

LONDON BOROUGH OF BRENT

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE – 18 MARCH 2004

REPORT FROM THE DEMOCRATIC SERVICES MANAGER

FOR ACTION

NAME OF WARDS
Mapesbury, Sudbury,

European and Greater London Authority Elections - Polling Places and Stations

1. SUMMARY

This report proposes some changes to polling places in the Borough for the forthcoming Elections in the light of experience from the elections in 2002 and the Parliamentary By-Election in 2003. The ward boundary review and a major review of polling district boundaries came into effect in May 2002. In September 2002 a number of changes to polling district boundaries were agreed as a result of the parliamentary boundary review to ensure that polling districts did not cross constituency boundaries. It is the intention that another polling district boundary review be undertaken in September 2004 so that any changes can be made before the new electoral register is published on 1st December 2004.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) that the attached list of polling stations be approved for the European and Greater London Authority Elections to be held on 10th June 2004;
- (ii) that a letter be sent to every household affected by a polling station change giving details of their polling station;
- (iii) that, in the event of any unforeseen changes between the date of this meeting and the June Elections, authority be delegated to the Returning Officer to designate polling places; in consultation with Leaders of the three political groups.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of hiring premises for polling stations in these Elections is fully met by the Greater London Authority and Central Government.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None specific.

5. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

None specific.

6. DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

In order to be sympathetic to the diversity of religious beliefs of voters, efforts are made to avoid, wherever possible, polling taking place in rooms with obvious religious significance. All polling places will have proper disabled access both at the entrance and inside the station.

7. DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The attached list proposes the polling places to be used in the forthcoming elections and new polling places are emboldened. Consultation on district boundaries took place in Autumn 2001 and the majority of polling places were identified at that time either by officers, through area consultative forums or by interested parties. Following comments received after the elections in 2002 and 2003, some changes have been considered and details of these are set out below with any comments received to date. Further consultation is being undertaken at present and any other feedback received will be reported at the meeting.

Following the Brent East By Election comments were received regarding facilities at some polling stations and these will be addressed for the elections:

Queens Park Community School – the poll cards will state that the entrance is on Aylestone Avenue.

Braintcroft School – discussions will take place with the school regarding lighting the Crest Road entrance.

(a) Sudbury Ward

Polling District NSU4 - Proposed Polling Place – former WASPS Football Club

Polling District SSU6 - Proposed Polling Place – Barham Primary School

Previously there was a large district straddling the Brent North and Brent South constituency boundary to the north and south of the Harrow Road. Electors in that district voted at Barham Library in the 2002 Elections. In August 2002 it was agreed to amend the polling district boundaries so that no district straddled two parliamentary boundaries and consequently there are now two districts. Opening hours have changed and Barham Park Library is now open on a Thursday and therefore is no longer available without causing inconvenience. It is proposed that electors in the Brent North district of NSU4 vote at the former WASPS Football Club. The premises are no longer owned by WASPS but the new

owners have agreed to the premises being used. The up to date position will be reported to the meeting. (see MAP – appendix 2a).

For Polling District SSU6 in Brent South it is proposed to use Barham School as a polling place. There are two entrances, the main one on Danethorpe Road, and one on Chaplin Road and is also worth noting that there is a footpath linking Farm Avenue and Holland Road. The school is also used for district SWC3 (Wembley Central) and a clear separation will be maintained (see MAP – appendix 2b).

RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that, the former WASPS football ground pavilion be used as a polling station for District NSU4;
- (ii) that Barham School be used as a polling station for Polling District SSU6.

(b) **Mapesbury Ward**
Polling District EMA2: Proposed Polling Place – Anson Primary School, Anson Road

A Ward Councillor has suggested a return to the use of Cricklewood Baptist Church, on Sneyd Road as it is more central to the new district than Anson Primary School. The original hall was last used in the 2000 Elections but since then the original church building has been converted to residential accommodation. What was formerly the church hall has been developed as a combined-use facility and is used for worship. The church hall was once known as Daisley Hall but this is no longer the case. The Church Minister has indicated that she would be willing for the main hall to be used for voting. However, I would not recommend this option as it is obviously a place of worship. There is another hall to the rear with a separate side entrance that would be more suitable but space would be limited for the two stations required.

