

Boundaries Panel

Thursday 9 February 2016 at 6 pm

PRESENT: Councillors McCartan (chair), Ball, Sabiers, Shaw and Young.

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Mason.

2. Matters to be Considered in Private

There were none.

3. Urgent Matters

There were none.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were none.

5. Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the last meeting of the Boundaries Panel held on 5 March 2015 be agreed as a true and correct record.

6. Polling Place Changes – Greater London Authority Elections – 5 May 2015

The Panel considered the proposals for alternative locations for polling places in polling districts AHA, CDA, JE, KA, KB, MB, MF, QF, UB and WA.

Resolved:

- i) That the amendments to the locations for polling stations, as set out in the attached appendix A, be agreed as follows:
- ii) That the agreed changes be implemented from 5 May 2016.
- iii) That the agreed changes to polling stations are indicated on the relevant electors' poll cards from 21 March 2016.
- iv) That the arrangements approved for AHA, KA, MB, QF and UB apply to the GLA election on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016. Alternative locations would be investigated for future elections and recommendations would be brought to the Boundaries Panel for consideration.
- v) That the arrangements approved for JE, KB, MF and WA apply to all future parliamentary, European, GLA, local elections and referenda on or after 5 May 2016.
- vi) The Panel delegated authority to the Head of Elections to determine whether the grassy area to the eastern side of Beaconsfield Road was a suitable alternative location for the temporary polling place CDA for the GLA election on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016 (arising from a suggestion from Cllr Malcolm).
- vii) If the grassy area to the eastern side of Beaconsfield Road was not deemed suitable then the Panel agreed that the temporary polling place should be located on Cleveland Road, London W4, as recommended in the report, and used as a polling place for CDA for the GLA election on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016.

- x) That signage be placed at previous polling stations directing electors to the new polling station locations.
- xi) That consideration be given to undertaking a full polling district review in 2017.

Reason for Decision and Options Considered

The polling place changes are recommended as a matter of urgency in order to facilitate the forthcoming GLA Elections 5 May 2016, and any European Union Referendum to be held in 2016, for the reasons set out in the Appendix attached.

Councillor McCartan (Chair)

The meeting ended at 6:35pm

APPENDIX – POLLING PLACE CHANGES

PD	WARD	EXISTING POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE	COMMENTS
AHA	East Acton	Syrian Orthodox Church Hall 7-11 Armstrong Road London W3 7JL	King Fahad Academy Bromyard Avenue London W3 7 HD	<p>The existing polling place is unavailable because of refurbishment issues associated with the premises next door, which are owned by the church (former Centre for Deaf People).</p> <p>The proposed polling place is in polling district AFA but on the border with AHA. The polling station is segregated from the main academy and their staff will be present to ensure that there is no contact between children and voters during school hours. The academy is very keen to serve the community and is providing their staff and excellent polling facilities free of charge. It is recommended for the GLA election in May or any possible European Union referendum held in 2016 - RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Also investigated were:</p> <p>Virgin Active Health Club on Bromyard Avenue in polling district AFA – no suitable polling area available here – NOT RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Shepherds Bush Cricket Club on Bromyard Avenue, in polling district AFA – this had multiple trip hazards on premises en-route to entrance hall – NOT RECOMMENDED</p>

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CDA	Southfield	Carlton Day Centre 8-10 Carlton Road London W4 5DY	<p>Temporary Polling Place grassy area to the eastern side of Beaconsfield Road, London W4</p> <p>or</p> <p>Temporary Polling Place Cleveland Road, London W4</p>	<p>The existing polling place is closed down, scheduled to be sold, not available.</p> <p>No other suitable fixed premises can be found in this polling district.</p> <p>Therefore the proposed polling place is the former polling place for this polling district and is recommended for all future elections and referenda – RECOMMENDED</p> <p><u>At the meeting</u> the alternative location of Beaconsfield Road was suggested.</p> <p>The Panel delegated authority to the Head of Elections to determine whether the grassy area to the eastern side of Beaconsfield Road was a suitable alternative location for the temporary polling place CDA for the GLA election on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016 (arising from a suggestion from Cllr Malcolm).</p> <p>If the grassy area to the eastern side of Beaconsfield Road was not deemed suitable then the Panel agreed that the temporary polling place should be located on Cleveland Road, London W4, as recommended in the report, and used as a polling place for CDA for the GLA election on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016.</p>
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JE	Perivale	Perivale Primary School Federal Road Greenford UB6 7AP	St Nicholas Church Federal Road Greenford UB6 7AP	The church is the usual polling place for this polling district. The school was used temporarily while the church was being redeveloped. The redevelopment works are now complete. It has excellent polling facilities and it is proposed to revert to it for all future elections and referenda - RECOMMENDED
KA	Cleveland	Ealing Liberal Synagogue Lynton Avenue London W13 0EB	Ealing Liberal Synagogue Lynton Avenue London W13 0EB	<p>The former polling place for this polling district (St Lukes Hall) remains unavailable due to ongoing redevelopment plans for the building.</p> <p>For the 2015 Parliamentary Elections this panel approved use of the synagogue for one election only, the synagogue is also the polling place for polling district KC.</p> <p>Further investigatory work to find an alternative fixed site in the polling district of KA has failed to identify any other suitable alternatives.</p> <p>The following two sites were investigated:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Aya Samaj Hindu Temple, 69 Argyle Road London, W13 0LY. This has good polling facilities, but management declined the hire – NOT RECOMMENDED 2. West Middlesex Lawn Tennis Club, 6 Berners Drive, London, W13 0JS. Unsuitable premises due to size and significant DDA compliance issues – NOT RECOMMENDED 3. Drayton Green Primary School. Suitable premises but discounted by this panel due to the disruption to pupils. School would have to be closed if used – NOT RECOMMENDED

