

# Review of polling scheme 2021

London Borough of Waltham Forest

Report of the (Acting) Returning Officer

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## Introduction and Background

Waltham Forest Borough Council has undertaken a review of its polling district and polling places.

Under the provisions within the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, the previous statutory review of all the polling districts and polling places in Waltham Forest was undertaken in 2019.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has since reviewed all of the ward boundaries in Waltham Forest. The Waltham Forest (Electoral Changes) Order 2021, to implement recommendations made by the LGBCE for new electoral arrangements in Wandsworth, was made on 17 May 2021.

New ward arrangements for Walthamstow have now successfully completed a 40-day period of Parliamentary scrutiny and will come into force at the local elections on 5 May 2022. The final recommendations can be found on the LGBCE site [here](#).

The number of wards will increase from 20 to 22, whilst the number of elected Councillors will remain at 60. Waltham Forest will have 16 three-member wards and 6 two-member wards.

As a result of this a further review of the polling districts is required before the changes are implemented in time for the full local council elections to be held on Thursday 5 May 2022.

A Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Places was published on 17 November 2021 seeking representations and views from residents, political parties, local councillors and persons or groups possessing particular expertise in relation to access to possible polling places. Representations, comments and feedback is sought on any aspect of the proposed polling districts or polling places set out in this report. The aim of the review is to ensure that:

- All electors have as reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and that
- So far as is reasonable and practicable that the polling places are accessible to all electors having regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons
- To attempt to take into account current polling districts forming new polling districts or a major part thereof, where this can be achieved to ensure continuity where possible
- To attempt to take into account natural boundaries for example railway lines, major roads and rivers.

The deadline to respond to this consultation is **1 December 2021**.

# Roles and responsibilities and definition of terms

## **The Council**

The statutory responsibility for reviewing UK Parliamentary polling districts and places rests with each relevant local authority in Great Britain for so much of any constituency as is situated in its area.

The decision to make changes to polling districts and polling places will be made at a meeting of the full Council.

## **The Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)**

Where a local authority makes any alterations to the polling districts within its area, the ERO must amend the register of electors accordingly – either on a notice of alteration by publishing a revised register or by publishing a revised register. The changes to the register take effect on the date that the ERO publishes a separate notice stating that the alterations have been made, which should be done to coincide with the publication of a notice of alteration/publication of a revised register.

Waltham Forest intend to republish the revised register of electors based on the new polling scheme on 4 January 2022. The last such register based on the existing wards will therefore be published on 1 December 2021.

## **The (Acting) Returning Officer**

The election rules require the (Acting) Returning Officer to decide how many polling stations are required for each polling place and they must allocate electors to the polling stations in such a manner as they think most convenient.

## Accessibility Considerations

The Council has a duty to ensure the accessibility of all polling places to disabled voters and has considered this for all polling places as part of this review. Specifically, the Council has given consideration to the Scope 2020 report 'Polls Apart 2010: Opening Elections to Disabled People'. The main physical access issues identified by scope which have been considered as part of this review are:

- Polling places with steps into the entrance
- Narrow doorways and corridors
- Lack of space within the polling place to manoeuvre motorised wheelchairs
- Lack of space and secrecy for electors and their companions to discuss the elector's choice of vote
- Lack of low level polling booths that provide voters with the confidence that they can cast their vote in secrecy
- Lack of chairs to enable people to rest
- Inadequate lighting

Unless explicitly discussed in the comments for each polling district, all polling places meet these requirements either through the existing infrastructure of the building or through the provision of temporary auxiliary aids to improve accessibility.

All polling stations are issued with low level polling booths with secrecy screens and temporary ramps are deployed where required. Polling station accessibility is kept under review in advance of each election through inspections and between elections through elector surveys and feedback.

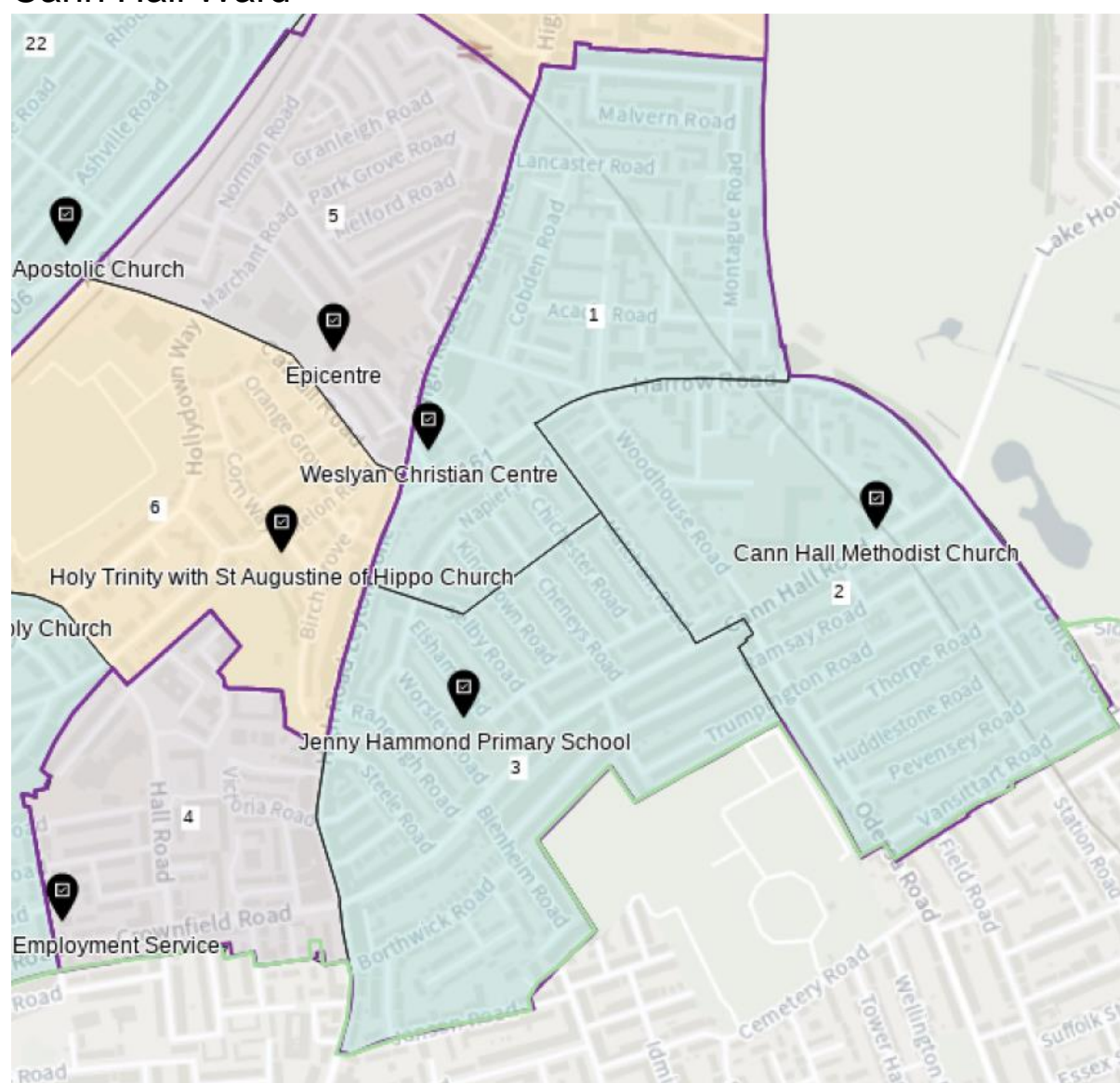
## New Wards Effective May 2022

Below is a table of all the new wards. This also shows how many Councillors will be elected to represent each ward. Some of these new wards sit within more than one existing parliamentary constituency. Currently proposed parliamentary constituencies as per the [initial proposals](#) published by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England do not change the current arrangement of wards within parliamentary constituencies.

These different constituencies (both existing and proposed) need to be taken account of within the new polling scheme. This is to ensure that we can identify electors who, whilst they share a local government ward, may be in different parliamentary constituencies. To do this we have either created sub/split polling districts or polling districts that are smaller than the norm to be able to properly account for and administer their particular circumstances.

<b>Name of new electoral ward</b>	<b>No of Cllrs</b>	<b>PD prefix</b>	<b>Existing and proposed parliamentary constituency</b>
Cann Hall	3	A	Leyton & Wanstead
Cathall	2	B	Leyton & Wanstead
Chapel End	3	C	Walthamstow
Chingford Green	3	D	Chingford & Woodford Green
Endlebury	2	E	Chingford & Woodford Green
Forest	3	F	Leyton & Wanstead
Grove Green	3	G	Leyton & Wanstead
Hale End & Highams Park South	2	H	Chingford & Woodford Green / Walthamstow
Hatch Lane & Highams Park North	3	I	Chingford & Woodford Green
High Street	3	J	Walthamstow
Higham Hill	3	K	Walthamstow
Hoe Street	3	L	Leyton & Wanstead / Walthamstow
Larkswood	3	M	Chingford & Woodford Green / Walthamstow
Lea Bridge	3	N	Walthamstow
Leyton	3	O	Leyton & Wanstead / Walthamstow
Leytonstone	3	P	Leyton & Wanstead
Markhouse	2	Q	Walthamstow
St James	3	R	Walthamstow
Upper Walthamstow	2	S	Chingford & Woodford Green / Walthamstow
Valley	3	T	Chingford & Woodford Green
William Morris	3	U	Walthamstow
Wood Street	2	V	Walthamstow

## Cann Hall Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
1	AAL	Wesleyan Christian Centre 1 Harrow Green, E11 3HP	2,801	2	NEW
2	ABL	Cann Hall Methodist Church 298 Cann Hall Road, E11 3NN	2,790	2	Existing
3	ACL	Jenny Hammond Primary School Elsham Road, E11 3JH	3,444	2	Existing
4	ADL	Ellingham Employment Services	1,555	1	Existing

The ward boundary has changed slightly in the north, giving one road to Leytonstone Ward and significantly in the west, taking in part of the old Cathall Ward. This has led to the creation of a fourth polling district. The ward falls entirely within the Leyton & Wanstead parliamentary constituency.

**AAL**

A change to AAL is proposed by moving the polling place from Acacia Nursery School to the Wesleyan Christian Centre. This removes the need to close the nursery, which is no longer suitable due to internal changes to the building and furniture.

**ABL**

No changes are proposed. Cann Hall Methodist Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

**ACL**

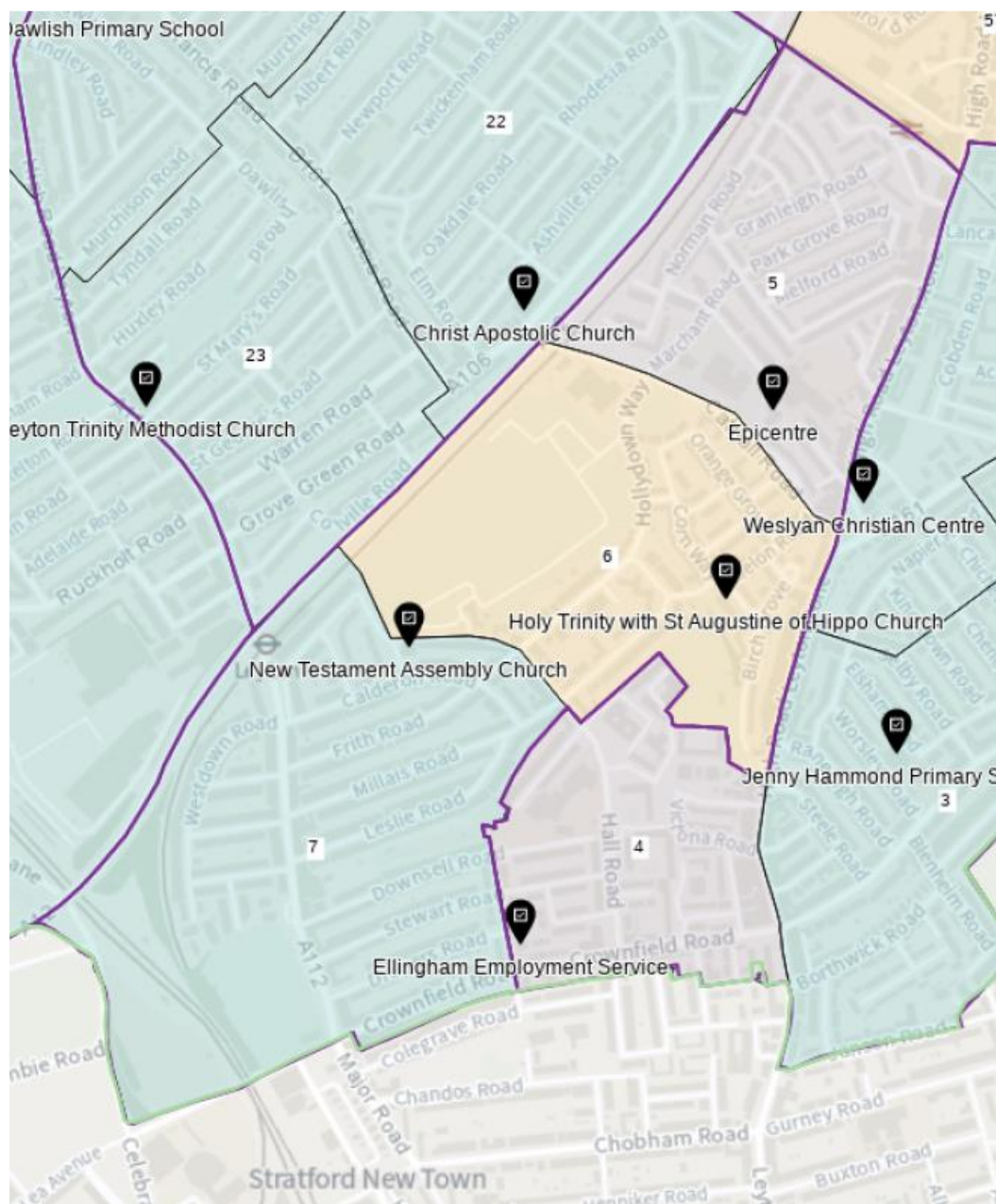
No changes are proposed. Jenny Hammond Primary School has been used for all elections since 2015 with no problems identified. Whilst the Council is looking to find alternatives to schools where possible, there are no suitable alternatives within the proposed district or nearby that would serve electors as well.

