



General Purposes Committee
23 February 2010

**Report from the
Democratic Services Manager**

Wards affected:
Dudden Hill, Northwick Park,
Stonebridge, Welsh Harp
Wembley Central

Polling places and stations - Elections 2010

1. Summary

- 1.1 A review of polling districts was reported to the General Purposes Committee on 3 November 2009 where a number of changes to boundaries and polling stations were agreed. This report seeks approval of the polling places to be used for the forthcoming Local Elections due to be held on 6 May 2010 and also the Parliamentary Elections which must take place by 4 June 2010, responding to suggestions made at the November meeting and in the light of changes to premises since that time.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That proposed changes to the polling places as set out in paragraphs 3.2.1 – 3.2.8 be noted and approved;
- 2.2 That the list of polling places for elections held 2010 attached as appendix 1 be agreed;
- 2.3 That authority be delegated to the Democratic Services Manager to make any further changes required to the polling places and stations for these elections, in consultation with the leaders of the three largest political groups on the council.

3. Detail

- 3.1 In November 2009, the General Purposes Committee received a report on the outcome of a review of polling district boundaries to bring them into line with the new parliamentary constituency boundaries that come into effect at the next General Election. At that meeting, members approved the polling places for each polling district in the borough.

3.2 A few places have since been found to not be available for this May and alternative locations are proposed below:

3.2.1 **CWG1: Proposed Polling Place – Learie Constantine Centre, 43-47 Dudden Hill Lane** (replacing St Andrew and St Francis CE Primary School, Belton Road)

In recent years, both Learie Constantine Centre and St Andrew and St Francis Primary have been used as polling stations for former polling districts EWG1 and EWG2 respectively. In November 2009 it was agreed to merge these two districts and to use the school as the polling station for the new district. The school have since advised that building works have made the hall unavailable. On inspection it was found that the classrooms that could be used instead of the hall are not easily accessible, being towards the rear of the school and traversing through the school building or alternatively across the playground. It is proposed that Learie Constantine Centre be the polling place for this district for elections in 2010 as access is directly off the main road and disabled access is in place.

3.2.2 **CDU1: Proposed Polling Place – Hut outside Neasden Library, 277 Neasden Lane** (replacing Neasden Library, 277 Neasden Lane)

Last year for the first time, part of Neasden Library was used in place of a second portacabin outside St Catherine's Memorial Hall on Dudden Hill Lane. While this was satisfactory for European Elections 2009, it is thought that space may not be adequate for the local elections or a General Election should one be called for the same day. The area above the library on the first floor was investigated, however it was found not to have sufficient disabled access as the lift was not suitable for wheelchair users. This is being further investigated however should it not be feasible it is proposed to place a temporary hut outside the library.

3.2.3 **CDU2: Proposed Polling Place – Hut outside St Catherine's Church, Dudden Hill Lane** (replacing Hut outside St Catherine's Memorial Hall)

The car park area outside the Church Hall has been used as a location for a portacabin. However the car park has been resurfaced as a play area and is no longer suitable for a temporary hut. The garden area outside the church adjacent to the hall has been paved and is considered a suitable location for a temporary hut. This is a minor change to the arrangements in 2009.

3.2.4 **NNP1 Proposed Polling Place – Hut in the car park outside Northwick Park Station, Northwick Avenue** (replacing Hut outside 31 Rushout Avenue).

In the absence of an alternative permanent building in Polling District NNP1, a temporary hut has been placed on Rushout Avenue for a number of years. There have always been problems in positioning the hut on this residential road which is part of a bus route and well used, especially in the mornings, causing local buses to be delayed for up to 15 minutes. Around the corner, on Northwick Avenue there is an entrance to Northwick Park Station which

has four parking bays, two of which could be used for the temporary hut for the days required. Negotiations have been taking place with Transport for London and will be reported to the meeting. If successful, it is proposed that this be a permanent change of location.

3.2.5 CST1: Proposed Polling Place – The Children Centre (formerly St Raphael’s Community Centre), Rainborough Close (replacing Children Centre, 160 Pitfield Way)

St Raphael’s Community Centre has been used as a polling place for a number of years. Legal action prevented its use in 2009 and voting took place at the Children Centre located on Pitfield Way. This has now been concluded and the premises are due to come under council management following the completion of the refurbishment. It is proposed to revert to the use of the premises on Rainborough Close.