In contrast, while the school is not central to the district, it is prominent on the main road. The school have agreed to their premises being used and voters have become used to going to the school.
(see MAP – appendix 2c).

RECOMMENDED:

that Anson Primary School be retained as a polling station for District EMA2

A draft copy of this report has been sent to the ward councillors for Sudbury and Mapesbury. Any comments received will be reported to the meeting.

7.2 **Disabled Access**

Before the 1998 elections, the Council undertook a comprehensive review of polling places to ensure that when identifying new stations previous knowledge and best practice relating to disabled access was used. The Chair and Lead Officer for the Disabilities and Mental Health User Consultative Forum have been sent a copy of this report.

7.3 **Notification to Electors**

As for last year, a map detailing the location of the relevant polling stations will be included on poll cards and these will again be in large, clear print.

8. **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- Polls Apart 3 – Campaigning for Accessible Democracy
- Correspondence from Ward Councillors

Anyone wishing further information should contact Anne Reid, Democratic Services, Room 106 Brent Town Hall, Tel 020 8937 1359.

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APPENDIX 1

Polling District	Polling Place
SAL1	<p><u>Alperton Ward</u> Lyon Park Infants School Vincent Road, Wembley</p>
SAL2	Alperton Baptist Church Hall Between 155-157 Ealing Road, Wembley
SAL3	Alperton Community School (Annexe) Ealing Road, Wembley
SAL4	Abbey Estate Community Centre Queensbury Road, Alperton
SAL5	Middlesex House Recreation Hall, Ealing Road (near Junction with Bridgewater Road), Alperton
NBA1	<p><u>Barnhill Ward</u> Preston & Mall Youth & Community Centre, The Mall, Kenton (near Arnold Close)</p>
NBA2	Harrow and Wembley Progressive Synagogue Hall, 326 Preston Road, Wembley
NBA3	The Parish Hall, Church of The Ascension, The Avenue, Wembley
NBA4	Brent Town Hall Forty Lane, Wembley
SBA5	Chalkhill Primary School Barnhill Road, Wembley
SBA6	English Martyrs Church Hall Chalkhill Road, Wembley
EBP1	<p><u>Brondesbury Park Ward</u> Studio 95, Willesden Green Library, (entrance via Car Park off Brondesbury Park), NW2</p>
EBP2	Stember Hall Scouts Hut, Leighton Gardens, NW10
EBP3	Queens Park Community School, Aylestone Avenue entrance NW6
EBP4	Malorees Infant School, Christchurch Avenue, NW6
EBP5	North West London Jewish School, 180 Willesden Lane, NW6
EBP6	Community Centre, Landau House, Christchurch Avenue entrance, NW6
EDO1	<p><u>Dollis Hill Ward</u> Braintcroft School, Warren Road, NW2</p>
EDO2	John Kelly Girls High School, Crest Road, NW2