**ADL**

This new polling district was formerly part of Cathall Ward. The proposed polling place has been used for electors in the area for some time with no problems identified.



## Cathall Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
5	BAL	Epicentre 41 West Street, E11 4LJ	2,204	1	Existing
6	BBL	Holy Trinity Church Leytonstone 4 Holloway Road, E11 4LD	1,458	1	NEW
7	BCL	New Testament Assembly Church 214 Langthorne Road, E11 4HS	3,213	2	Existing

A significant change to the south-eastern boundary of the ward has required changes to two polling districts (BBL and BCL) in order to adequately serve electors. This ward has reduced

to two members and part of the old Cathall Ward now forms part of the new Cann Hall Ward. The ward falls entirely within the Leyton & Wanstead parliamentary constituency.

#### **BAL**

No changes are proposed. The Epicentre has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

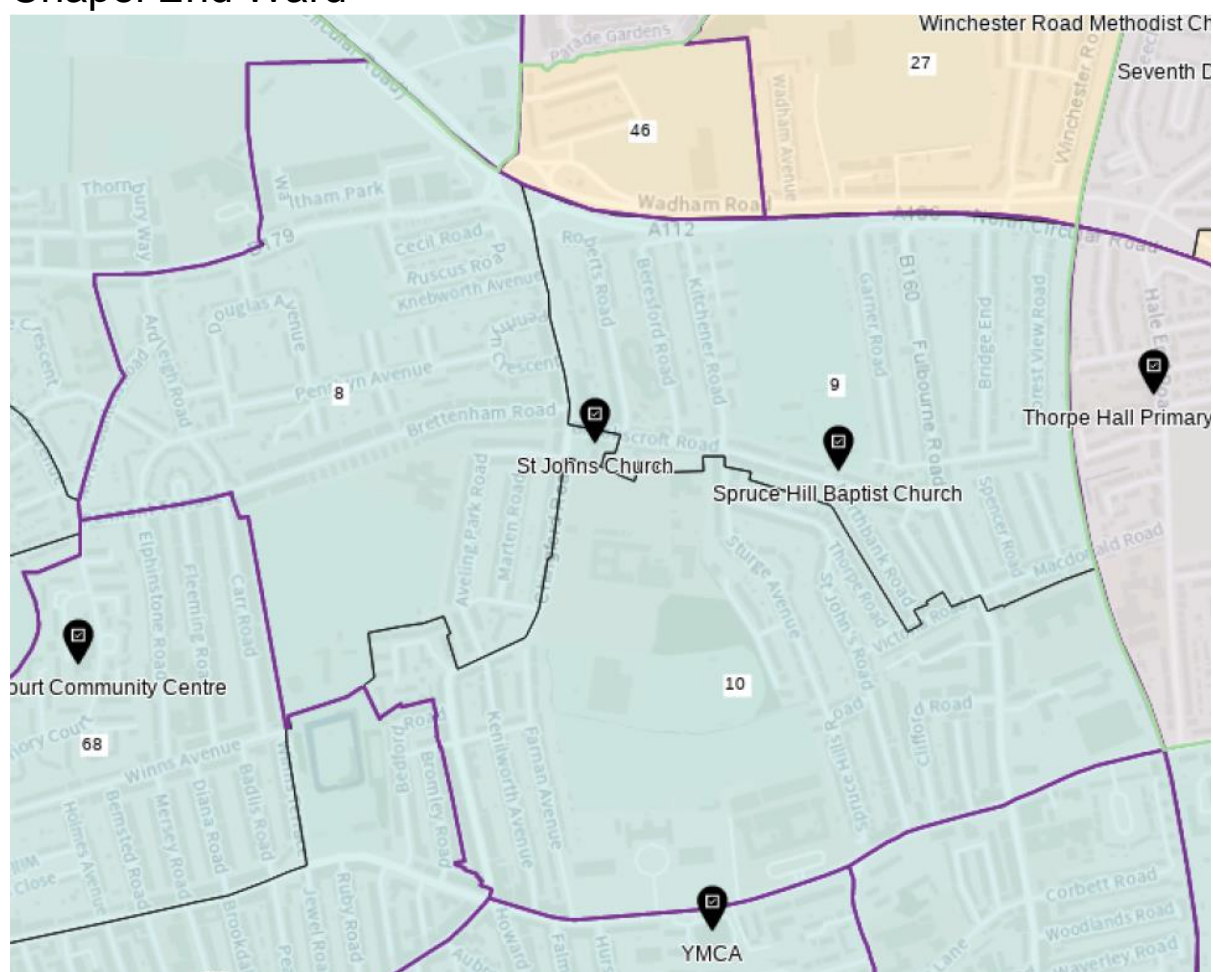
#### **BBL**

The proposal is to create a new polling district in this part of the ward, which was predominantly served by New Testament Assembly Church before 2022. Due to a lack of other polling places in the west of the ward, it is proposed that New Testament Assembly Church serve voters to the west (BCL) whilst voters in this district attend Holy Trinity Church, which is closer to the centre of the district and main residential areas.

#### **BCL**

This district is made up of part of three former districts served by New Testament Assembly Church, Downsell Primary School and Ellingham Employment Services. The latter two locations now fall within Cann Hall Ward and there is little other provision in the West of the Cathall Ward. The proposal is that New Testament Assembly Church (which has been used since 2019) be the polling place. It is not ideally located, being at the edge of the district but is within easy distance of all parts of the district and situated next to the densest residential part. The church has been used without complaint at previous elections.

## Chapel End Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
8	CAW	St John's Church 18 Brookscroft Road, E17 4LH	3,208	2	NEW
9	CBW	Spruce Hill Baptist Church 155 Brookscroft Road, E17 4JP	3,016	2	Existing
10	CCW	YMCA 642 Forest Road, E17 3EF	3,124	2	Existing

Significant changes to the northern boundary of the ward have consolidated it wholly to the south of the A406. Minor changes to the north western boundary have extended the ward in to the old Higham Hill and William Morris Wards to balance the change. The ward falls entirely within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

### CAW

A minor change is proposed to the polling district boundary (outside of the extension west as a result of the ward boundary review). This would bring the proposed polling place at St John's church into the polling district replacing the neighbouring Sir George Monoux College. The church was used at the most recent elections in 2021 without complaint. Whilst not ideally placed at the eastern limit of the district, the church avoids the use of schools in the area including Hillyfield Primary Academy (Park Site) which would have to close if used.

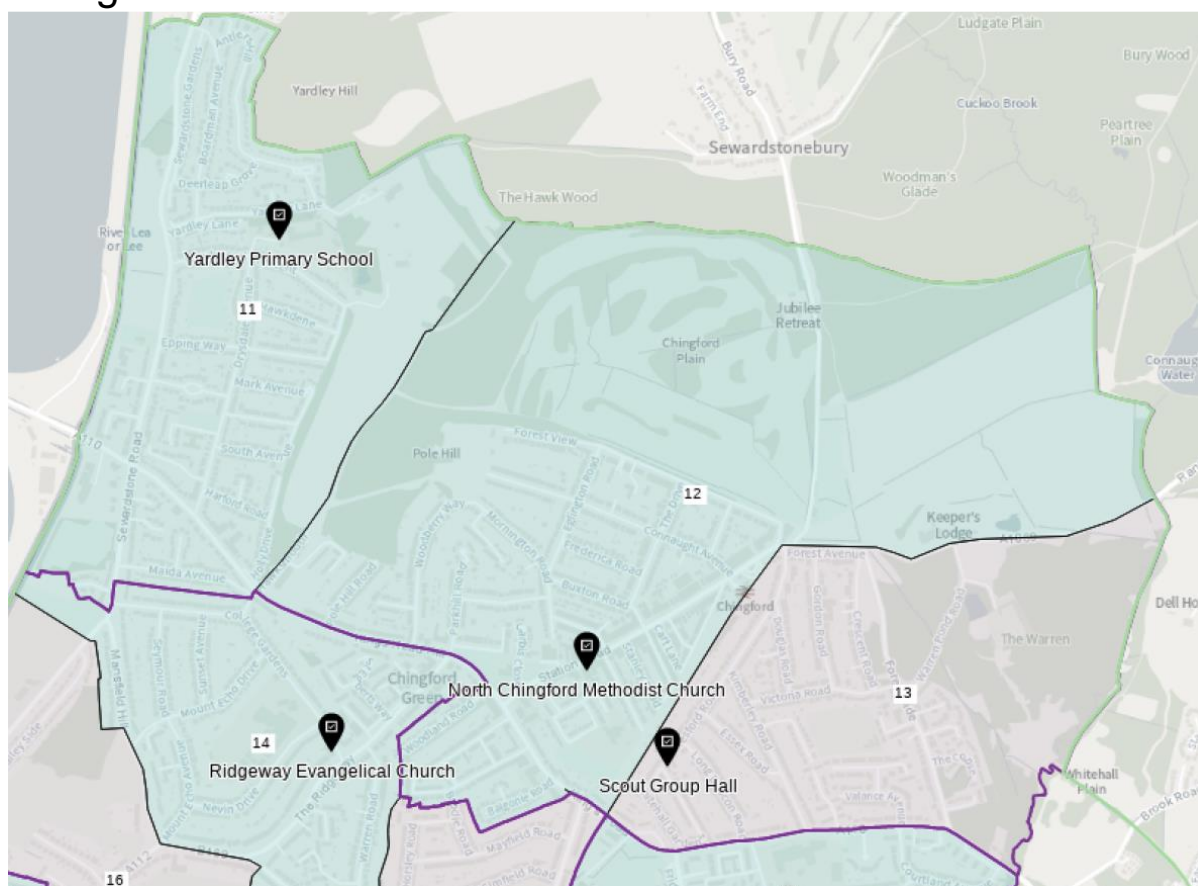
**CBW**

No changes are proposed. The Spruce Hill Baptist Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

**CCW**

No changes are proposed. The YMCA has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections. Ideally Fellowship Square will be able to host a polling place once works on the site have ceased.

## Chingford Green Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
11	DAC	Yardley Primary School Hawkswood Crescent, E4 7PH	3,059	2	Existing
12	DBC	North Chingford Methodist Church 48 Station Road, E4 7BU	3,603	2	Existing
13	DCC	15 <sup>th</sup> Chingford Scout Group Hall 43 Whitehall Gardens, E4 6EP	2,090	1	Existing

A minor change to the central southern boundary of the ward has taken in part of the old Endlebury Ward, otherwise no changes are proposed to boundaries or polling places in the ward. The ward falls entirely within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency.

### DAC

No changes are proposed. Despite trialling an alternative at the adjacent scout hall in 2019, it was not found to be suitable due to poor accessibility. Yardley Primary School remains the only accessible and suitable polling place in the west of this ward.

