

Report to Polling district review working group
Date 05 September 2019
Report of Democratic and elections manager
Subject Polling district and polling places review 2019

Item

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Purpose

To recommend to council the final proposals for the polling districts and polling places review 2019.

Recommendations

To:

- (1) Note further responses to consultation received during the public consultation; and
- (2) Recommend to council the final proposals for the polling districts and polling places review 2019

Corporate and service priorities

The report helps to meet the corporate priority of people living well

Financial implications

No additional budget impact

Ward/s: All Wards

Cabinet member: Councillor Kendrick - Resources

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Background documents

None

Report

Background

1. The polling district review working party made the following recommendations for the public consultation period which ran between 26 July 2019 to 29 August 2019:

(1) In the Bowthorpe ward to:

- a) move the boundary between BO2 and BO3 so that the Fourways Centre is placed within the BO3 polling district
- b) Move properties 638 to 656 Dereham Road from BO2 to BO3 due to their proximity to the Fourways Centre

(2) In the Catton Grove ward to:

- a) Use The Box on Woodcock Road as the polling station for the CG2 polling district
- b) Expand the CG4 polling district to include the electors living east of Weston Road (currently part of the CG2 polling district)
- c) Move the boundary between CG4 and CG5 polling districts to the middle of St Clements Hill to ensure the number of electors within each remains within recommended levels
- d) Make the boundary between the CG2 and CG3 polling districts along Aylsham Road by the public footpath running to Palmer Road, keeping Copenhagen Road within the CG3 polling district.

(3) In the Crome ward to make no changes to the current arrangements

(4) In the Eaton ward to:

- a) Reduce the number of polling districts within the Eaton ward from five to four, removing the polling district currently named EA3
- b) Expand the EA1 polling district to include the area north and east of Bluebell Road
- c) Expand the EA2 polling district southwards to cover Marston Lane
- d) Rename the existing EA5 and EA5A to EA3 and EA3A and expand to cover both sides of Judges Walk

e) Expand EA4 to cover the area south of Newmarket Road and the area around Bluebell Road and Poplar Avenue.

(5) In the Lakenham ward to:

a) use Arkwrights Social Club on Hobart Square as a polling station for the LA3, LA3A and LA3B polling districts

b) move the residents on Lindley Street, Meadowbank and Stratford Drive from the LA3 polling district to the LA4 polling district

(6) In the Mancroft ward to:

a) Ask the ARO to continue to look for a suitable polling station for the MA4 polling district

b) Ask the ARO to continue to look for an alternative polling station for the MA3 polling district

c) Split the MA2 polling district into two separate polling districts with MA2 covering the area south of St Crispins Road and a new MA5 polling district covering the area north of St Crispins Road.

(7) In the Mile Cross ward to:

a) Expand the MX1 polling district to include the area around Drayton Road up to Junction Road and the area south of Drayton Road up to Mile Cross Road.

b) Reduce the MX2 polling district by moving the area south of Margaret Paston Avenue, the Swanton Road area and Galley Hill into the MX3 polling district

c) Retain the area around the Swanton Road depot within the MX3 polling district.

d) Move residents living on the western side of Mile Cross Road and north of Margaret Paston Avenue into the MX4 polling district.

e) Use a temporary polling station for the MX3 polling district to be situated in the carpark at Sloughbottom Park.

(8) In the Nelson ward to:

a) Ask the ARO to continue to look for a suitable venue to be used as a polling station for the NE4 polling district

b) Move Recreation Road and the area south of The Avenues (from Recreation Road to Mill Hill Road) to the NE2 polling district

- c) Expand the NE3 polling district to include Lincoln Street, Portland Street, Dover Street, Warwick Street, Mill Hill Road, West Parade and the south eastern part of Park Lane.
- d) Move the residents of the north side of Earlham Road, between Edinburgh Road up to the boundary with UN5A and the South Lodge on Earlham Road from the NE1 to the NE2 polling district.