EDO3	Our Lady of Grace RC Junior School, Dollis Hill Lane, NW2
EDO4	Our Lady of Grace R C School (Infants & Nursery) Dollis Hill Avenue, NW2
	<u>Dudden Hill Ward</u>
EDU1	St Catherine's Memorial Hall Dudden Hill Lane, NW10
EDU2	St Catherine's Memorial Hall Dudden Hill Lane, NW10
EDU3	Northview School Northview Crescent, NW10
EDU4	Gladstone Park School Sherrick Green Road, NW10
EDU5	Hut in Car Park, St Mary's Willesden Parish Church Centre, Neasden Lane, NW10
	<u>Fryent Ward</u>
NFR1	Father O'Callaghan Centre Hay Lane, NW9
NFR2	Holy Innocents Church Hall Bacon Lane, NW9
NFR3	Hut outside Pizza Hut, 497 Kingsbury Road, NW9
NFR4	St Robert Southwell School Slough Lane, NW9
NFR5	Oliver Goldsmith Primary School Coniston Gardens, NW9
NFR6	Fryent Primary School, Church Lane, NW9
NFR7	Fryent Primary School Church Lane, NW9
	<u>Harlesden Ward</u>
SHA1	St Mary's C of E J M & I School Garnet Road, NW10
SHA2	Leopold Primary School Hawkshead Road, NW10
SHA3	St Joseph's RC Primary School Goodson Road, NW10
SHA4	St Matthews Hall, St Mary's Road NW10
SHA5	Harlesden Primary School 101/119 Acton Lane, NW10
	<u>Kensal Green Ward</u>
SKG1	John Keble CE Primary School, Crownhill Road entrance, NW10
SKG2	Cardinal Hinsley High School, Harlesden Road, NW10
SKG3	All Souls' Church Hall, Station Road, NW10

SKG4	Furness Primary School, Furness Road, NW10
SKG5	St Mark's Church Hall, All Souls Avenue, NW10
SKG6	Spring Hall, Willesden District Scout Council, Greyhound Road, NW10
EKG7	Stember Hall Scouts Hut, Leighton Gardens, NW10
EKG8	Stember Hall Scouts Hut, Leighton Gardens, NW10
	<u>Kenton Ward</u>
NKE1	Lindsay Park Baptist Church Hall, The Mall, Kenton
NKE2	Claremont High School 6 th Form Common Room, (access via Greenway), Kenton
NKE3	Uxendon Manor Primary School (Dining Hall), Vista Way, Kenton
NKE4	St John's United Reformed Church Hall, Woodcock Hill, Kenton
NKE5	St Johns United Reformed Church Hall, Woodcock Hill, Kenton
NKE6	Mount Stewart Junior School Mount Stewart Avenue, Kenton
	<u>Kilburn Ward</u>
EKi1	Christchurch (Brondesbury) C of E School, Willesden Lane, NW6
EKi2	College of North West London Staff Development Suite, Glengall Road entrance, NW6
EKi3	Kilburn Square Housing Co-Operative, Kilburn Square Tower, NW6
EKi4	Salvation Army Goodwill Centre Chichester Road, NW6
Eki5	Oxford/Kilburn Club Neville Close, NW6
Eki6	Salvation Army Goodwill Centre Chichester Road, NW6
EKi7	Marian Community Centre (entrance off Cambridge Road), NW6
	<u>Mapesbury Ward</u>
EMA1	Mora Primary School Mora Road, NW2
EMA2	Anson Primary School Anson Road, NW2
EMA3	Pakistan Community Centre, Marley Walk, Station Parade, NW2
EMA4	St Gabriels Hall Chichele Road (near Anson Road, NW2)

EMA5	Community Centre, Watling Gardens, Shoot-Up-Hill, NW2
	<u>Northwick Park Ward</u>
NNP1	Hut opposite nos 29-31 Rushout Avenue, Kenton
NNP2	Northwick Park & St Marks NHS Trust Social Club, Northwick Park Hospital, Watford Road, Harrow
NNP3	Byron Court Primary School Spencer Road, Wembley
NNP4	St Cuthbert's Church Hall Junction of Carlton Avenue West and Watford Road
NNP5	Wembley High School East Lane, Wembley
NNP6	St George's Church Hall St Andrew's Avenue, Wembley
	<u>Preston Ward</u>
NPR1	Preston Park Primary School College Road, Wembley
NPR2	Hut on Pellatt Road, off Preston Road, Wembley
NPR3	Preston Manor High School, Carlton Avenue East, Wembley
NPR4	Wembley Manor Junior School East Lane, Wembley
NPR5	Wembley Manor Infants School, East Lane, Wembley
	<u>Queensbury Ward</u>
NQY1	Queensbury Methodist Church Building, Beverley Drive, Edgware
NQY2	Hut adjacent to Mecca Club, Burnt Oak Broadway, Edgware
NQY3	White Cross Hall, St. John Ambulance Building, corner of Winchester & Princes Avenues, NW9
NQY4	Hut Outside HSBC, 544-550 Kingsbury Road, NW9
NQY5	Roe Green Primary School, Princes Avenue, NW9
NQY6	Grove Park School, Grove Park NW9
	<u>Queens Park Ward</u>
EQP1	Manor Special School Okehampton Road, NW10
SQP2	Princess Frederica C of E Primary School, College Road, NW10
EQP3	Kensal Rise Primary School, Harvist Road, NW6
EQP4	Community Hall, Mapes House, Winchester Avenue, NW6
EQP5	Salisbury Primary School, Salisbury Road, NW6