### DBC

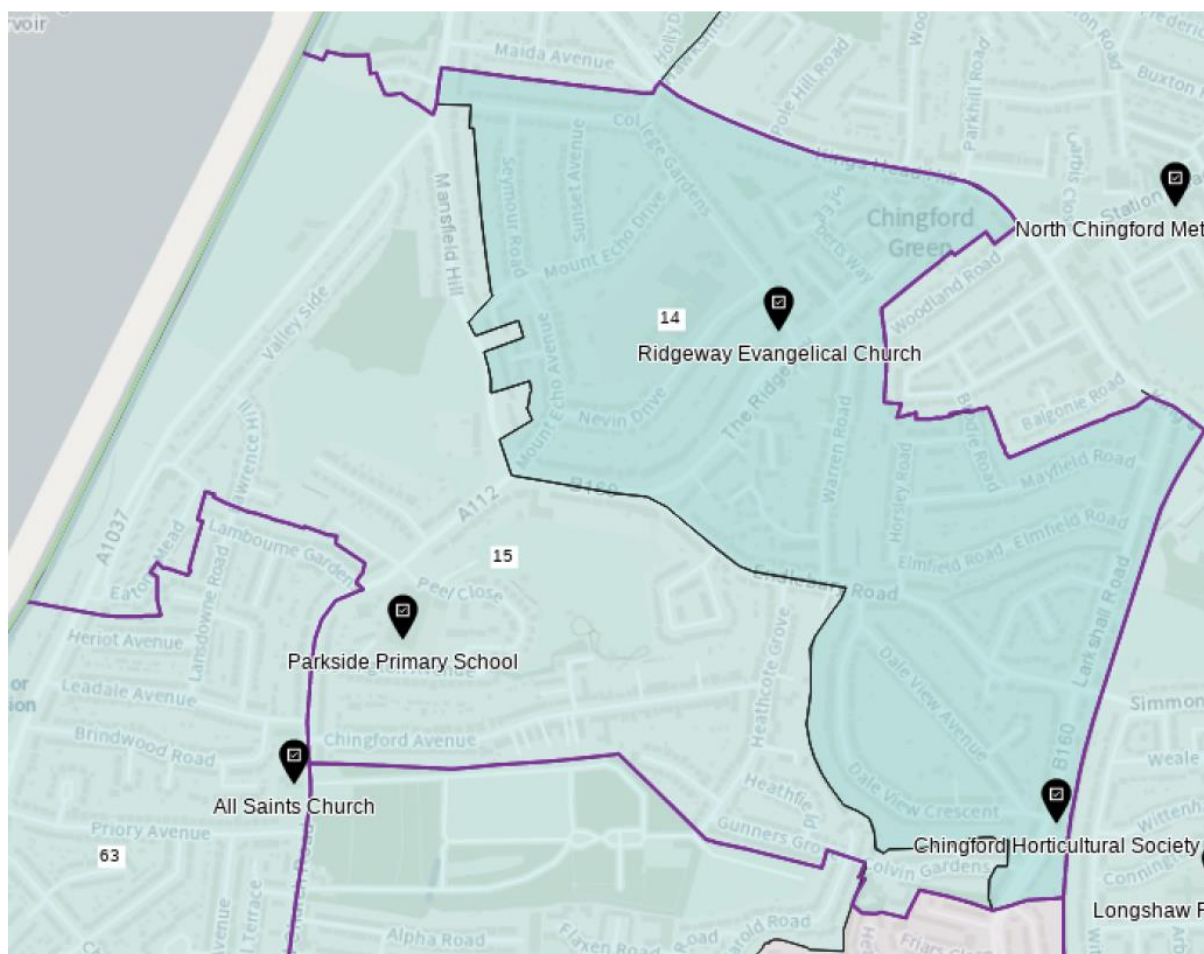
No changes are proposed. North Chingford Methodist Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

**DCC**

No changes are proposed. The 15<sup>th</sup> Chingford Scout Group Hall has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.



## Endlebury Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
14	EAC	Ridgeway Evangelical Church 36 The Ridgeway, E4 6PU	3,980	2	Existing
15	ECC	Parkside Primary School 21 Wellington Avenue, E4 6RE	2,623	2	NEW

There have been significant changes to the ward which will be represented by two Councillors in future. Part of the north east now forms part of Chingford Green Ward, whilst a significant portion of the south west has been absorbed into Valley Ward. The resulting changes have resulted in the former polling places to 2/3 districts in the ward now falling within neighbouring wards. The ward falls entirely within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency.

### EAC

Changes to the boundary are proposed to serve voters on the eastern edge of the ward which was formerly a separate polling district. That district now falls partly within the new Chingford Green ward along with the former polling station (Kings Road Baptist Church). There are no identified alternatives in this part of the ward aside from Chingford Horticultural Society Hall which has been investigated previously but found to be unsuitable. No changes

are proposed to the polling place. Ridgeway Evangelical Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

### **ECC**

The proposed polling place for this district is Parkside Primary School which replaces All Saints' Church (Old Church). The previous polling place now falls within the Valley Ward. No suitable alternatives to the school have been identified in the area. The school is accessible and is situated toward the centre of this district.



The map displays the Leytonstone area, highlighting several churches and landmarks. Key locations include the Vestry House Museum, Henry Maynard Primary School, Ghousia Hall, Belmont Park School, Cornerstone Church, St Andrews Church, All Saints Church, Seddon Centre, and Leytonstone United Free Church. The map also shows roads such as A114, A116, and A119, and features like Hollow Pond. The map is color-coded by ward: Vestry (pink), Belmont (orange), and Leytonstone (light green).

PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
17	FAL	The Cornerstone Church & Community Centre 149 Canterbury Road, E10 6EH	2,876	2	Existing
18	FBL	St Andrew's Church 153 Colworth Road, E11 1JD	2,746	2	NEW
19	FCL	Belmont Park School 101 Leyton Green Road, E10 6DB	2,661	2	Existing
20	FDL	The Seddon Centre Beaumont Road, E10 5AS	2,176	1	NEW

There have been significant changes to the ward which will have been extended west taking part of the old Leyton Ward. Part of the north now forms part of Hoe Street Ward. The resulting changes have resulted in the creation of a new polling district to take in the new area to the west. The ward falls entirely within the Leyton & Wanstead parliamentary constituency.

**FAL**

No changes are proposed. The Cornerstone Church & Community Centre has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

## FBL

St Andrew's Church is proposed as a replacement for Gwyn Jones Primary School as the Council seeks alternatives to schools going forward. The church was used at the Greater London Mayoral and Assembly elections in 2021 without complaint and is accessible to voters although further east than the current polling place. To bring the boundary of the district east would adversely affect the distribution of electors to polling places in the ward although this may need to be revised pending development on the current Whipps Cross Hospital site.

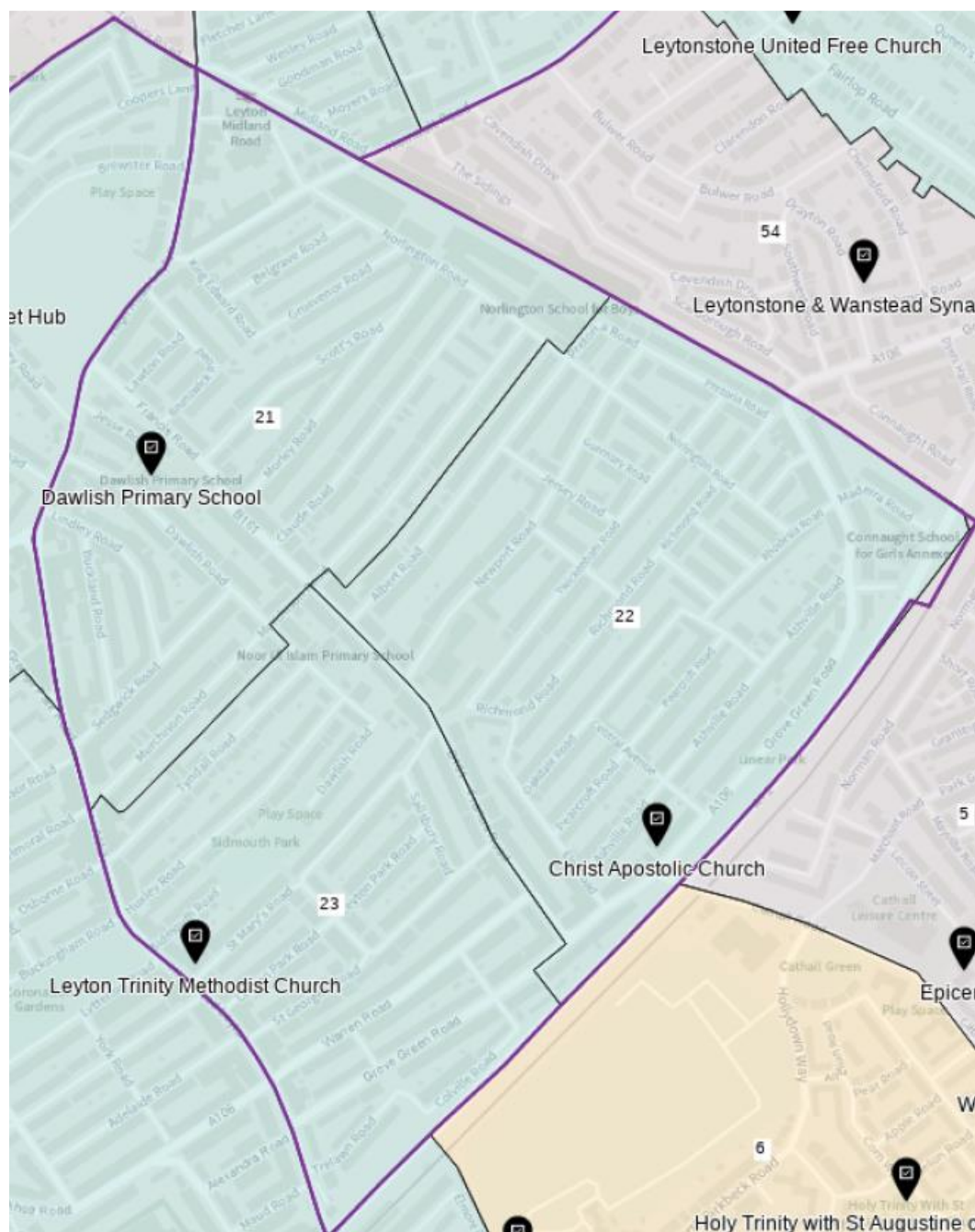
#### **FCL**

No changes are proposed. Belmont Park School has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections. Alternatives to the school have been explored but there are no viable options identified that would adequately service residents in this part of the ward.

#### **FDL**

This new district previously formed part of the Leyton Ward and was served by George Mitchell Primary School. For a number of elections the Seddon Centre has been used as an alternative to the school without complaint. As part of the move away from schools, it is proposed that the Seddon Centre be the new polling place for this district.

## Grove Green Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
21	GAL	Dawlish Primary School 4 Jesse Road, E10 6NN	3,537	2	Existing
22	GBL	Christ Apostolic Church 156 Grove Green Road, E11 4EL	3,664	2	NEW
23	GCL	Leyton Trinity Methodist Church 280 High Road Leyton, E10 5PW	2,705	2	Existing

There has been one minor change to the boundary of the ward which has been extended to the railway line in the far eastern corner of the ward. There has been one minor change to

the district in this part of the ward to account for this, otherwise no changes have been proposed to polling district boundaries. The ward falls entirely within the Leyton & Wanstead parliamentary constituency.

#### **GAL**

No changes are proposed. Dawlish Primary School has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections. As part of the move away from the use of schools, the Council have been unable to identify any suitable alternative premises in this part of the ward to serve electors.

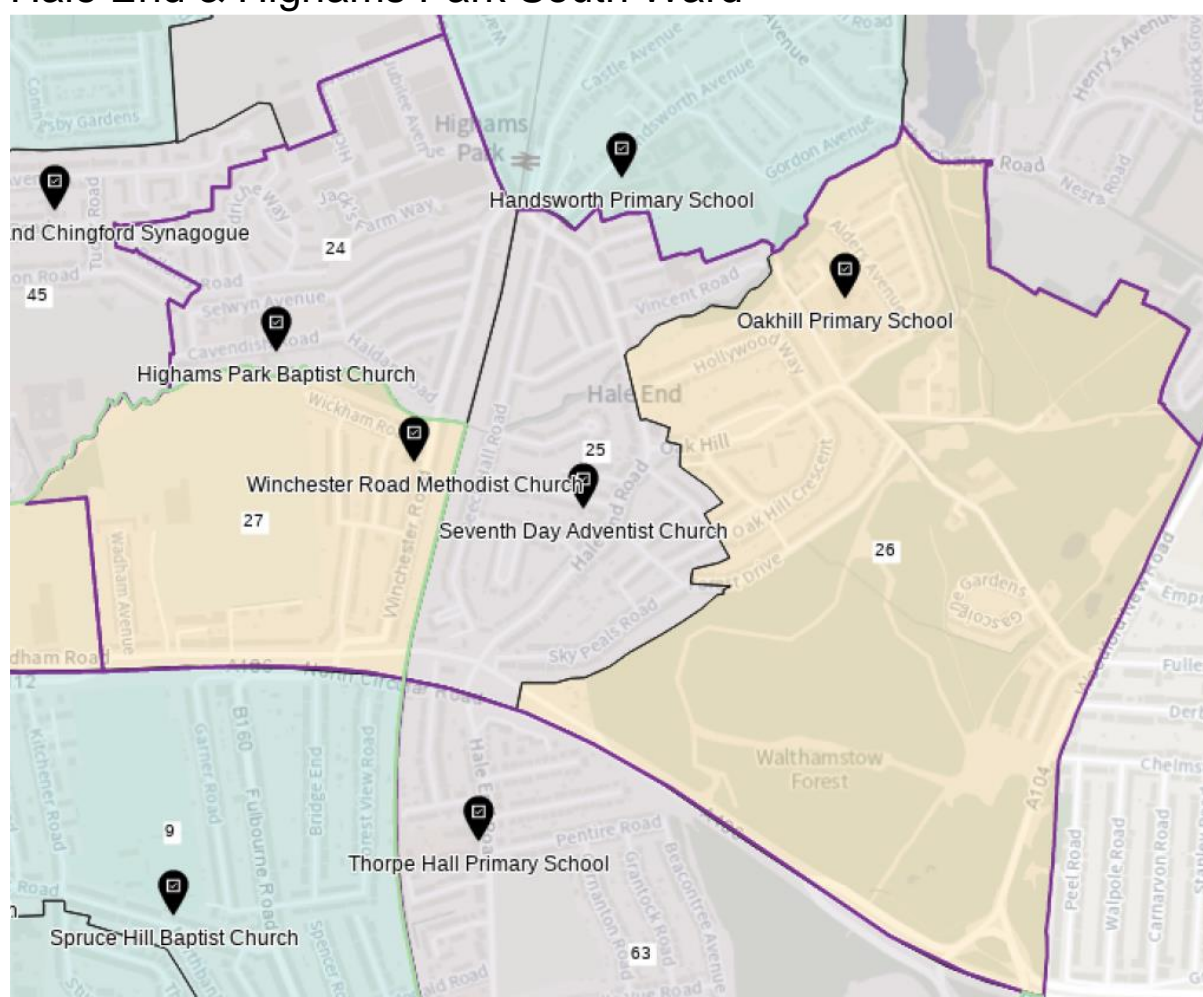
#### **GBL**

The proposed polling place for this part of the ward is Christ Apostolic Church on Grove Green Road. Whilst on the edge of the district, the church replaces Newport Primary School as part of the Council's move away from the use of schools. The church was used at both the Greater London Mayoral and Assembly elections and the Grove Green by-election in 2021 without complaint.