(9) In the Sewell ward to:

- a) Move the area around Waterloo Road, Temple Road and Albany Road from the SE1 to the SE2 polling district.
- b) Move Bell Road, the northern side of Branford Road and the western side of Silver Road from the SE2 polling district to the SE4 polling district.
- c) Move the boundary of the SE2 polling district to the west around Sewell Park Academy to the middle of St Clements Hill.
- d) Include the area around Shipstone Road south to Magpie Road in the SE3 polling district.
- e) Move residents between the southern part of Branford Road and the northern part of Beaconsfield Road to the SE4 polling district.
- f) Use St Mary Magdalene Church on Silver Road as the polling station for the SE4 polling station.

(10) In the Thorpe Hamlet ward to make no changes to the existing arrangements

(11) In the Town Close ward to:

- a) move the whole of Beaumont Place from the TC1 polling district to the TC2 polling district.
- b) Create a TC5 polling district east of the middle of the Lakenham Way footpath, including the whole of Brazen Gate, include Southwell Road, Langham Place and the eastern side of Grove Road to the north of Southwell Road.
- c) Ask the ARO to investigate the use of a temporary polling station on Southwell Road to be used for the TC5 polling district

(12) In the University ward to:

- a) Rename UN1 to UN1A, UN1A to UN1, UN6 to UN6A and UN6A to UN6 to ensure a consistent approach to polling district naming across the Norwich City Council area.
- b) Move the UEA residences on Wilberforce Road from UN6 to UN2.

c) Expand the UN1 polling district to include residents living at The Gardens, 530-532 Earlham Road, Earlham School House and St Anne's Vicarage.

(13) In the Wensum ward to make no changes to the existing arrangements.

2. During the consultation period, one representation was received from the Norwich Labour Party. This along with the ARO comments is attached at appendix A
3. An update on proposed new venues is attached at appendix B to this report.

Next steps

4. The polling district review working party is asked to finalise its recommendations to council for each of the thirteen wards in Norwich.

Comment	AROs comment
All proposals from the Working Party regarding Bowthorpe, Catton Grove, Crome, Eaton, Lakenham Mancroft, Sewell, Thorpe Hamlet, University and Wensum wards are acceptable.	No additional comment
Regarding Mile Cross, we wholeheartedly support the provision of a mobile polling station for MX3 on Sloughbottom Park. However, one of the ward's main 'natural' boundaries is Drayton Road. We recognise that the numbers need to be adjusted between polling districts, but the logic that says that voters in MX3 need a mobile polling station as they are reluctant to cross Drayton Road to vote will probably also apply to people south of Margaret Paston Road/Galley Hill when they are expected to cross the same road (but in the opposite direction) to vote. Therefore, we would ask that the Working Party reconsider this proposal	<p>We are very confident that the proposed station will be in place for any election held in 2020 and certainly for the election in May. If we were to alter the boundaries as suggested between MX2 and MX3, that would leave 711 electors in MX3 (This is before you discount those votes with postal votes).</p> <p>The MX2 electorate would increase to 2756 which (excluding postal voters) would be around 2500 electors at the a polling station. This is the Electoral Commission's recommended upper limit .</p> <p>It would be for the group to agree to this change to the final recommendations.</p>
Regarding Nelson, we suggest that St Francis of Assisi school is considered as a polling station for NE4	It is extremely unlikely that any schools will wish to be closed for elections in the future. We have lost the use of all our schools over the last 4 years.
Regarding Town Close ward we would suggest that the mobile polling station for TC5 is sited on the grassed area at the junction of Trafalgar Street/Southwell Road	We are still looking at the feasibility of using a mobile station here for May 2020.

