,	Veteran's Club	1,083	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling



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	Windmill Hill-Clarence Place			DA12 1LB				district boundaries.
Whitehill and Windmill Hill	Gravesend-Whitehill Windmill Hill-Christchurch	WH2	Map Link	At or near Christchurch, 48 Old Road East, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 1NR	Christchurch	1,696	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Whitehill and Windmill Hill	Gravesend-Whitehill Windmill Hill-Valley Drive	WH3	Map Link	At or near Trimarco's Hair Salon, 6 The Parade, Valley Drive, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5RT	Trimarco's Hair Salon	841	New	Polling station to replace that previously used at Wye Road (mobile unit).
Whitehill and Windmill Hill	Gravesend-Whitehill Windmill Hill-Whitehill Road	WH4	Map Link	At or near Pegasus Court, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5QA	Pegasus Court	2,497	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Whitehill and Windmill Hill	Gravesend-Whitehill Windmill Hill-Elm Road	WH5	Map Link	At or near Pegasus Court, Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5QA	Pegasus Court	38	Existing	(Polling district implemented to consider that county electoral division boundary does not run coterminous with ward)
Woodlands	Gravesend-Woodlands-Woodlands	WL1	Map Link	At or near Dashwood Library, Dashwood Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7LY	Dashwood Library	1,480	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.



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Woodlands	Gravesend-Woodlands-Smarts Road	WL2	Map Link	At or near St Pauls Church, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7RE	St Paul's Church	483	Existing	(Polling district implemented to consider that county electoral division boundary does not run coterminous with ward)
Woodlands	Gravesend-Woodlands-St Pauls	WL3	Map Link	At or near St Pauls Church, Singlewell Road, Gravesend, Kent, DA11 7RE	St Paul's Church	1,738	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Woodlands	Gravesend-Woodlands-Woodlands West	WL4	Map Link	At or near Shears Green Community Centre, Westcott Avenue, Northfleet, Kent, DA11 7HP	Shears Green Community Centre	566	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.
Woodlands	Gravesend-Woodlands-Hever Court	WL5	Map Link	At or near Gerald Miskin Hall, 61 Hever Ct Rd, Gravesend DA12 5EG	Gerald Miskin Hall	1,578	Existing	Existing Polling Station. No changes to polling district boundaries.