#### **GLC**

No changes are proposed. Leyton Trinity Methodist Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

## Hale End & Highams Park South Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
24	HAC	Highams Park Baptist Church 129 Cavendish Road, E4 9NH	2,145	1	Existing
25	HBC	Seventh Day Adventist Church 40 Malvern Avenue, E4 9NP	2,048	1	Existing
26	HCC	Oakhill Primary School Alders Avenue, IG8 9PY	1,368	1	Existing
27	HCW	Winchester Road Methodist Church 82 Winchester Road, E4 9JP	1,031	1	Existing

This is a new ward represented by 2 Councillors. The ward is formed of parts of the old Hale End & Highams Park and Chapel End Wards and is split across the Chingford & Woodford Green and Walthamstow parliamentary constituencies.

### HAC

The polling district remains unchanged from the old Hale End & Highams Park Ward as does the polling place, Highams Park Baptist Church. The church has been used as the polling place since 2017 with no complaints by residents and prevents the closure of the nearby Selwyn Primary School.



### **HBC**

The polling district remains unchanged from the old Hale End & Highams Park Ward as does the polling place which was previously called Highams Park United Reform Church. The venue has been used without complaint for a number of years.

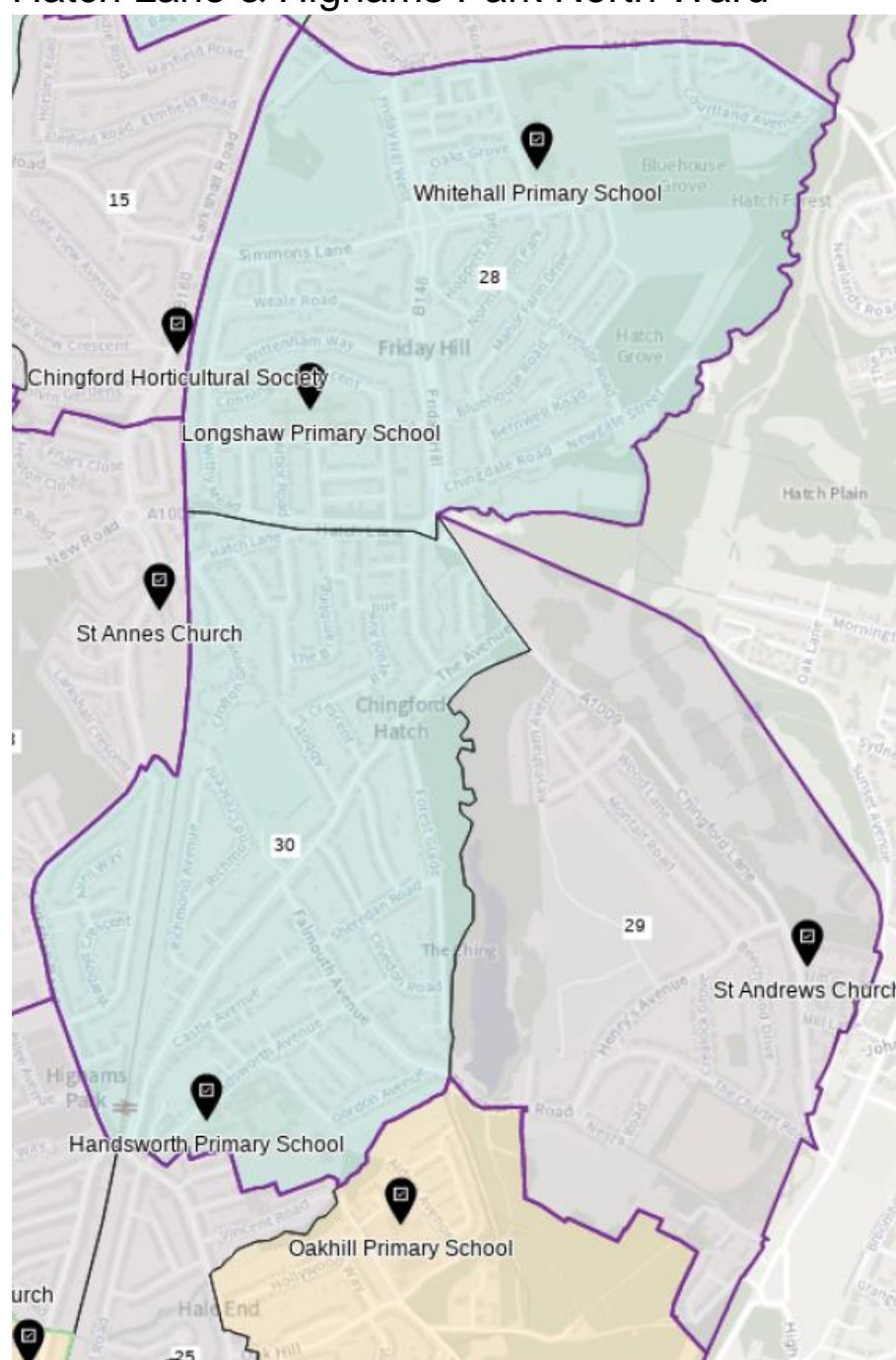
### **HCC**

The polling district remains unchanged from the old Hale End & Highams Park Ward as does the polling place, Oakhill Primary School. The only viable alternative venue in this part of the ward is Brookfield House School, which is avoided in order to avoid closure of the specialist unit at the school. Consideration has been given to combining the HBC and HCC polling districts but the Seventh Day Adventist Church is not located well for voters at the far east of the district and is unlikely to be able to support the increase in voter traffic.

### **HCW**

This district was formerly part of the Chapel End ward and falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency, unlike the rest of the ward which falls within Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency. It is proposed that the polling place remain the same as it has been used without complaint for a number of years. Whilst there is argument that the polling place could be combined with Highams Park Baptist Church, it is felt that voters should be kept separate for the administration of parliamentary elections.

## Hatch Lane & Highams Park North Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
28	IAC	Longshaw Primary School Longshaw Road, E4 6LH	3,725	2	Existing
29	IBC	St Andrew's Church 56 Chingford Lane, IG8 9QP	1,641	1	Existing
30	ICC	Handsworth Primary school Handsworth Ave, E4 9PJ	4,261	2	Existing

This is a new ward represented by 3 Councillors made up of parts of the old Hale End & Highams Park, Hatch Lane, and Larkswood Wards. The ward falls entirely within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency.

### **IAC**

Two former polling districts have been combined to reduce the need to use two schools in the area. The proposed polling place is Longshaw Primary School which has been used for a number of years with no problems identified. The proposed combined district would place the polling station further from electors at the far north east of the ward but in the centre of the largest density of housing in the district. There are no suitable alternatives other than schools in this part of the ward.

### **IBC**

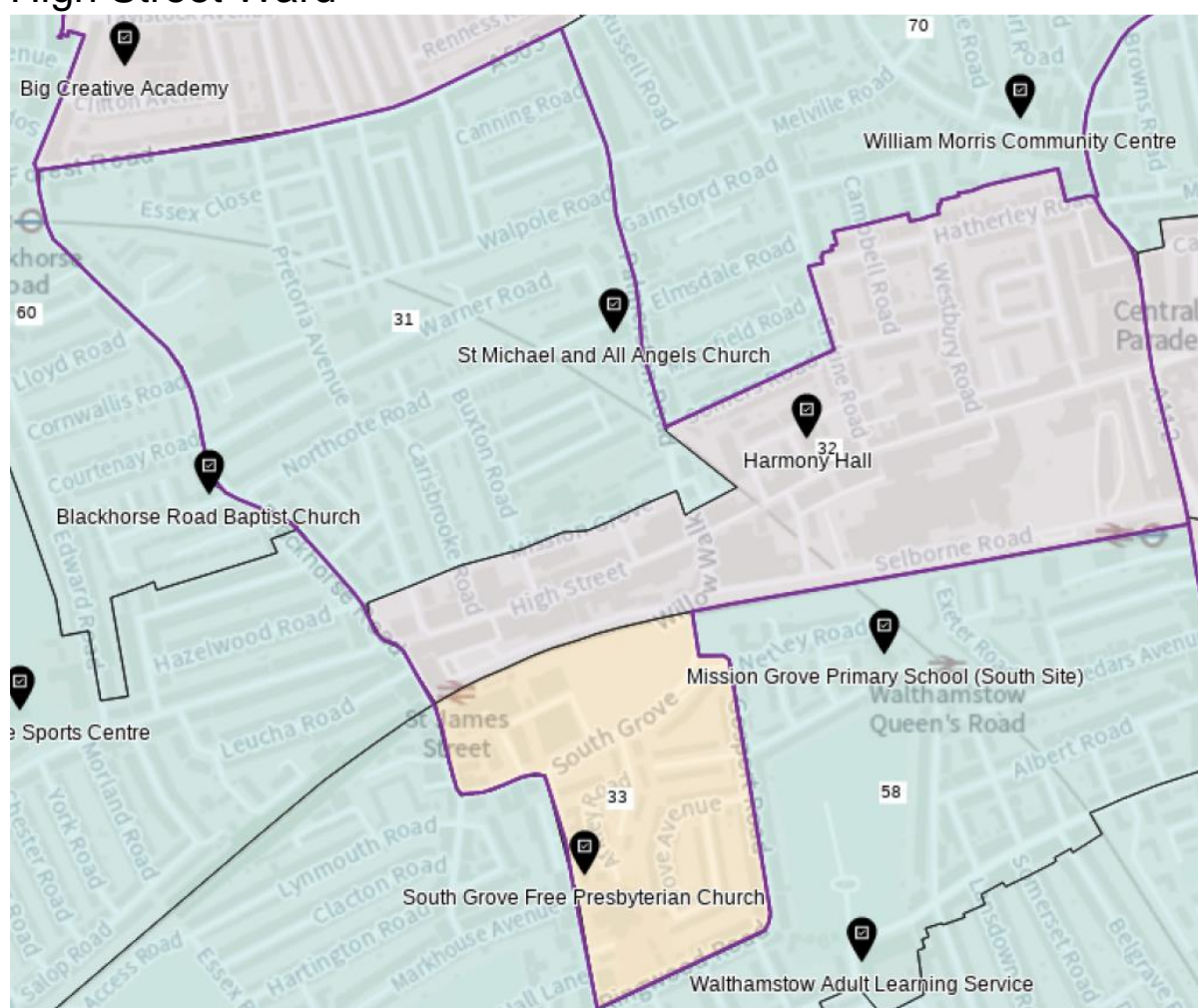
No changes are proposed. St Andrew's Church has been used for some time by residents in the area and does not give rise to complaints at elections.

### **ICC**

This district now takes in part of the old Larkswood ward to the west of the railway line. The proposed polling place of Handsworth Primary School has been the polling place for this area for many years without complaint. The extension makes this one of the largest polling districts in the borough which will be kept under review.



## High Street Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
31	JAW	St Michael & All Angels Church Northcote Road, E17 6PQ	3,739	2	Existing
32	JBW	Harmony Hall 10 Truro Road, E17 7BY	2,425	2	Existing
33	JCW	South Grove Free Presbyterian Church 3 Markhouse Road, E17 8DJ	1,241	1	NEW

The ward has been significantly altered by the creation of the new St James Ward to the west and has been extended south into the former Markhouse Ward. The ward falls wholly within the Walthamstow Constituency and is expected to increase in population significantly with development in the area.

### JAW

Parts of two former districts have been combined to create a new district with St Michael and All Angels Church as the proposed polling place. The polling station has been used without complaint for a number of years and would prevent the use of Stoneydown Park Primary School (infants site).