Polling Scheme 2019

Register Code	Constituency	Polling Station	Ward	Polling Station	Division	Polling Station	Venue(s) Confirmed	Further ARO comments on consultation
BO1	Norwich South	Chapelbreak Village Hall, Harpsfield	Bowthorpe	Chapelbreak Village Hall, Harpsfield	Bowthorpe	Chapelbreak Village Hall, Harpsfield	Yes	No comment
BO2	Norwich South	Clover Hill Village Hall, Humbleyard	Bowthorpe	Clover Hill Village Hall, Humbleyard	Bowthorpe	Clover Hill Village Hall, Humbleyard	Yes	No comment
BO3	Norwich South	Fourways Centre, Stevenson Road	Bowthorpe	Fourways Centre, Stevenson Road	Bowthorpe	Fourways Centre, Stevenson Road	Yes	No comment
BO4	Norwich South	Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road	Bowthorpe	Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road	Bowthorpe	Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road	Yes	No comment
CG1	Norwich North	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	Catton Grove	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	Catton Grove	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	Yes	No comment
CG2	Norwich North	The Box, Catton Grove Big Local, 16 Woodcock Road	Catton Grove	The Box, Catton Grove Big Local, 16 Woodcock Road	Catton Grove	The Box, Catton Grove Big Local, 16 Woodcock Road	Yes	No comment
CG3	Norwich North	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	Catton Grove	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	Catton Grove	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	Yes	No comment
CG4	Norwich North	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	Catton Grove	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	Catton Grove	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	Yes	No comment
CR1	Norwich North	Pilling Park Community Centre, Pilling Park Road	Catton Grove	Pilling Park Community Centre, Pilling Park Road	Catton Grove	Pilling Park Community Centre, Pilling Park Road	Yes	No comment
CR2	Norwich North	Fugill Green Sheltered Housing Scheme, Fugill Green	Catton Grove	Fugill Green Sheltered Housing Scheme, Fugill Green	Catton Grove	Fugill Green Sheltered Housing Scheme, Fugill Green	Yes	No comment
CR3	Norwich North	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	Catton Grove	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	Catton Grove	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	Yes	No comment
CR3(S)	Norwich South	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	Catton Grove	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	Thorpe Hamlet	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	Yes	No comment
CR4	Norwich North	St Francis Church, 100 Rider Haggard Road	Catton Grove	St Francis Church, 100 Rider Haggard Road	Catton Grove	St Francis Church, 100 Rider Haggard Road	Yes	No comment
CR5(S)	Norwich South	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	Catton Grove	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	Thorpe Hamlet	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	Yes	No comment
EA1	Norwich South	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	Eaton	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	Eaton	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	Yes	No comment
EA2	Norwich South	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	Eaton	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	Eaton	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	Yes	No comment
EA3	Norwich South	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	Eaton	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	Eaton	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	Yes	No comment
EA3A	Norwich South	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	Eaton	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	Town Close	East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club, Lime Tree Road	Yes	No comment
EA4	Norwich South	The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 19 Greenways	Eaton	The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 19 Greenways	Eaton	The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints, 19 Greenways	Yes	No comment
LA1	Norwich South	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	Lakenham	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	Lakenham	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	Yes	No comment
LA2	Norwich South	Old Lakenham Community Centre 71-75 Harwood Road	Lakenham	Old Lakenham Community Centre 71-75 Harwood Road	Lakenham	Old Lakenham Community Centre	Yes	No comment
LA2A	Norwich South	Old Lakenham Community Centre 71-75 Harwood Road	Lakenham	Old Lakenham Community Centre 71-75 Harwood Road	Thorpe Hamlet	The Crown Room, Wensum Lodge, King Street	Yes	No comment
LA3	Norwich South	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Lakenham	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Lakenham	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Yes	No comment
LA3A	Norwich South	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Lakenham	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Mancroft	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	Yes	No comment
LA3B	Norwich South	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Lakenham	Arkwrights Social Club, Hobart Square	Thorpe Hamlet	The Crown Room, Wensum Lodge, King Street	Yes	No comment