3.2.7 CWH2: Proposed Polling Place - Fryent Primary School, Church Lane

At the General Purposes Committee in November 2009 it was suggested that consideration be given to using Kingsbury Town Football Club, Townsend Lane as an alternative to Fryent School which is also used as a polling place for Polling District NFR6. The football club is at the north eastern end of the polling district but in inspection is considered to be inconvenient to voters as there is some distance from the road to pavilion. Additionally both pedestrians and drivers would have to share the relatively narrow path across the park. In the circumstances it is recommended that Fryent School be retained as the polling place for polling district CWH2. To avoid possible confusion, clear sign posting will be put in place to direct voters to the correct polling station.

3.2.8 NWC1: Proposed Polling Place – Copland Community School, Cecil Avenue

At the General Purposes Committee in November 2009 members requested that an alternative location to Copland Community school be considered in view of its remoteness from voters in this district. This has previously been looked at and the only premises in the vicinity is Park Lane Primary School, access to which requires a walk down either several stairs or along a sloped path through the park. There is no adequate access to these premises for people with disabilities. It is therefore proposed to retain Copland Community School as the polling place for this area.

3.3 In each case, where a change is made, in addition to the normal poll card, a letter will be sent to every elector in the polling district advising of the change of location.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 The costs of local elections have to be met by the council while the General Election is funded by the government. In the event of the elections being on the same day, costs will be shared. The Returning Officer can only reimburse council premises such as schools for incurred costs such as heating and lighting. A rental fee will have to be paid to non-council premises.

5.0 Legal Implications

5.1 The Representation of the People Act 1983 requires the council to divide every parliamentary constituency or part thereof within its area into polling districts and that these be kept under review. The council must also ensure that all electors are given such reasonable facilities for voting as may be reasonable in the circumstances.

6.0 Diversity and Inclusion Implications

6.1 The purpose of this report is to ensure that suitable arrangements are made for all electors to vote without impediment.

7.0 Staffing/Accommodation Implications

7.1 None arising from this report.

8.0 Environmental Implications

8.1 None arising from this report.

Background Papers

- Report from the Democratic Services Manager to the General Purposes Committee – 3 November 2009
- Representation of the People Act 1983
- Correspondence from ward councillors

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Appendix 1

Polling District	Polling Place
	Dollis Hill Ward
CDO1	Braintcroft School, Warren Road, NW2 7LL
CDO2	John Kelly Girls High School, Crest Road, NW2 7SN
CDO3	Our Lady of Grace RC Junior School, Dollis Hill Lane, NW2 6HS
CDO4	Our Lady of Grace R C School (Infants & Nursery), Dollis Hill Avenue, NW2 6EU
	Dudden Hill Ward
CDU1	<i>Hut outside Neasden Library, 277 Neasden Lane, NW10 1QJ</i>
CDU2	<i>Hut outside St Catherine's Church, Dudden Hill Lane, NW10 2TS</i>
CDU3	Northview School, Northview Crescent, NW10 1RD
CDU4	Gladstone Park School, Sherrick Green Road, NW10 1LB
CDU5	Hut outside St Mary's Willesden Parish Church, Neasden Lane, NW10
CDU6	Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk, Station Parade, NW2 4PU
	Harlesden Ward
CHA1	Church End & Roundwood Unity Centre, 103 Church Road, NW10 9EG
CHA2	Leopold Primary School, Hawkshead Road, NW10 9UR
CHA3	St Joseph's RC Primary School, Goodson Road, NW10 9LS
CHA4	St Matthews Hall, St Mary's Road NW10 4UA
CHA5	Harlesden Primary School, 101/119 Acton Lane, NW10 8UT
	Kensal Green Ward
CKG1	John Keble CE Primary School, Crownhill Road entrance, NW10 4DR
CKG2	Cardinal Hinsley High School, Harlesden Road, NW10 3RN
CKG3	All Souls' Church Hall, Station Road, NW10 4UJ
CKG4	Furness Primary School, Furness Road, NW10 5YT
CKG5	St Mark's Church Hall, All Souls Avenue, NW10 5HX
CKG6	Harlesden Assembly, 29-31 Purves Road, NW10 5TG
	Mapesbury Ward
CMA1	Mora Primary School, Mora Road, NW2 6TD
CMA2	Anson Primary School, Anson Road, NW2 4AB
CMA3	Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk, Station Parade, NW2 4PU
CMA4	St Gabriels Hall, Chichele Road (near Anson Road, NW2)
CMA5	Community Centre, Watling Gardens, Shoot-Up-Hill, NW2 3UB
	Stonebridge Ward
CST1	<i>Children's Centre, Rainborough Close, Pitfield Way, NW10</i>
CST2	Mitchell Brook School, Bridge Road, NW10 9BX
CST3	Centre for Staff Development, Gwenneth Rickus Building, Brentfield Road, NW10 8HE
CST4	Brentfield Primary School, 41-43 Meadow Garth, NW10 0SL
CST5	Bridge Park Community Leisure Centre, Brentfield, NW10 0RG