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				Therefore the recommendation to this panel is to continue use of the synagogue for the GLA election in May and any possible European Union referendum held in 2016. However as the polling place is not located in KC it is also recommended that finding an alternative site is kept under review - RECOMMENDED
KB	Cleveland	Hathaway Primary School Hathaway Gardens London W13 0DH	Thames Valley University Sports Pavilion Argyle Road London W13 8EL	<p>The Sports Pavilion was the usual polling place for this polling district. It was vandalised a number of years ago and became unavailable.</p> <p>In its place the polling station was moved to the school.</p> <p>The Sports Pavilion is now operational and has good polling facilities. Therefore it is proposed to revert to the pavilion for all future elections and referenda - RECOMMENDED</p>
MB	Greenford Green	Greenford Community Centre 170 Oldfield Lane South Greenford UB6 9JS	Royal British Legion Club 182 Oldfield Lane South Greenford UB6 9JS	<p>The management of the community centre cannot agree to the booking of this venue as they are unsure on its future. There are reports that the community centre may close in April.</p> <p>Therefore it is proposed to move the polling station to the Royal British Legion Club for the GLA election and any possible European Union referendum in 2016. It has good polling facilities and is very near the existing polling place - RECOMMENDED</p>
MF	Greenford Green	St John Ambulance HQ Adj 545 Oldfield Lane North Greenford	Greenford Gospel Church 439 Oldfield Lane North Greenford	The existing polling place is being sold and therefore unavailable.

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			UB6 0BB	<p>The proposed polling place has good polling facilities, is within the polling district, and is recommended for all future elections and referenda – RECOMMENDED</p> <p>Also investigated Oldfield Free Church (Baptist), Malden Avenue, Greenford, UB6 0DJ, however management declined its use.</p>
QF	Northolt Mandeville	Ken Acock Community Centre Carr Road Northolt UB5 4RQ	Northolt Leisure Centre Eastcote Lane North Northolt UB5 4AB	<p>The existing polling place is being refurbished and is therefore unavailable</p> <p>Whilst the proposed polling place is located in polling district QD, it is situated on the border with QF. It has good polling facilities and is recommended for use at the GLA election to be held on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Referendum in 2016 - RECOMMENDED</p>
UB	Elthorne	Jubilee Hall Green Man Gardens London W13 0SE	St Johns Primary School Felix Road London W13 0NY	<p>The existing polling place has been demolished.</p> <p>The proposed polling place is the former polling place used for this polling district. It has excellent polling facilities and it is proposed to use at the GLA election to be held on 5 May 2016 and any possible European Referendum in 2016 – RECOMMENDED</p> <p>No other suitable fixed premises can be found in this polling district.</p>
WA	Northfield	Lindsey House South Road London W5 4RX	Temporary Polling Place Chilton Avenue London W5	<p>Lindsey House was approved for use as a polling place at the Boundaries Panel meeting of 29/1/2015 for a trial period of one year.</p> <p>Whilst polling facilities were adequate there were</p>

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				<p>strong objections from Sheltered Housing management and residents, and their clear preference was for the building not to be used again.</p> <p>Issues and complaints included loss of the residents common room for the entire day, damage to furnishings, disruption to residents, and security concerns.</p> <p>It is therefore reluctantly proposed to revert to the former Temporary Polling Place it for all future elections and referenda – RECOMMENDED</p>
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