LA4	Norwich South	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	Lakenham	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	Lakenham	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	Yes	No comment
MA1	Norwich South	Russell Street Community Centre, Russell Street	Mancroft	Russell Street Community Centre, Russell Street	Mancroft	Russell Street Community Centre, Russell Street	Yes	No comment
MA2	Norwich South	Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street	Mancroft	Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street	Mancroft	Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street	Yes	No comment
MA3	Norwich South	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	Mancroft	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	Mancroft	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	Yes	Existing arrangements in place, ARO opinion is that this is well known in area with excellent access arrangements
MA4	Norwich South	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Mancroft	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Mancroft	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Yes	Although no venue has been found in MA4/MA4A. A separate room has been sourced at the existing polling place to separate from TH1. The ARO will continue to seek a new venue.
MA4A	Norwich South	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Mancroft	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Thorpe Hamlet	The Crown Room, Wensum Lodge, King Street	Yes	Although no venue has been found in MA4/MA4A. A separate room has been sourced at the existing polling place to separate from TH1. The ARO will continue to seek a new venue.
MA5	Norwich South	Alive Church (Citygates Centre), Cowgate	Mancroft	Alive Church (Citygates Centre), Cowgate	Mancroft	Alive Church (Citygates Centre), Cowgate	Yes	No comment
MX1	Norwich North	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Mile Cross	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Mile Cross	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Yes	No comment
MX1A	Norwich North	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Mile Cross	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Catton Grove	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	Yes	No comment
MX1B	Norwich North	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Mile Cross	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	Catton Grove	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	Yes	No comment
MX2	Norwich North	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	Mile Cross	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	Mile Cross	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	Yes	No comment
MX3	Norwich North	Temporary Polling Station, Sloughbottom Park Car Park, Drayton Road	Mile Cross	Temporary Polling Station, Sloughbottom Park Car Park, Drayton Road	Mile Cross	Temporary Polling Station, Sloughbottom Park Car Park, Drayton Road	TBC	New venue, final details being confirmed. If temporary station of carpark not available, the Norman Centre would be used.
MX4	Norwich North	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	Mile Cross	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	Mile Cross	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	Yes	No comment
NE1	Norwich South	Belvedere Community Centre, Belvior Street	Nelson	Belvedere Community Centre, Belvior Street	Nelson	Belvedere Community Centre, Belvior Street	Yes	No comment
NE1A	Norwich South	Belvedere Community Centre, Belvior Street	Nelson	Belvedere Community Centre, Belvior Street	Wensum	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	Yes	No comment
NE2	Norwich South	Recreation Road Sports Centre, Recreation Road	Nelson	Recreation Road Sports Centre, Recreation Road	Nelson	Recreation Road Sports Centre, Recreation Road	Yes	No comment
NE3	Norwich South	Trinity United Reformed Church, Unthank Road	Nelson	Trinity United Reformed Church, Unthank Road	Nelson	Trinity United Reformed Church, Unthank Road	Yes	No comment
NE4	Norwich South	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	Nelson	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	Nelson	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	Yes	Existing arrangements in place, the ARO opinion is that this is well known in area with excellent access arrangements despite not being in ward. Heigham Park Bowls club was not an accessible venue
NE5	Norwich South	Community Lounge, Douro Place Sheltered Housing Scheme, Douro Place	Nelson	Community Lounge, Douro Place Sheltered Housing Scheme, Douro Place	Mancroft	Community Lounge, Douro Place Sheltered Housing Scheme, Douro Place	Yes	No comment
SE1	Norwich North	Rosebery Road Methodist Church, Rosebery Road	Sewell	Rosebery Road Methodist Church, Rosebery Road	Sewell	Rosebery Road Methodist Church, Rosebery Road	Yes	No comment
SE2	Norwich North	Christchurch Centre, Magdalen Road	Sewell	Christchurch Centre, Magdalen Road	Sewell	Christchurch Centre, Magdalen Road	Yes	No comment
SE3	Norwich North	Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road	Sewell	Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road	Sewell	Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road	Yes	No comment
SE4	Norwich North	St Mary Magdalene Church, Silver Road	Sewell	St Mary Magdalene Church, Silver Road	Sewell	St Mary Magdalene Church, Silver Road	Yes	New venue confirmed and booked.