CST6	Stonebridge Primary School, (Shakespeare Avenue Entrance) NW10 8NG
	Tokyngham Ward
CTO1	Hut outside Manager's Office, Danes and Empire Courts, North End Road, Wembley HA9
CTO2	St Joseph's Social Club, Empire Way, Wembley HA9 0RJ
CTO3	Oakington Manor Primary School, Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley HA9 6NP
CTO4	St Michael's Church Hall, Babington Rise, Wembley HA9 6SN
CTO5	Elsley Primary School, Tokyngham Avenue, Wembley HA9 6HT
	Welsh Harp Ward
CWH1	Hut between 21 and 23 Mallard Way at junction with Alington Crescent, NW9 8JP
CWH2	Fryent Primary School, Church Lane NW9 8JD
CWH3	St Andrew's New Church Hall, Old Church Lane, NW9 8TG
CWH4	Wykeham Primary School, Aboyne Road, NW10 0EX
CWH5	St Margaret Clitherow RC JM & I School, Quainton Street, NW10 0BG
CWH6	Hut on Crispian Close Car park, off Neasden Lane, NW10
CWH7	Woodfield School, Room 9, Glenwood Avenue, NW9 7LY
	Willesden Green Ward
CWG1	<i>Learie Constantine Centre, 43-47 Dudden Hill Lane, NW10 2ET</i>
CWG2	St Mary Magdalen's RC JM School, Linacre Road, NW2 5BB
CWG3	Kings Hall, 155 Harlesden Road NW10 2BS
	Alperton Ward
NAL1	Lyon Park Infants School, Vincent Road, Wembley HA0 4HH
NAL2	Alperton Baptist Church Hall, Between 155-157 Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BY
NAL3	Alperton Community School (Annexe), Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4PW
NAL4	Abbey Estate Community Centre, Queensbury Road, Alperton HA0 1NL
	Barnhill Ward
NBA1	Preston & Mall Youth & Community Centre, The Mall, Kenton (near Arnold Close) HA3 9TX
NBA2	Harrow and Wembley Progressive, Synagogue Hall, 326 Preston Road, Wembley
NBA3	The Parish Hall, Church of The Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley HA9 9QL
NBA4	Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley HA9 9HD
NBA5	Chalkhill Primary School, Barnhill Road, Wembley HA9 9YP
NBA6	English Martyrs Church Hall, Chalkhill Road, Wembley HA9 9EW
	Fryent Ward
NFR1	Father O'Callaghan Centre, Hay Lane, NW9 0NG
NFR2	Holy Innocents Church Hall, Bacon Lane, NW9 0AY
NFR3	Hut outside Pizza Hut, 497 Kingsbury Road, NW9 9ED
NFR4	St Robert Southwell School, Slough Lane, NW9 8YD
NFR5	Hut outside 205-209 Edgware Road NW9 6LP
NFR6	Fryent Primary School, Church Lane, NW9 8JD
NFR7	Oliver Goldsmith Primary School, Coniston Gardens, NW9 0BD