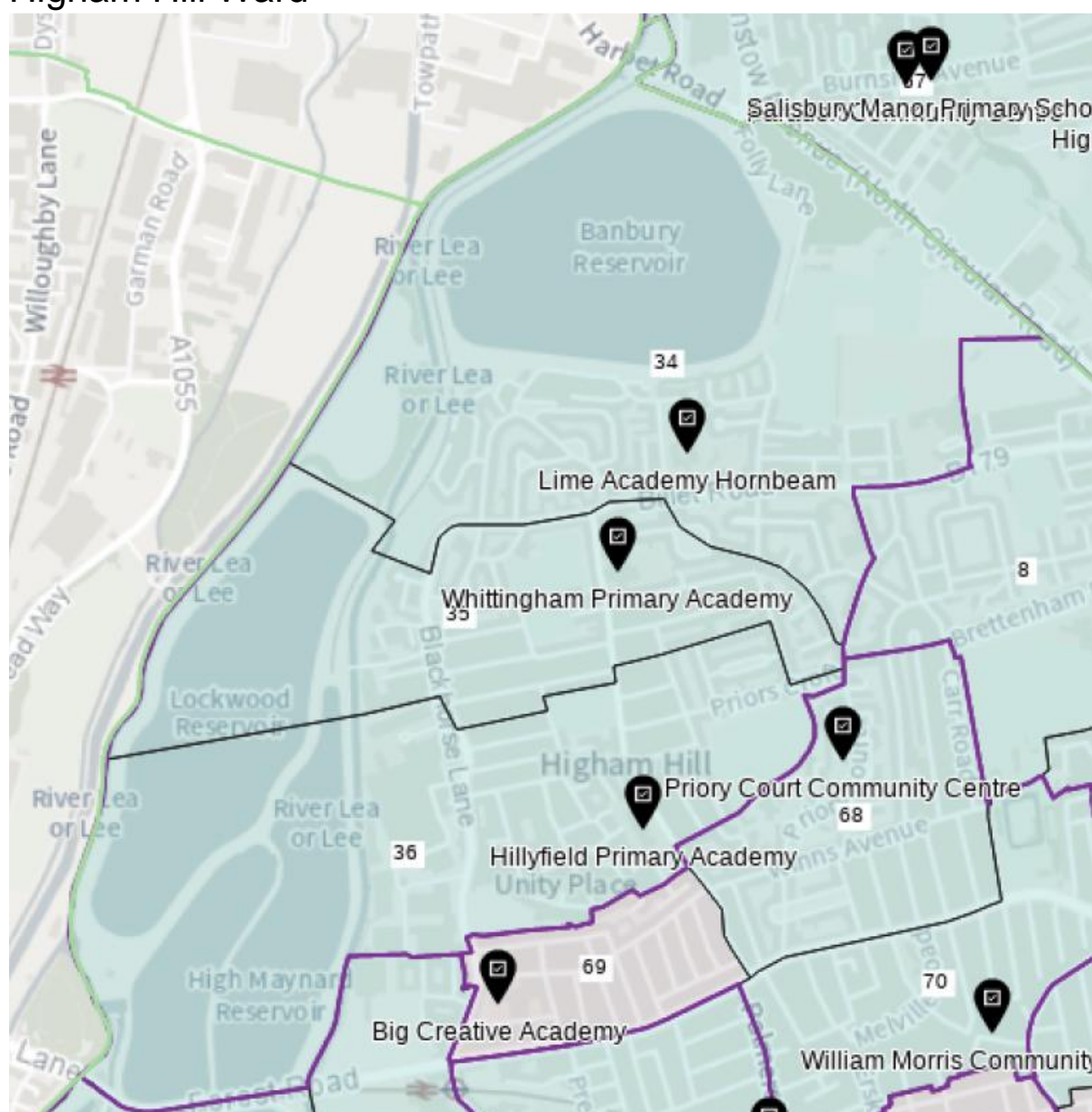
**JBW**

Minor changes have been made to the district to account for changes to the west of the ward. Harmony Hall has been used as the polling place for this area for a number of years and it is proposed that it should continue to be the polling place for this district. This district is likely to experience significant population growth over the coming years and will be kept under review in case additional polling places are required. Walthamstow Library is a possible option should there become a need to split this district in future.

**JCW**

This district formerly formed part of the Markhouse Ward. A new polling place at South Grove Free Presbyterian Church has been identified to serve voters in the area. The alternative polling place is South Grove Primary School which has been avoided in order to avoid disruption to schools.

## Higham Hill Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
34	KAW	Lime Academy Hornbeam 7 Folly Lane, E17 5NT	3,244	2	Existing
35	KBW	Whittingham Primary Academy 340-228 Higham Hill Road, E17 5QX	2,806	2	Existing
36	KCW	Hillyfield Primary Academy 99-101 Higham Hill Road, E17 6ED	3,487	2	Existing

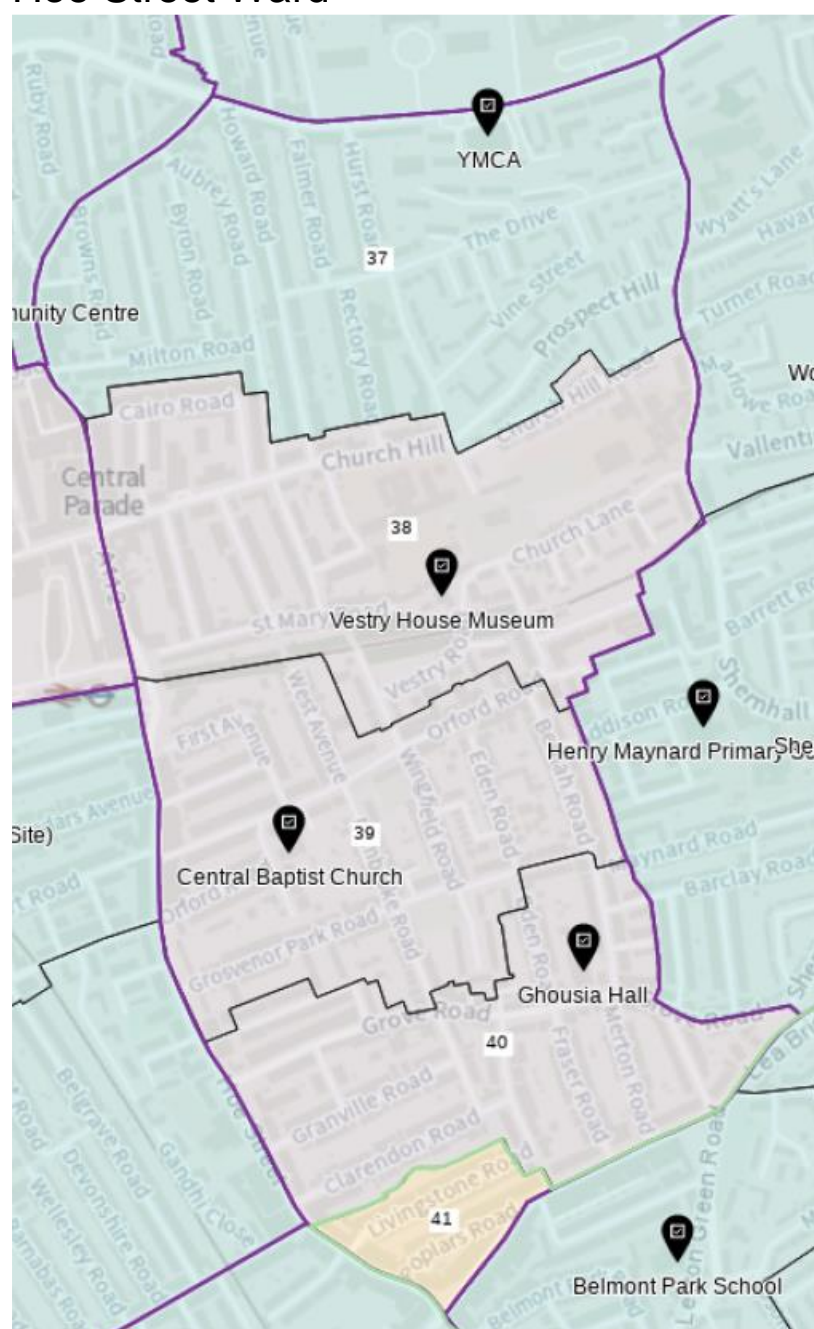
The ward has been partially altered by the creation of the new St James Ward to the south west and has given part of the eastern edge to Chapel End Ward. The ward falls wholly within the Walthamstow Constituency

### **KAW, KBW, KCW**

All three polling places have been used for elections since 2015 with no problems identified for voters. No changes are proposed to the polling places in these districts, the boundaries of which remain unchanged aside from the outer ward boundaries described above.

It is noted that all three districts require the use of schools. Despite significant work to identify alternative polling places, this highly residential area has no suitable alternatives. In KCW district some potential alternatives were explored in the Uplands Business Park area but these were found to be unsuitable due to accessibility issues including a lack of consistent paved pedestrian access.

## Hoe Street Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
37	LAW	YMCA 642 Forest Road, E17 3EF	3,319	2	NEW
38	LBW	Vestry House Museum Vestry Road, E17 9NH	2,136	1	NEW
39	LCW	Central Baptist Church 101 Orford Road, E17 9QR	2,149	1	Existing
40	LDW	Ghouseia Hall	1,764	1	Existing
41	LEL	119-123 Grove Road, E17 9BU	460	1	Existing

The ward has been partially altered by giving away the area to the west of Hoe Street to the new Markhouse Ward and extending south to bakers arms taking in part of the old Forest ward. The ward now falls within two parliamentary constituencies with the majority in Walthamstow but the small addition to the south falling in Leyton & Wanstead.

#### **LAW**

At the 2021 Greater London Mayoral and Assembly elections the YMCA was the polling place for this district to avoid the use of Emmanuel Community School. The hall at the YMCA is large enough to support 4 polling stations and it is proposed that this continue. The district has been amended to support ease of access by voters by ensuring that it serves streets that connect directly to Forest Road and the northern part of Hoe Street.

#### **LBW**

At the 2021 Greater London Mayoral and Assembly elections Vestry House Museum was the polling place for this district to avoid the use of Church Hill Nursery School without any complaint. The district boundary has been amended to better serve voters.

#### **LCW**

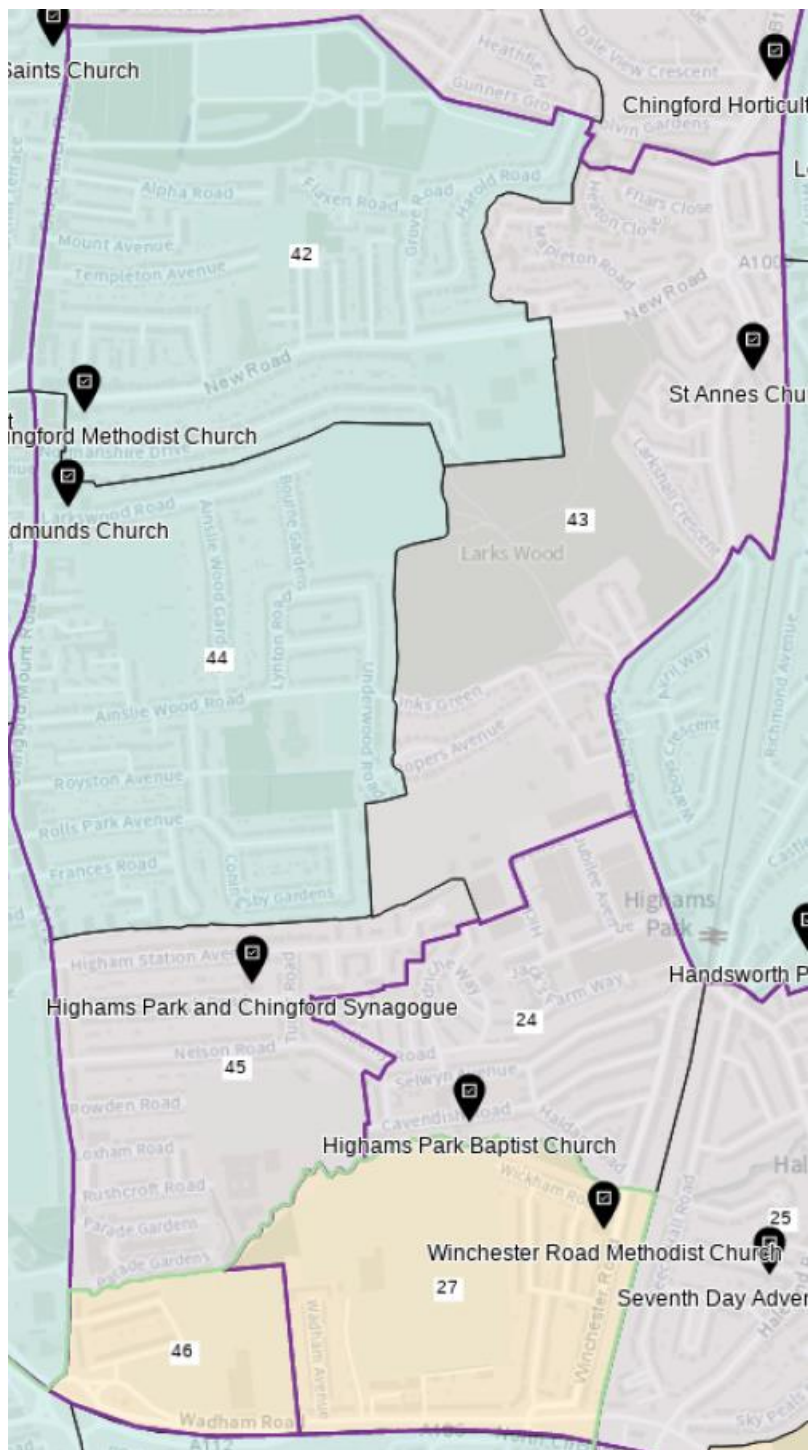
Central Baptist Church has been a polling place in this ward for a number of years without complaint and it is proposed that this continue. The district has been amended to reduce traffic at Ghousia Hall and to accommodate Vestry House Museum.

#### **LDW and LEL**

Ghousia Hall has been a polling place since the 2019 review of polling districts and places and has been used without complaint at all elections since 2018 following the closure of the previous polling place. The boundary has been redrawn to accommodate both districts, one of which falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency and the other in Leyton & Wanstead (hence the smaller allocation of voters to LEL).