SQP6	Moberly Sports & Education Centre, Kilburn Lane, W10
EQP7	Kensal Rise Primary School, Harvist Road, NW6
	<u>Stonebridge Ward</u>
SST1	St Raphael's Youth & Community Centre Rainborough Close, NW10
SST2	Mitchell Brook School Bridge Road, NW10
SST3	Centre for Staff Development - Gwenneth Rickus Building, Brentfield Road, NW10
SST4	Brentfield Primary School 41-43 Meadow Garth, NW10
SST5	Our Lady of Lourdes RC JM & I School, Wesley Road, NW10
SST6	Stonebridge Primary School (Shakespeare Avenue Entrance) NW10
	<u>Sudbury Ward</u>
NSU1	Sudbury Methodist Church Hall, Harrow Road, Wembley
NSU2	LNER Sports & Social Club, Maybank Avenue, Wembley
SSU3	Sudbury Baptist Church Hall, Station Approach Entrance, Wembley
NSU4	<i>Wasps Football Club Repton Avenue</i>
NSU5	St John's Evangelist Church Hall Crawford Avenue, Wembley
SSU6	<i>Barham Primary School Danethorpe Road, Wembley</i>
SSU7	St John's Evangelist Church Hall Crawford Avenue, Wembley
	<u>Tokynngton Ward</u>
STO1	Hut outside Manager's Office, Danes and Empire Courts North End Road, Wembley
STO2	St Joseph's Social Club Empire Way, Wembley
STO3	Oakington Manor Primary School Oakington Manor Drive, Wembley
STO4	St Michael's Church Hall Babington Rise, Wembley
STO5	Eisley Primary School Tokynngton Avenue, Wembley
NTO6	St Joseph's Social Club Empire Way, Wembley

	<u>Welsh Harp Ward</u>
NWH1	Hut between 21 and 23 Mallard Way at junction with Alington Crescent, NW9
NWH2	Woodfield School (Room 9) Glenwood Avenue, NW9
SWH3	St Andrew's New Church Hall, Old Church Lane, NW9
EWH4	Wykeham Primary School Aboyne Road, NW10
EWH5	St Margaret Clitherow RC JM & I School, Quainton Street, NW10
EWH6	Hut on Crispian Close Car park, off Neasden Lane, NW10
	<u>Wembley Central Ward</u>
NWC1	Copland Community School, Cecil Avenue, Wembley
SWC2	Royal British Legion Hall, Union Road, Wembley
SWC3	Barham Primary School, Danethorpe Road, Wembley
SWC4	Methodist Church Hall, Ealing Road, Wembley
SWC5	Copland Community School, Cecil Avenue, Wembley
	<u>Willesden Green Ward</u>
EWG1	Learie Constantine Centre 43-47 Dudden Hill Lane, NW10
EWG2	St Andrews and St Francis CE Primary School, Belton Road, NW2
EWG3	St Mary Magdalen's RC JM School, Linacre Road, NW2
EWG4	Convent of Jesus and Mary RC School Park Avenue, NW2
EWG5	St Andrew's Church Hall High Road, NW10
SWG6	Donnington Primary School Uffington Road, NW10
EWG7	Studio 95, Willesden Green Library, (entrance via Car Park off Brondesbury Park), NW2