

# Lambeth Polling District Review/Parliamentary Boundary “Re-Stationing” proposals 2023

## 1. Background and scope

All Councils are required to divide their area into polling districts, and to designate polling places for each of those districts.

**Polling districts** are the “building blocks” of electoral areas (parishes, wards, divisions and constituencies) and they form the basis on which the register of electors is put together.

**Polling places** are the specific geographical areas identified for each individual polling district within which a polling station is usually located. In Lambeth, polling place boundaries are usually (but not always) set along the same boundaries as polling districts. This allows the Returning Officer the flexibility to move to an alternative polling station within the polling place should there be an urgent need (such as at a snap election or if there is late unavailability of a venue).

**Polling Stations** are the space within which the process of voting takes place and it will almost always be within the designated polling place. Councils must keep polling districts and polling places under review in line with a statutory timetable. The last review took place in 2022.

Polling district reviews are an opportunity for residents and other interested stakeholders in Lambeth to give their view on polling arrangements in the district. The focus is on ensuring polling districts and polling places are fit for purpose and that they enable and support effective local democracy.

## 2. Timetable

Description	Dates
Initial scoping	29 <sup>th</sup> September – 20 <sup>th</sup> October, 2023
Preparation of consultation materials	Completed by 1 <sup>st</sup> November, 2023
Polling District review: consultation period	7 <sup>th</sup> November – 12 <sup>th</sup> December, 2023
Corporate Committee Meeting	25 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
Publication of Register of Elections	1 <sup>st</sup> March, 2024

### 3. Consultation

The formal 5-week consultation period will start on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2023.

We invite comments, views and suggestions from residents and other interested parties on how we might improve current polling arrangements in Lambeth. Comments should relate to:

- The suitability and appropriateness of existing polling districts and polling places (see appendix A: full list of polling stations)
- The suitability and appropriateness of proposed changes to polling districts and places (see 'section 4' below)
- The suitability and appropriateness of existing polling stations, particularly with respect to the accessibility of stations for disabled voters or the identification of alternative and potentially better venues
- Constructive suggestions on how to improve arrangements, or positive comments in relation to current polling arrangements

### 4. Proposed changes

The following changes are proposed to the current schedule of polling districts, places and [stations](#). Feedback on these proposals are welcome, see contact details below:

Ward	Comments
Waterloo and South Bank	No changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency
Vauxhall	No changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency
Kennington	No changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency
Oval	No changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency
Myatt's Fields	No changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency
Stockwell East	Existing <b>SEA 1 and SEA 2</b> to serve <b>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</b> Constituency <i>but</i> Station <b>SEA1</b> is subject to building work. Existing <b>SEA 3</b> to serve <b>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</b> Constituency.

<b>Stockwell West &amp; Larkhall</b>	Existing <b>SWL 1, SWL 2, SWL 3</b> and <b>SWL 5</b> to serve <b><i>Vauxhall and Camberwell Green Constituency</i></b> Existing <b>SWL 4</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill Constituency</i></b> Existing <b>SWL 6</b> probably crosses the VCG and CBH Constituencies. Remedial Actions? – Check PD boundaries between SWLs 1,4, 5 and 6 and split SWL6 electors between the two constituencies – either by “double station” or possibly reduce SWL 6 to serve just CBH and re-allocate others to SWL5 for VCG.
<b>Clapham Town</b>	No changes – <b>CTN1, CTN2, CTN3,</b> and <b>CTN4</b> all to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill Constituency</i></b>
<b>Clapham East</b>	No changes – <b>CEA1, CEA2, CEA3,</b> and <b>CEA4</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill Constituency</i></b>
<b>Brixton North</b>	Existing <b>BNT 1</b> and <b>BNT 2</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill Constituency</i></b> Existing <b>BNT 4</b> and <b>BNT 5</b> to serve <b><i>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green Constituency</i></b> Existing <b>BNT 3</b> probably crosses <b><i>Clapham and Brixton Hill</i></b> and no changes – all Polling Districts and Stations to serve <b><i>Vauxhall &amp; Camberwell Green</i></b> Constituency – it is a double station, possibly retain as such <b>but</b> with one each to serve <b><i>Clapham and Brixton Hill</i></b> and <b><i>Vauxhall and Camberwell Green</i></b> .
<b>Brixton Acre Lane</b>	No changes – <b>BAL1, BAL2, BAL3, BAL4</b> and <b>BAL5</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill Constituency</i></b>
<b>Brixton Rush Common</b>	<b><i>Clapham and Brixton Hill / Dulwich and West Norwood</i></b>
<b>Brixton Windrush</b>	No changes – <b>BWR1, BWR2, BWR3</b> all within <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency
<b>Clapham Common &amp; Abbeville</b>	No changes – all Polling Districts to serve <b><i>Clapham and Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency <b>but</b> Station <b>CCA2</b> may require replacement
<b>Clapham Park</b>	Existing <b>CPK4</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency but Station <b>CPK4</b> may require replacement. Existing <b>CPK 1, CPK 2</b> and <b>CPK 3</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency Existing <b>CPK 5</b> likely to serve <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency
<b>Streatham Hill West &amp; Thornton</b>	Existing <b>SWT 1</b> and <b>SWT2</b> to serve <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency Existing <b>SWT 3</b> and <b>SWT 4</b> to serve <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency

<b>Streatham Hill East</b>	<p>“De facto” No change – existing <b>SHE1, SHE2, SHE3 and SHE4</b> to serve <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency</p> <p><b>NB</b> <i>There is a derangement of boundaries between the Streatham Hill East and Knight’s Hill Ward, which is also the border between the Streatham &amp; Croydon North and Dulwich &amp; West Norwood, which is accounted for by the two Commissions choosing a railway track and it’s bank as boundaries – but this affects no electors as no-one lives in the railway cutting.</i></p>
<b>St Martin’s</b>	<p>The only Ward split between <i>three</i> Constituencies.</p> <p>Existing <b>SMA1</b> may correspond almost or entirely with the electorate assigned to the <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency.</p> <p>Existing <b>SMA2</b> may be entirely within the <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency.</p> <p>Existing <b>SMA3</b> may be entirely within the <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency</p> <p><b>SMA4</b> may be entirely within the <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency but is most likely unavailable.</p>
<b>West Dulwich</b>	<p>Very small area of <b><i>WED1</i></b> or <b><i>WED1A</i></b> is in <b><i>Clapham &amp; Brixton Hill</i></b> Constituency.</p> <p><b><i>WED2, WED3, WED4 and WED5</i></b> are entirely within the <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency</p>
<b>Gipsy Hill</b>	<p>No changes – <b><i>GHL 1, GHL2, GHL3 and GHL4</i></b> are entirely within the <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency</p>
<b>Knight’s Hill</b>	<p>No change, essentially <b><i>KNH1, KNH2, KNH3, KNH4, KNH5 and KNH6</i></b> are entirely within <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b> Constituency.</p>
<b>Herne Hill &amp; Loughborough Junction</b>	<p>No changes – <b><i>HHL1, HHL2, HHL3, HHL4</i></b> all in <b><i>Dulwich &amp; West Norwood</i></b></p>
<b>Streatham Wells</b>	<p>No changes – <b><i>SWE1, SWE2, SWE3, SWE4</i></b>, all in <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency</p>
<b>Streatham St Leonards</b>	<p>No changes – <b><i>SSL1, SSL2, SSL3, SSL4</i></b> all in <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency</p>
<b>Streatham Common &amp; Vale</b>	<p>No changes – <b><i>SCV1, SCV2, SCV3, SCV4, SCV5 and SCV6</i></b> all in <b><i>Streatham &amp; Croydon North</i></b> Constituency</p>

## 5. Accessibility of elections and the Elections Act 2022

New requirements and guidance on the accessibility of elections were introduced as part of the Elections Act 2022. As a result of these new rules we

have undertaken a full audit of the accessibility of our preferred polling stations.

We are pleased to report that most of our polling stations offer excellent access for disabled voters. Where polling stations are not fully accessible, there will not usually be a better alternative available. In these circumstances we spend extra time and effort to work with our polling station staff to ensure we offer fair access to our elections for all voters.

We welcome feedback on the accessibility and suitability of our polling stations for disabled voters, particularly where alternative facilities might improve our service.

## **6. How to respond**

Submit your comments and suggestions to Lambeth's Electoral Services Team by emailing [pollingstations@lambeth.gov.uk](mailto:pollingstations@lambeth.gov.uk) with the subject "**Polling District Review 2023**".

Alternatively, written submissions can be posted to:

Lambeth Electoral Services, PO Box 734, Winchester, SO23 5DG

All representations will be published on our web pages at the conclusion of the review and will be considered when deciding on the final scheme.