	Kenton Ward
NKE1	Lindsay Park Baptist Church Hall, The Mall, Kenton HA3 9TG
NKE2	Claremont High School, 6 th Form Common Room, (access via Greenway), Kenton HA3 0UH
NKE3	Uxendon Manor Primary School, (Dining Hall), Vista Way, Kenton HA3 0UX
NKE4	St John's United Reformed Church Hall, Woodcock Hill, Kenton
NKE5	Mount Stewart Junior School, Mount Stewart Avenue, Kenton HA3 0JX
	Northwick Park Ward
NNP1	<i>Hut in car park outside Northwick Park Station, Northwick Avenue (or Hut opposite nos 29-31 Rushout Avenue, Kenton HA3 0AS)</i>
NNP2	St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Junction of Carlton Avenue West and Watford Road HA0 3QY
NNP3	Byron Court Primary School, Spencer Road, Wembley HA0 3SP
NNP4	Wembley Technical College, East Lane, Wembley HA0 3NT
NNP5	St George's Church Hall, St Andrew's Avenue, Wembley HA0 2QD
NPR1	Preston Ward
	Preston Park Primary School, College Road, Wembley HA9 8RJ
NPR2	Huts on Pellatt Road, off Preston Road, Wembley HA9
NPR3	Preston Manor High School, Carlton Avenue East, Wembley HA9 8NA
NPR4	Wembley Manor Junior School, East Lane, Wembley HA9 7NW
	Queensbury Ward
NQY1	Queensbury Methodist Church Building, Beverley Drive, Edgware HA8 5ND
NQY2	Hut adjacent to Mecca Club, Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware HA8 5LD
NQY3	White Cross Hall, St. John Ambulance Building, corner of Winchester & Princes Avenues, NW9
NQY4	Hut Outside One Stop Shop, 522-524 Kingsbury Road, NW9 9HE
NQY5	Roe Green Primary School, Princes Avenue, NW9 9LJ
NQY6	Grove Park School, Grove Park NW9 0JY
	Sudbury Ward
NSU1	Sudbury Methodist Church Hall, Harrow Road, Wembley HA0 2LP
NSU2	LNER Sports & Social Club, Maybank Avenue, Wembley HA0 2TE
NSU3	Sudbury Baptist Church Hall, Station Approach Entrance, Wembley HA0 2LD
NSU4	Sudbury Primary School, Watford Road HA0 3EY
NSU5	St John's Evangelist Church Hall, Crawford Avenue, Wembley HA0 2AF
	Wembley Central Ward
NWC1	Copland Community School, Cecil Avenue, Wembley HA9 7DU
NWC2	Huts at Ealing Road Library, Coronet Parade, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BR
NWC3	Barham Primary School, Danethorpe Road, Wembley HA0 4RQ
NWC4	Methodist Church Hall, Ealing Road, Wembley HA0 4BN
NWC5	Copland Community School, Cecil Avenue, Wembley HA9 7DU
	Brondesbury Park Ward
HBP1	Willesden Green Library, 95 High Road, NW10 2SF
HBP2	Stember Hall Scouts Hut, Leighton Gardens, NW10 3PR

HBP3	Queens Park Community School, Aylestone Avenue entrance NW6 7BQ
HBP4	North West London Jewish School, 180 Willesden Lane, NW6 7PP
HBP5	Community Centre, Landau House, Christchurch Avenue entrance NW6 4BQ
	Kilburn Ward
HKi1	Christchurch (Brondesbury) C of E School, Willesden Lane, NW6 7TE
HKi2	College of North West London Staff Development Suite, Glengall Road entrance, NW6
HKi3	Kilburn Square Housing Co-Operative, Kilburn Square Tower, NW6
HKi4	The OK Club, Neville Close NW6 5BT
HKi5	Marian Community Centre, (entrance off Cambridge Road), NW6 5RS
	Queens Park Ward
HQP1	Manor Special School, Okehampton Road, NW10 3NT
HQP2	Princess Frederica C of E Primary School, College Road, NW10 5TP
HQP3	Kensal Rise Primary School, Harvist Road, NW6 6HJ
HQP4	Salisbury Primary School, Salisbury Road, NW6 6RG
HQP5	Moberly Sports & Education Centre, Kilburn Lane, W10 4AH