

Watford Borough Polling District and Polling Station Review 2023-24

Callowland Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places EA – Parkgate Youth and Community Centre
EB – Grace Baptist Church Hall
EC – Christchurch Hall
ED – Parkgate Youth and Community Centre

No responses received

Central Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places HB – Watford Christian Spiritualist Church
HC – Derby Road Baptist Church
HD – St Mary’s Church Centre
HE – The Wellspring Church Centre

No responses received

Holywell Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places KA – Chessbrook Education Support Centre
KB – Holywell Primary School
KC – Chessbrook Education Support Centre
KD – Green Building, Adjacent Holywell Allotments

No responses received

Leggatts Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places

- DA – The Orchard Primary School
- DB – St Helens Church Hall
- DC – Cherry Tree Primary School
- DD – The Orchard Primary School

Responses received as follows -

Date of response	From	Polling district / station	Details of response	Officer's comments
14/11/2023	Executive Head Teacher The Orchard Primary School	DA/DD - Orchard Primary School	<p>Verbal communication received from school secretary with invite to attend the school and consider relocating the polling stations to an alternative classroom to enable the school to remain open on polling days.</p> <p>School was attended on 14/11/2023 and floor plan/measurements requested.</p> <p>Following visit and receipt of the floor plan/measurements consideration was given to the alternative, but on account of the electorate size with double polling station requirement it was necessary to advise the alternative classroom would not be suitable.</p> <p>Subsequent acceptance of need for continued use of the school hall for polling, but in conjunction with intent to keep the school open. The School/Executive Head Teacher also confirmed that adequate safety for the pupils would be ensured.</p>	<p>Officers acknowledge the Executive Head Teacher's comments.</p> <p>Officers' comments on the request to –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. change the location of polling stations within the Polling Place. And ii. keep the school open on polling days. <p>are shown in Appendix 2.</p>

Meriden Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places CA – Coates Way JMI and Nursery School
CB – Garston Community Church
CC – Meriden Community Centre

No responses received

Nascot Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places GA – Holy Rood Catholic Primary School
GB – St Andrews Church
GC – Holy Rood Catholic Primary School

No responses received

Oxhey Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places LA – St Matthew's Church Hall
LB – Bushey and Oxhey Infants School
LC – St Matthew's Church Hall

Prior to conduct of the 2023-24 Review communication was received from one of the Oxhey Ward borough councillors about relocation of the polling station away from the school to prevent its closure and loss of education for any of the pupils in the future. However, I must advise that –

1. During the review no response was received from either Bushey and Oxhey Infants School or any eligible elector who is allotted to vote at the venue.
2. Responses were received from 2 Hertsmere Borough residents who reside within the Bushey North Ward who I believe have children who attend the school. Currently these representations are not valid considerations on account of neither being registered electors within the Watford Borough constituency. However, I must advise that from the next UK wide Parliamentary elections Hertsmere Borough Council's Bushey North Ward will become part of the Watford constituency which will in turn qualify the electors within this Ward to make eligible representation in the future and in the same way as all Watford Borough registered electors. Hence for completeness I have included the correspondence concerned for information and possible consideration -

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06/10/2023 and 07/10/2023	Hertsmere BC - Resident Elector A and Resident Elector B	LB – Bushey and Oxhey Infants School	2 similar emails were received from ineligible resident electors from within the Hertsmere Borough Council area.	Officer/residents exchange of email communications is shown in Appendix 1A.

Park Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places

- IA – St Lukes Church
- IB – The Clarendon Muse – School of Music
- IC – The Clarendon Muse – School of Music
- ID – The Clarendon Muse – School of Music

No responses received

Stanborough Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places

- BA – Leavesden Green Community Centre
- BB – Imam Hussein Foundation Centre
- BC – Stanborough Park Community Centre
- BD – Stanborough Park Community Centre

No responses received

Tudor Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places **FA – Parkgate Youth and Community Centre**
FB – Knutsford Primary Academy
FC – Luther Blissett Community Hub
FD – Luther Blissett Community Hub
FE – Parkgate Youth and Community Centre

No responses received

Vicarage Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places **JA – Multi-Cultural Community Centre**
JB – Watford Football Stadium
JC – Watford Football Stadium

No responses received

Woodside Ward

Polling Districts and Polling Places **AA – Woodside Church of the Nazarene**
AB – Studio 2, (at rear of) Woodside Leisure Centre
AC – Orbital Community Centre
AD – Orbital Community Centre

No responses received
