Polling District and Polling Place Review 2024 (Acting) Returning Officer's Representation August 2024

The wards of Bush Fair, Great Parndon and Latton Bush and Stewards need to have minor changes to their polling district boundaries in order to align our polling districts with the new county electoral divisions.

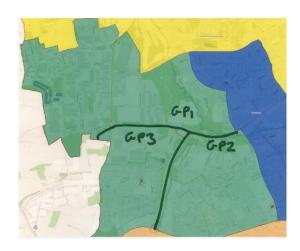
Bush Fair

This needs to be divided into 3 polling districts so that the properties in the Harlow Netteswell division are kept separate from the electorate in the Harlow Common & Church Langley division. BF1a and BF1b will have the same polling place.



Great Parndon

This will be split into three polling districts with Great Parndon North comprising of the properties that are within the county division of Harlow Parndon & Toddbrook. The proposed polling place for the new Great Parndon North polling district will be the Church of Pentecost Harlow as, although this is located in a different ward it is better as it is closer to the electorate.



Latton Bush & Stewards

The polling district boundary for LBS2 and 3 will be moved in the east so that it aligns with the new county division boundary. This is a minor change moving the properties to the west of Latton Bush Centre (Aylets Field, Copshall Close, The Briars etc) from LBS2 to LBS3. This moves them back to the polling place that they have previously voted in.



The following changes to the polling places are proposed:

| Ward | Current Polling District | Current Polling Place | (Acting) Returning Officer's Proposed Polling Place | Reasons for change |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--|---|--|
| Great Parndon | GP1 | Great Parndon Community Association | Church of Pentecost | Current polling station is a longer distance from the majority of the properties. Although the proposed polling place is outside the ward. |
| Netteswell | N2 | YCT house | Gateway Freedom Church | Current polling place is not longer able to be used as a polling station due to internal building changes making smaller offices so there is no longer a large space to hold the polling. The proposed polling place has been used previously and is in a good location and of a suitable size. |
| Netteswell | N3 | Greenhills Common Room | Gateway Freedom Church | Current polling station is hard for the electorate to find and is disturbing to the neighbouring residents. The proposed polling place has been used previously and is in a good location and of a suitable size. It will be large enough to be a double polling station. |
| Passmores | P2 | Harlow Youth Centre | Church of Pentecost | We have been advised that we are no longer able to use the Harlow Youth Centre as a polling station due to increased usage by the community and the disruption this causes. The room itself is also not very user friendly and practical as a polling station. The proposed polling station has been used as a polling station previously, it is in the same vicinity and is a suitable size, it will be large enough to be a double polling station. |

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Dated: August 2024