## Larkswood Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
42	MAC	South Chingford Methodist Church 5 New Road, E4 9EU	2,531	2	Existing
33	MBC	St Anne's Church Larkshall Road, E4 9DS	1,803	1	Existing
44	MCC	St Edmund's Church Larkswood Road, E4 9DS	2,684	2	NEW

PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
45	MDC	Highams Park & Chingford Synagogue	2,077	1	NEW
46	MEW	81A Marlborough Road, E4 9AL	197	1	NEW

There have been significant changes to the boundaries of the southern edge of the ward, which has taken in part of the old Chapel End Ward. The ward now falls predominantly within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency with the new addition in the south falling within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

### **MAC & MBC**

There are no proposed no changes to the polling places and boundaries of these district. The polling places have been used without complaint since 2015.

### **MCC**

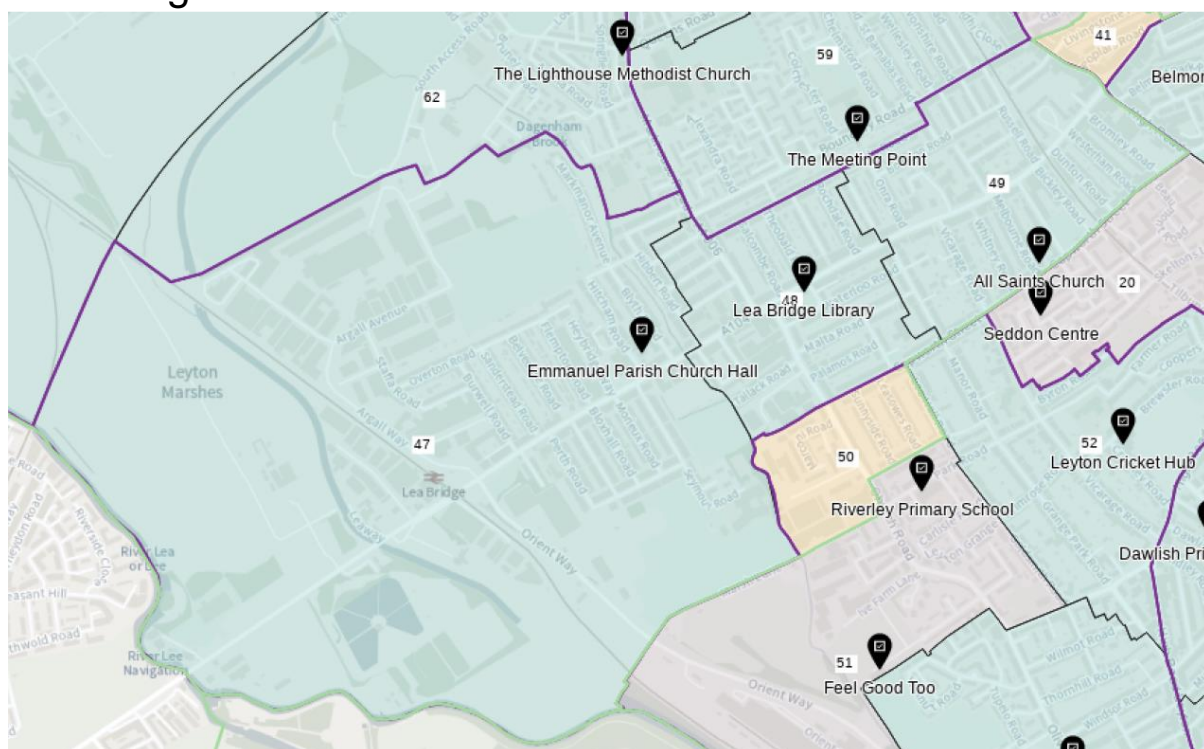
St Edmunds Church was previously the polling place for this district until 2015, following which the polling place moved to Ainslie Wood Primary School. In order to avoid the use of schools at the 2021 Greater London Mayoral and Assembly elections, the polling place returned to St Edmunds Church. It is proposed that the return be made permanent to avoid disruption to the school.

### **MDC & MEW**

Highams Park and Chingford Synagogue replaced South Chingford Foundation School at the 2021 Greater London Mayoral and Assembly Elections and it is proposed that this arrangement continue in order to avoid disruption to the school. It is proposed that the polling place serve twodistricts, one of which falls within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency and the other in Walthamstow (hence the smaller allocation of voters to MEW).



## Lea Bridge



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
47	NAW	Emmanuel Parish Church Hall Hitcham Road, E17 8HL	3,969	2	NEW
48	NBW	Lea Bridge Library Lea Bridge Road, E10 7HU	2,669	2	Existing
49	NCW	All Saints Church 47 Melbourne Road, E10 7HF	3,259	2	Existing

There have been minor changes to the boundary of the ward which gives away part of Boundary Road to the new Markhouse Ward and a small area around Church Road in the south to the new Leyton Ward.

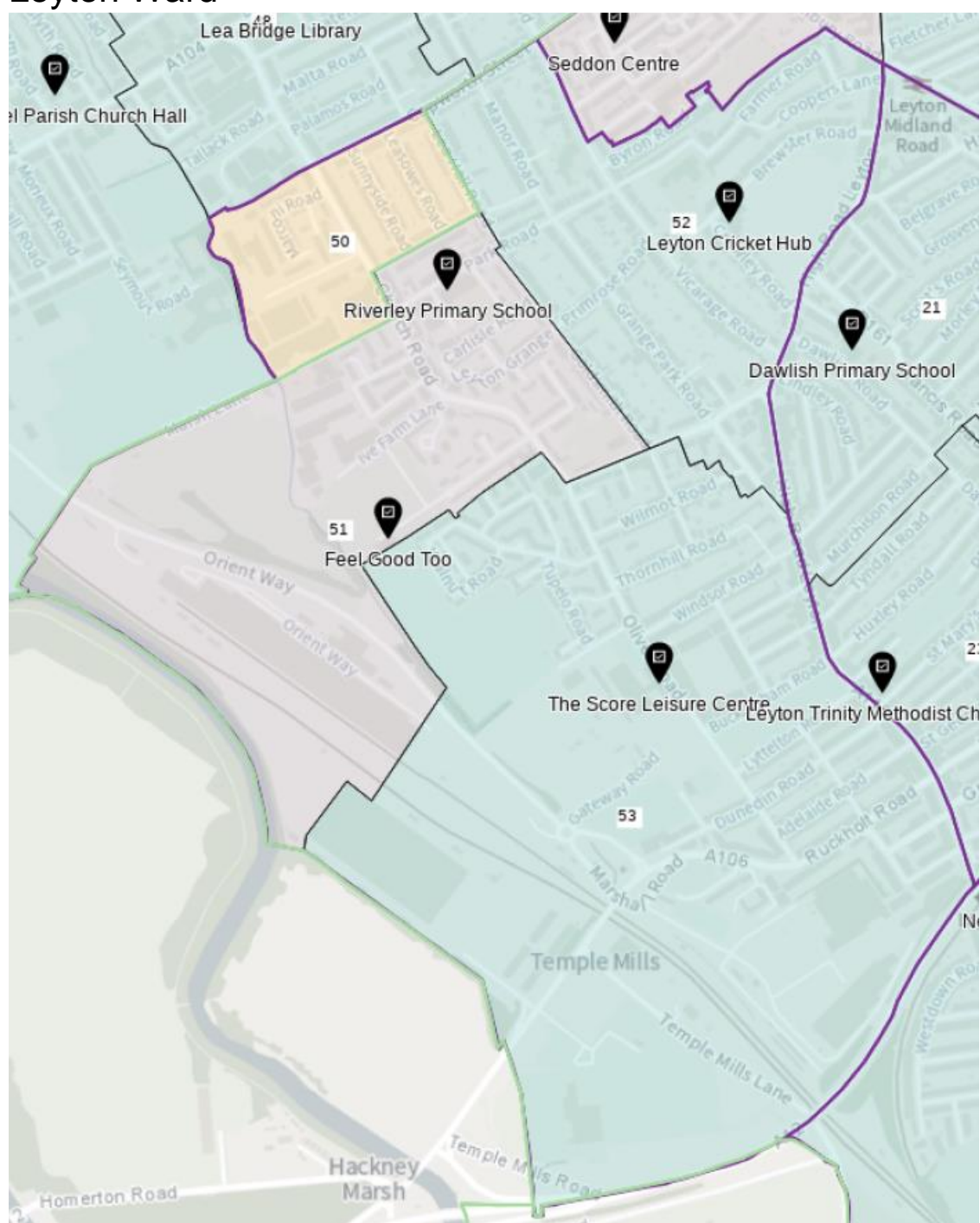
### NAW

Emmanuel Parish Church has been used at two recent elections in place of Sybourn Primary School Nursery Unit in order to avoid disruption to education and it is proposed that this continue.

### NBW & NCW

No changes are proposed to the polling places in these districts and the boundaries remain largely the same aside from minor changes to address changes to the ward boundary.

## Leyton Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
50	OAW	Feel Good Too	866	1	NEW
51	OBL	1 Pavilion Walk, E10 5UE	1,676	1	NEW
52	OCL	Leyton Cricket Hub 2 Crawley Road, E10 6RJ	2,788	2	NEW
53	ODL	The Score Centre 100 Oliver Road, E10 5JY	3,962	2	Existing

A minor amendment to the northern ward boundary has created a new polling district which formerly formed part of Lea Bridge Ward. The addition falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency whereas the rest of the ward falls within Leyton & Wanstead.

#### **OAW & OBL**

Feel Good Too has been used as a replacement for Riverley Primary School since 2019. It is proposed that this arrangement continue. It is proposed that the polling place also serve the additional district added to the ward following the ward boundary review. This new district falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

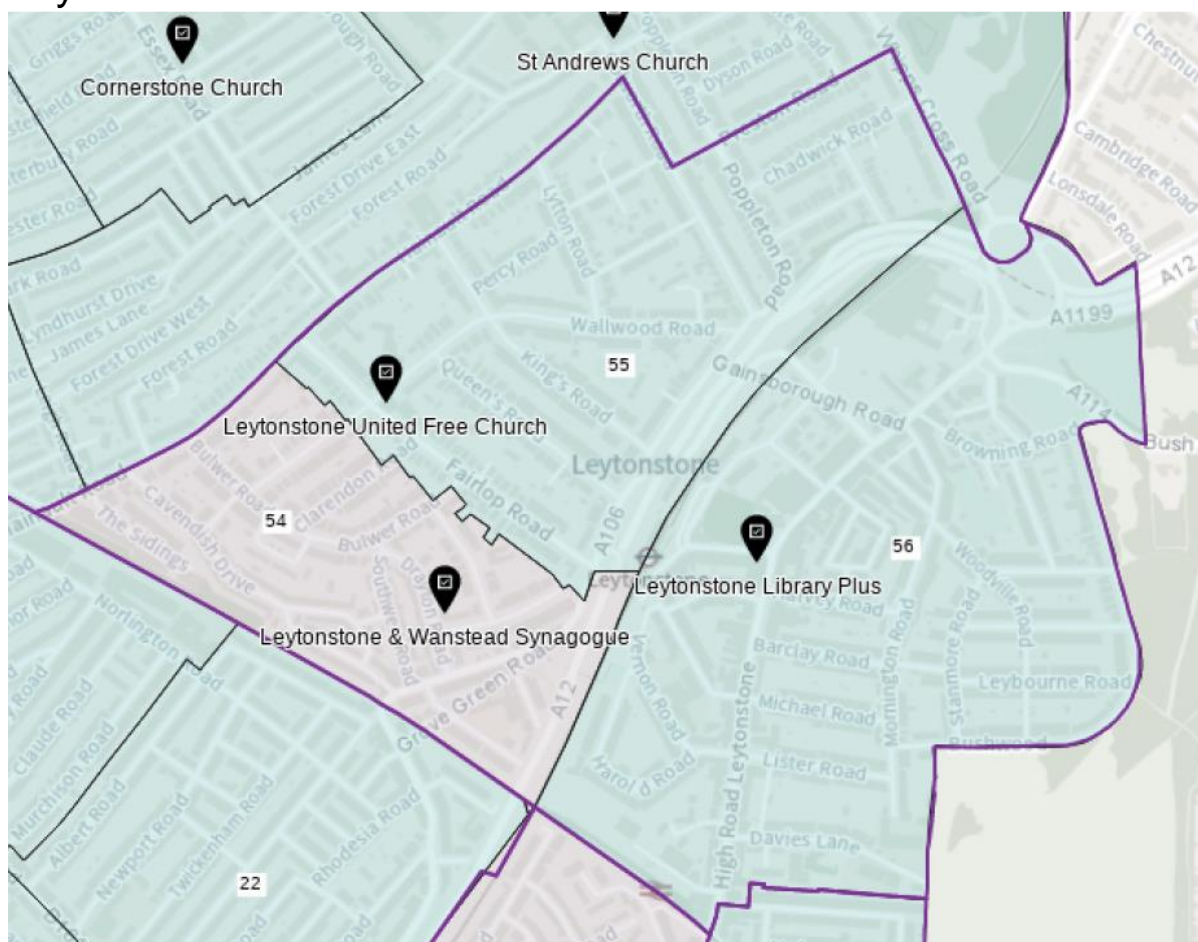
#### **OCL**

It is proposed that Leyton Cricket Hub replace Grange Park United Reform Church. The Cricket Hub is closer to the centre of the district and is a large modern building with level access for voters and good facilities for staff.

