

## **Boundaries Panel**

Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 5:30pm

PRESENT: Councillors Sabiers (in the chair), Ball, Mason (Part), Padda and Young.

Also Present: Ross Jackson, Head of Elections, Santokh Kudhail, Elections Property Officer and Linda Zimmerman, Democratic Services.

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Jones for absence and Councillor Mason for lateness.

**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 9 February 2016 be agreed as a true and correct record subject to the following correction: Page 1, item 6 – replace 5 May 2015 with 5 May 2016.

**6. Polling Place Changes – Local Government Elections and West Ealing Centre Neighbourhood Plan (WECNP) Business Referendum 3 May 2018**

The Panel considered the proposals for alternative locations for polling places in polling districts DCA, HES, NGS, and UB.

The Panel noted the difficulties with the entrance and parking at HES and asked the Head of Elections to investigate whether there was an acceptable solution, however, the Panel agreed to the recommended change to polling place HES regardless of the outcome.

The Panel commented that the dynamics of NGS should be put forward in the Boundaries review for further consideration particularly in the context of the difficulties of finding an appropriate polling place within NGS. The Panel accepted the recommendation in the report.

**Resolved:**

That the Boundaries Panel:

- i) agrees to change the polling places for polling districts DCA, HES, NGS and UB, as set out in the attached appendix 1, for the purposes of the Local Government Elections 3 May 2018 and for any future elections and referenda :
- ii) notes that the changes to polling stations will be indicated on the relevant electors' poll cards.

- iv) requests that laminated signage be placed at previous polling stations directing electors to the new polling station locations.
- v) agrees to the use of one polling place, St Johns Primary School, Green Man Gardens, W13 0SE, the proposed polling place for UB, for the purposes of the West Ealing Centre Neighbourhood Plan (WECNP) Business Referendum 3 May 2018.
- vi) notes the overview of activity on the Local Government Boundaries Committee for England' review of Council size and boundaries as detailed in appendix 1B of the report.

### **Reason for Decision and Options Considered**

The polling place changes for DCA, HES, NGS and UB are recommended as a matter of urgency in order to facilitate the forthcoming Local Government Elections to be held on 3 May 2018, for the reasons set out in Appendix 1.

The WECNP referendum area covers five polling districts (HFS, KA, UB, VA and VE), UB in its entirety and the other four in part, straddling four wards. A map showing the neighbourhood plan referendum area is attached at Appendix 2 of the report.

All five polling places for the above mentioned polling districts will be used for the WECNP Residential Referendum. Approval of the Boundaries Panel is sought to use only one central polling place for the WECNP Business Referendum, this to reduce costs and unnecessary administration. The polling place recommended is the proposed polling place for UB.

Business voter polling station turnout at the recent Central Ealing Neighbourhood Plan (CENP) Business Referendum equated to just two votes cast in person at each of the Business Polling Places. Over 90% of business registrants chose to vote by post.

Councillor Sabiers (In the Chair)

The meeting ended at 5:50pm

## APPENDIX 1 – POLLING PLACE CHANGES

PD	WARD	EXISTING POLLING PLACE	PROPOSED POLLING PLACE	COMMENTS
DCA	South Acton	Oaktree Community Centre Osborne Road W3 8TY	Bollo Brook Youth Centre 272 Osborne Road W3 8SR	Existing polling place is closed because of regeneration in the area.  Proposed polling place was investigated following suggestion from Cllr Sabiers. It has very good polling facilities.  RECOMMENDED
HES	Ealing Broadway	Pastoral Centre The Clergy House The Grove W5 5DX	Christ the Saviour Parish Church Hall New Broadway London W5 2XA	Existing polling place is too small to accommodate the increase in electorate due to new housing developments built on Dickens Yard.  Proposed polling place is larger, has very good polling facilities and will be able to accommodate the increased electorate.  RECOMMENDED
NGS	Greenford Broadway	Greenford Baptist Church Beechwood Avenue Greenford UB6 9UA	Saffron D'or 447 Lady Margaret Road Southall Middlesex UB1 2QB	Existing polling place is shared between polling districts NB and NGS. It is located within NB and therefore outside NGS. Voters from NGS have to cross a main road to reach it.  Greenford Sports Centre was investigated as an alternative, but was ruled out on the grounds that it will cause disruption to Greenford High School.  Proposed polling place is located on the border with

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				<p>polling district SB and has very good polling facilities.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED</p>
UB	Elthorne	<p>St Johns Primary School Felix Road London W13 0NY</p>	<p>St Johns Primary School Green Man Gardens London W13 0SE</p>	<p>Existing school has been demolished; new school built on adjacent site.</p> <p>Proposed polling place is approached from a different road and has very good polling facilities</p> <p>RECOMMENDED</p>