TH1	Norwich South	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Thorpe Hamlet	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Thorpe Hamlet	Wensum Lodge, King Street	Yes	No comment
TH2	Norwich South	Maids Head, Tombland	Thorpe Hamlet	Maids Head, Tombland	Thorpe Hamlet	Maids Head, Tombland	Yes	No comment
TH3	Norwich South	The Norwich Hotel, Thorpe Road	Thorpe Hamlet	The Norwich Hotel, Thorpe Road	Thorpe Hamlet	The Norwich Hotel, Thorpe Road	Yes	No comment
TH4	Norwich South	St Matthews Church, Telegraph Lane West	Thorpe Hamlet	St Matthews Church, Telegraph Lane West	Thorpe Hamlet	St Matthews Church, Telegraph Lane West	Yes	No comment
TC1 (Renaming as TO1)	Norwich South	Community Lounge, Melbourne Cottages Sheltered Housing Scheme, Union Street	Town Close	Community Lounge, Melbourne Cottages Sheltered Housing Scheme, Union Street	Town Close	Community Lounge, Melbourne Cottages Sheltered Housing Scheme, Union Street	Yes	No comment
TC2 (Renaming as TO2)	Norwich South	Cambridge Street Hall, Cambridge Street	Town Close	Cambridge Street Hall, Cambridge Street	Town Close	Cambridge Street Hall, Cambridge Street	Yes	No comment
TC3 (Renaming as TO3)	Norwich South	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Town Close	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Town Close	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Yes	No comment
TC4 (Renaming as TO4)	Norwich South	East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club, Lime Tree Road	Town Close	East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club, Lime Tree Road	Town Close	East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club, Lime Tree Road	Yes	No comment
TC5 (Renaming as TO5)	Norwich South	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Town Close	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Town Close	St Albans Church Hall, Grove Walk	Yes	Existing arrangements in place, the ARO is scoping a potential new venue on Trafalgar Street, using a temporary polling station on open space.
UN1	Norwich South	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	University	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	University	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	Yes	Re-named UN1A
UN1A	Norwich South	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	University	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	Bowthorpe	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	Yes	Re-named UN1
UN1B	Norwich South	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	University	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	Wensum	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Yes	No comment
UN2	Norwich South	The Green Room, UEA	University	The Green Room, UEA	University	The Green Room, UEA	Yes	No comment
UN3	Norwich South	George Carver Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, 97A George Carver Court	University	George Carver Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, 97A George Carver Court	University	George Carver Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, 97A George Carver Court	Yes	No comment
UN4	Norwich South	St Annes Church Hall, Colman Road	University	St Annes Church Hall, Colman Road	University	St Annes Church Hall, Colman Road	Yes	No comment
UN4A	Norwich South	St Annes Church Hall, Colman Road	University	St Annes Church Hall, Colman Road	Wensum	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Yes	No comment
UN5	Norwich South	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	University	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	University	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	Yes	No comment
UN5A	Norwich South	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	University	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	Wensum	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Yes	No comment
UN6	Norwich South	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	University	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	University	St Marys Church Hall, Hutchinson Road	Yes	Re-named UN6A
UN6A	Norwich South	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	University	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	Bowthorpe	West Earham Community Centre, Wilberforce Road	Yes	No comment
WE1	Norwich South	Marjpit Community Centre, Hellesdon Road	Wensum	Marjpit Community Centre, Hellesdon Road	Wensum	Marjpit Community Centre, Hellesdon Road	Yes	No comment
WE2	Norwich South	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	Wensum	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	Wensum	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	Yes	No comment
WE2A	Norwich South	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	Wensum	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	Mancroft	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	Yes	No comment
WE3	Norwich South	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	Wensum	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	Wensum	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	Yes	No comment
WE4	Norwich South	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Wensum	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Wensum	Cadage Road Community Centre, Cadage Road	Yes	No comment