#### **ODL**

No changes are proposed for the polling place in this district. The district boundary has been slightly amended on the northern edge to better distribute voters between polling places in the rest of the ward.

## Leytonstone Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
54	PAL	Leytonstone & Wanstead Synagogue 2 Fillebrook Road, E11 4AT	1,785	1	NEW
55	PBL	Leytonstone United Free Church 55 Wallwood Road, E11 1AY	3,156	2	Existing
56	PCL	Leytonstone Library Plus Church Lane, E11 1HG	4,128	2	Existing

There have been no major changes to the boundary of this ward which has given away a small part adjacent to Grove Green Road to the new Grove Green Ward and taken in a few streets of the old Cann Hall Ward. The ward falls within the Leyton & Wanstead parliamentary constituency.

### PAL

The synagogue is proposed as a replacement for Connaught School for Girls. The school annexe was used as the polling place for election until 2019 but now falls within the Grove Green Ward. The Synagogue was used at elections in 2021 without complaint.

**PBL**

The United Free Church has been used at elections since 2017 with no issues or complaints. The boundary has been amended to ensure that the church and adjacent properties fall within the district. The district is highly residential with few alternative options.

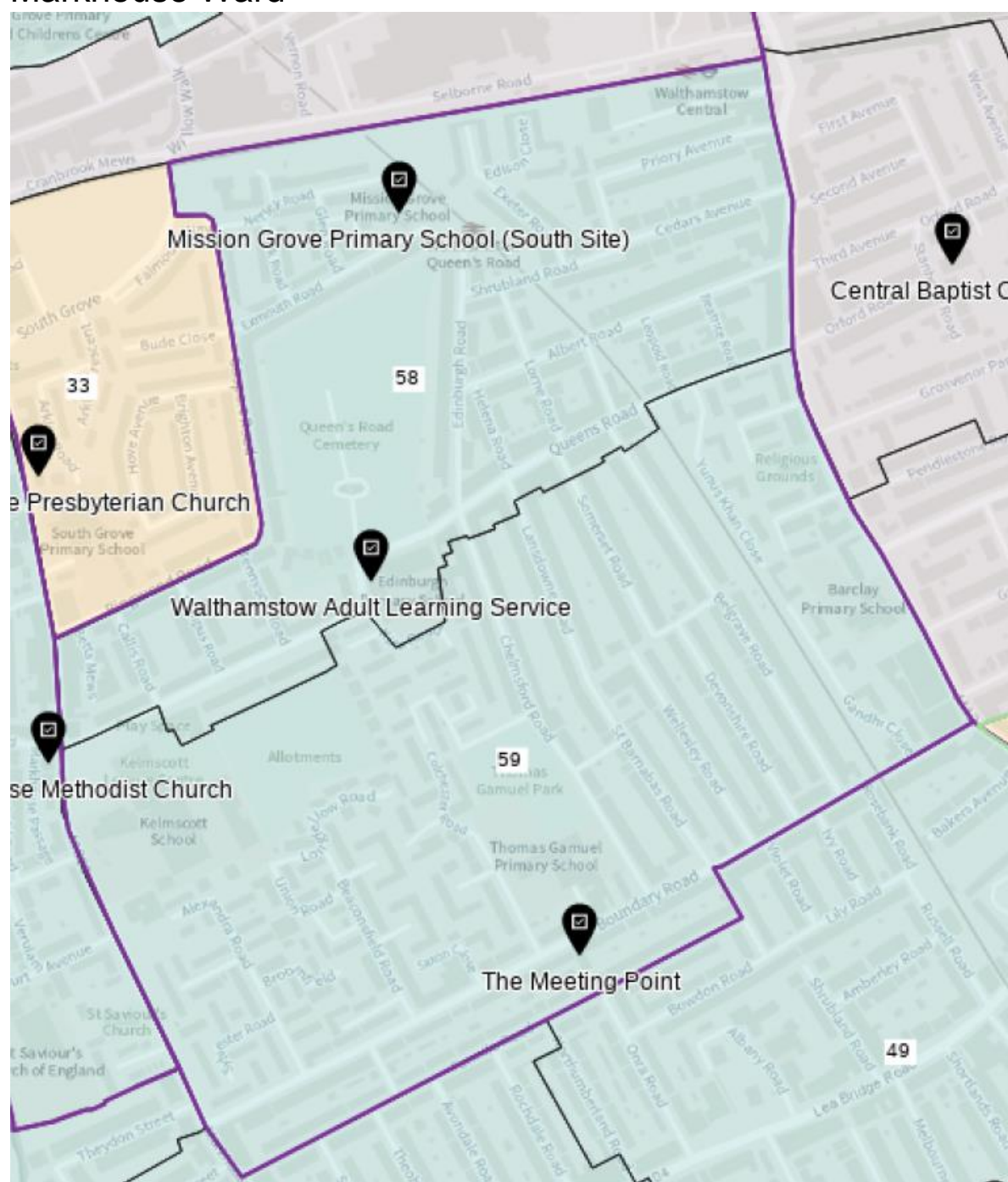
**PCL**

Leytonstone Library Plus has been the polling place for this district for a number of years except for 2015, where St Joh the Baptist Church (High Road , E11 1HH) was used. No changes are proposed to the district.

The polling district is one of the largest in the borough and there are sometimes queues at one of the polling stations within the library. This will be kept under review and the district split further if required in order to better distribute electors.



## Markhouse Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
58	QAW	Mission Grove Primary School (South Site) 108 Edinburgh Road, E17 7QB	2,922	2	Existing
59	QBW	The Meeting Point 155a Boundary Road, E17 8NG	3,817	2	NEW

There have been significant changes to the boundary of this ward which will now be represented by two Councillors. The ward has expanded east to Hoe Street, whilst giving away everything west of Markhouse Road to the new St James ward and the area bounded by Ringwood Road to High Street ward. The ward falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

#### **QAW**

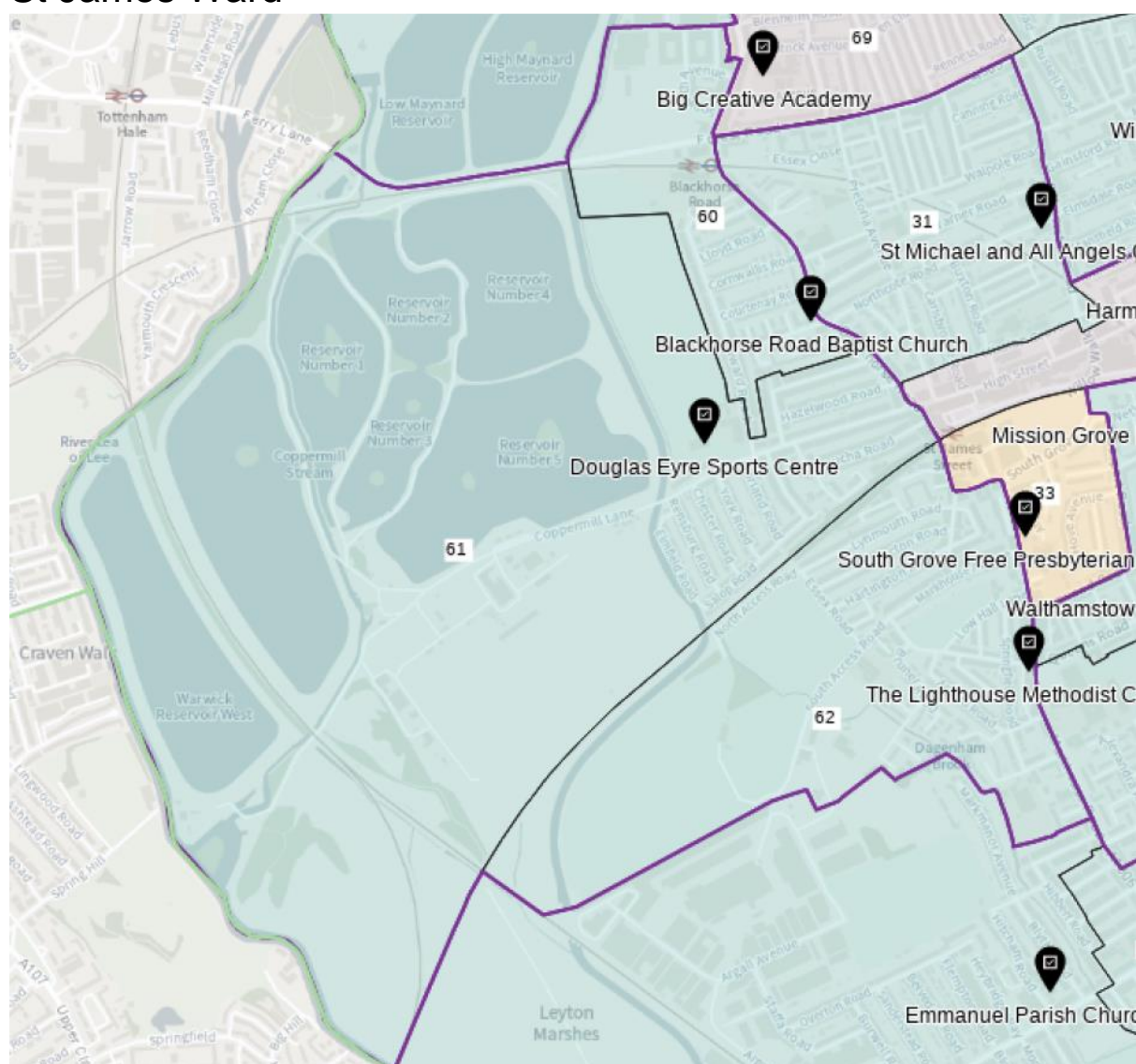
It is proposed that the boundary be amended on the western edge to account for changes to the ward boundary and that Mission Grove Primary School (South Site) continue to be the designated polling place for the area. The School has been used for a number of years and is accessible to voters. We have tried to find alternative polling places in this area but no viable options are available. Walthamstow Adult Learning Service at Queens Road has been investigated but is too small to accommodate a polling place.

#### **QBW**

It is proposed that The Meeting Point replace Thomas Gamuel Primary School as the polling place in this district, which has expanded east to the new ward boundary of Hoe Street. The Meeting Point was used as a polling place at elections in 2021 and would avoid disruption to the school.



## St James Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
60	RAW	Blackhorse Road Baptist Church 65 Blackhorse Road, E17 7AS	2,785	2	NEW
61	RBW	Douglas Eyre Sports Centre Coppermill Lane, E17 7HE	2,601	2	NEW
62	RCW	The Lighthouse Methodist Church 120 Markhouse Road, E17 8QR	3,092	2	NEW

This is a newly created ward formed of the old Higham Hill, High Street, and Markhouse wards. The ward will be represented by three Councillors and falls wholly within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

**RAW**

The proposed district extends from the new developments to the north of Blackhorse Road station south to Tenby Road. The proposed polling place is Blackhorse Road Baptist Church which was used a polling place for residents in this area at elections in 2021 replacing Stoneydown Park Primary School (which is not in this new ward).

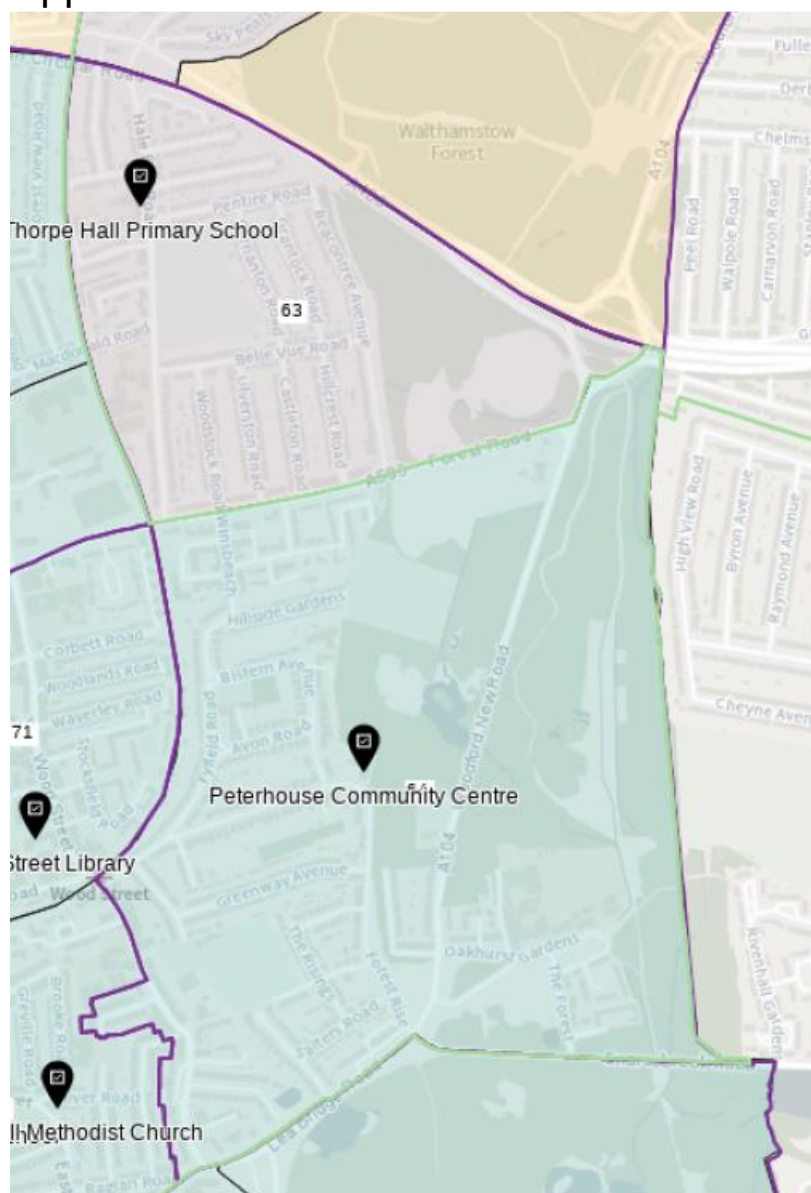
**RBW**

The proposed district boundary is largely unchanged from that which it replaces from the former High Street ward. It is proposed that the polling place return to Douglas Eyre Sports Centre from The Mill (which was used at elections between 2016-2019). The Mill is smaller than the sports centre which is why it wasn't used at elections in 2021.

**RCW**

The proposed district boundary is largely unchanged from that which it replace in the from the former Markhouse Ward. It is proposed that the Lighthouse Methodist Church replace Low Hall Nursery School to avoid disruption to the nursery. The church was used at elections in 2021 without complaint.

## Upper Walthamstow Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
63	SAC	Thorpe Hall Primary School 123 Hale End Road, E17 4DP	2,317	2	Existing
64	SBW	Peterhouse Community Centre 122 Forest Rise, E17 3PW	3,293	2	Existing

This is a newly created ward formed of the old Hale End & Highams Park and Wood Street wards. The ward will be represented by two Councillors and falls partly within the Chingford & Woodford Green and Walthamstow parliamentary constituencies.

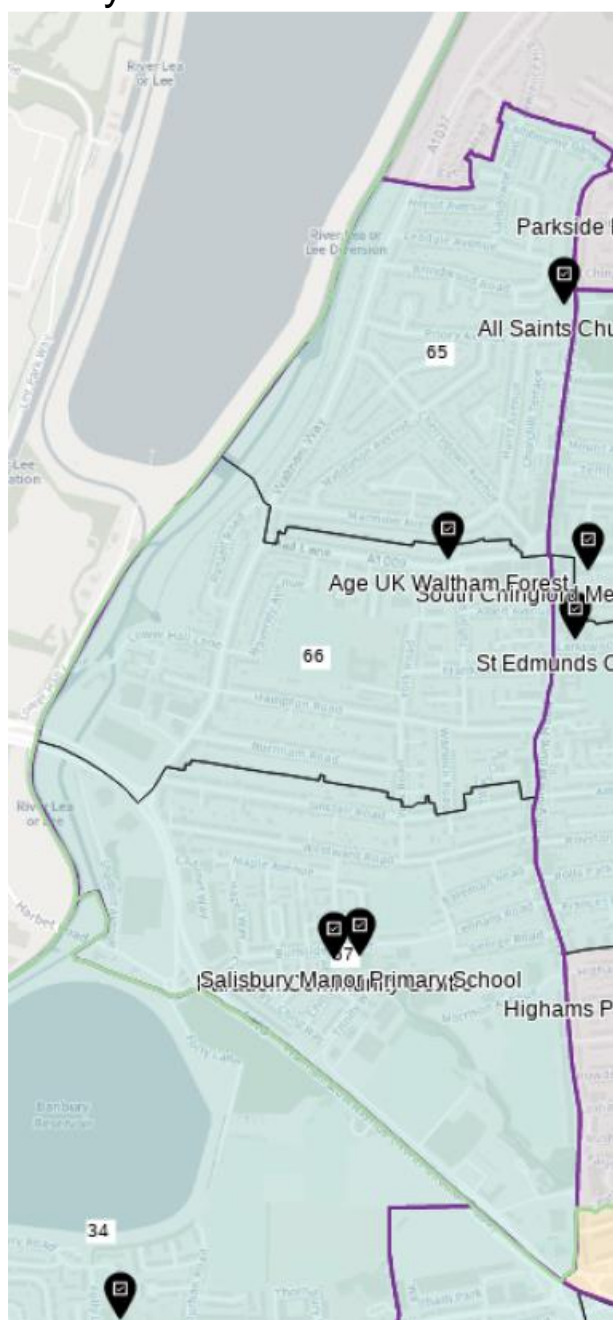
**SAC**

The district follows the boundary of that which it replaces from the former Hale End & Highams Park ward. It is proposed that the polling place remain at Thorpe Hall Primary School as there are no viable alternatives in the area. Accessibility to the polling place is good and the venue is well-situated for voters. The district falls within the Chingford & Woodford Green parliamentary constituency.

**SBW**

The district mostly follows the boundary of that which it replaces from the former Wood Street Ward. It is proposed that the polling place remain at Peterhouse Community Centre which has been used for a number of elections without complaint. The district is predominantly residential with no known viable alternatives. The district falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

## Valley Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
65	TAC	All Saints Church (Old Church) 184 Old Church Road, E4 8BU	3,574	2	NEW (for this district)
66	TBC	Age UK Waltham Forest Resource Hub 58 Hall Lane, E4 8LA	3,272	2	NEW (for this district)
67	TCC	Paradox Community Centre 3 Ching Way, E4 8YD	3,098	2	Existing

Minor changes to the boundaries of this ward have extended it north into the former Endlebury Ward. District boundaries throughout the ward have been moved north to compensate. The ward falls within the Chingford & Woodford Green Constituency.

### **TAC**

The northern boundary of this district has been extended to the new ward boundary and the southern boundary has also been moved north by one street. The majority of residents in the district were previously served by Age UK Waltham Forest Resource Hub but it is proposed that All Saints Church (known locally as the Old Church) be the new polling place for the district. The church has been used for a number of years without complaint within the former Endlebury ward before the boundary changes and is better situated for the majority of voters in the district.

### **TBC**

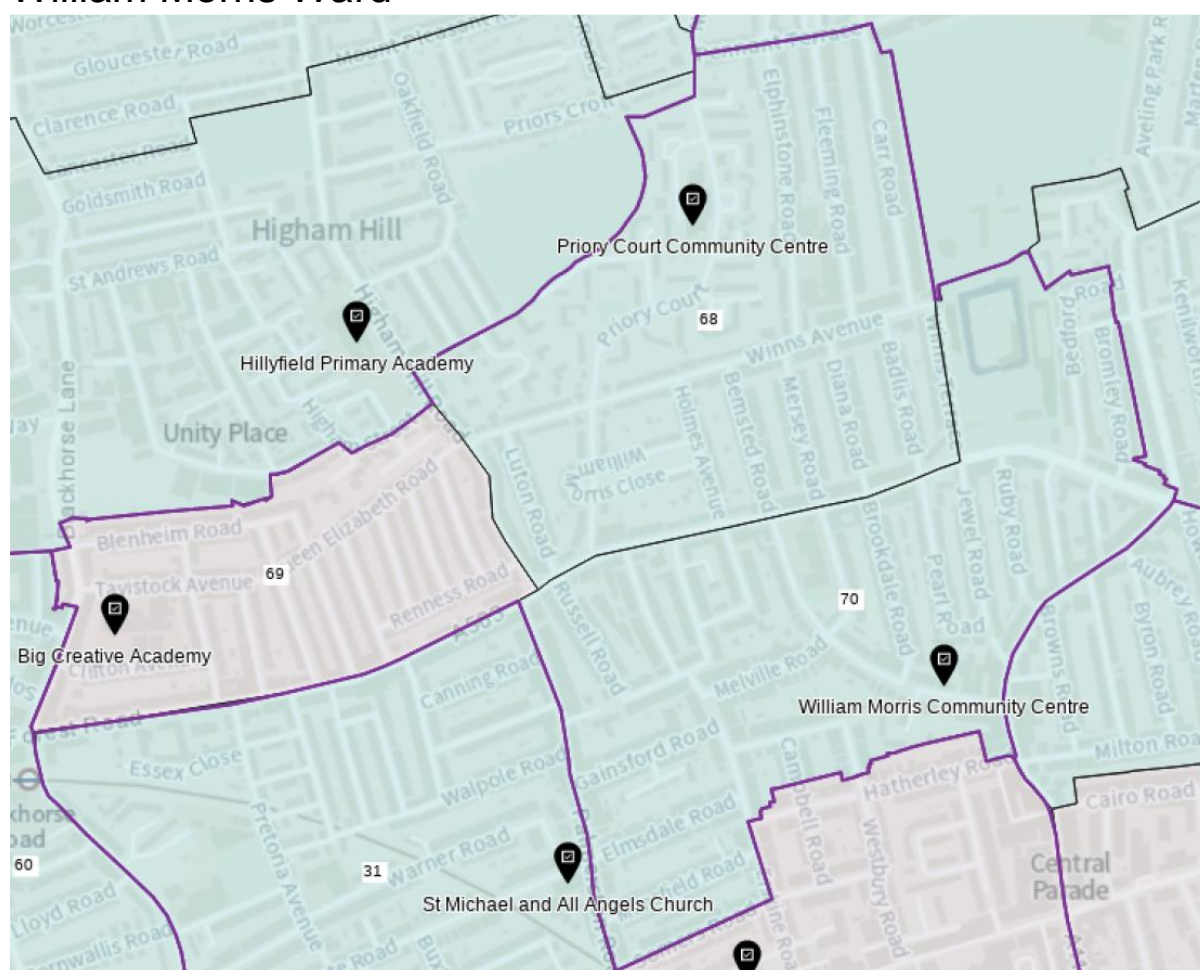
The northern boundary of this district has been extended north by one street and the southern boundary remains unchanged. The district was previously served by the British Legion on Hall Lane. There have been some complaints about accessibility due to poor lighting within the building and so Age UK Waltham Forest Resource Hub is proposed as a replacement polling place. The Age UK site has been used for a number of years by residents in the north of this ward without complaint.

### **TCC**

Paradox Community Centre has been the designated polling place for this district until 2019, following which Chingford Hall Primary Academy (next door) was designated as it had been used in practice. It is proposed that the polling place return to the community centre as part of the Council's move away from the use of schools.



## William Morris Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
68	UAW	Big Creative Academy Clifton Avenue, E17 6HL	2,205	1	Existing
69	UBW	Priors Court Community Centre 11 Priors Court, E17 5NB	3,863	2	Existing
70	UCW	William Morris Community Centre 6-8 Greenleaf Road, E17 6QQ	3,804	2	Existing

Minor changes to the boundaries of this ward have extended it south into the former High Street ward whilst giving away part of the north-western edges to Chapel End ward. The ward falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

### UAW

There are no proposed changes for this district and polling place. Big Creative Academy has been used for a number of years without complaint and serves voters in the district well.



## **UBW**

It is proposed that the district be combined with its neighbouring district to avoid the use of the Winns Primary School. Replacements for the primary school have been explored including the Winns Gallery and the Lloyd Park Centre, but their location within the park has generated complaints from voters accessing the polling places after dark. Priory Court Community Centre has the capacity to serve more voters and it is proposed that this be the polling place for a wider area.

## **UCW**

No changes are proposed for this polling place although it is proposed that the district boundary be amended to take in properties to the west of Lloyd Park as they are situated closer to this venue than other polling places in the ward.

## Wood Street Ward



PD No	Polling District Ref	Polling place	No of electors	No of stations	Status
71	VAW	Wood Street Library 1 Troubridge Square, E17 3GN	2,845	2	Existing
72	VBW	Shern Hall Methodist Church 173 Shernhall Street, E17 9HX	3,449	2	Existing

Major changes to the boundaries of this ward will reduce to be represented by two Councillors, giving away a significant part of the east of the former ward to the new Upper Walthamstow ward. The ward falls within the Walthamstow parliamentary constituency.

**VAW**

No changes are proposed to the polling place or boundary of this district, which has been in place since the completion of the new Wood Street Library in 2019.

**VBW**

It is proposed that the two former districts in this part of the ward be combined and consolidated with Shern Hall Methodist Church as the polling place. The church has been used for a number of years by residents in the east of this proposed district without complaint. The consolidation will remove the need to use Henry Maynard Primary School as part of the Council's move away from schools.

# Consultation Response Template

Responses to this consultation should be made by **1 December 2021** to:

**Email:** [electoral.services@walthamforets.gov.uk](mailto:electoral.services@walthamforets.gov.uk)

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There is no required format for responses, but the following template may be helpful:

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**Name:**

**Address:**

**Representing:** *Name of body or organisation you represent (if any)*

**Ward(s) which this representation is in relation to:**

**Comments on proposed polling district boundaries:**

**Comments on proposed polling places:**

**Suggested alternatives (if any):**

## List of Consultees

Individual / Body / Organisation	Consultation Process
Residents	Publication of notice of review plus related documentation on the LBWF website with documents on deposit at libraries
LBWF Councillors	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
Agents and constituency offices for candidates and political parties who have stood in elections in LBWF since 2019	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
LB Redbridge Returning Officer	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
LB Redbridge Councillors in Churchfields, South Woodford, Monkams, Wanstead Village, and Wanstead Park wards	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
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Members of Parliament	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
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Community Waltham Forest	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
Blackhorse Action Group	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website

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Waltham Forest Asian Seniors Club	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
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Scope Waltham Forest	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
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Manna Consultancy	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
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The Asian Centre Waltham Forest	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website
Waltham Forest Asian Mothers Group	Notification via email with link to review documentation on the LBWF website



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