

Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2024

In accordance with the requirements of section 18C of the Representation of the People Act, (as amended by section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013), notice is given that the London Borough of Bexley is to conduct a review of Polling Districts and Polling Places.

Details of the existing polling districts and polling places and changes proposed, including maps and other information will be available for inspection on the Council's website and at the address below.

The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the Parliamentary constituencies in Bexley will comment on the proposals. Those representations will be published on the Council's website and will be available for inspection at the address above in accordance with the timetable set out below. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the Parliamentary constituencies in Greenwich will also comment on those proposals that are relevant to polling districts in the London Borough of Bexley which fall within the parliamentary constituency of Erith and Thamesmead.

For purposes of the review, the term 'polling place' generally refers to the location of a polling district's polling stations. The main aim of the review is to determine voting arrangements that are as convenient as possible for residents and to designate polling places that are accessible to all electors, including as far as is reasonable and practicable persons with different forms of disability. Polling stations should be easy to find on polling day and as close to electors as possible. As far as practicable, there should not be any major barriers between voters and their polling station.

The local authority is seeking comments from any registered electors within the borough, elected representatives, local political groups, and local voluntary and community groups, and those who have a particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability. Any comments should include, where appropriate, alternative venue suggestions that may be used as polling places.

Representations should be submitted in writing by 30 September 2024 to:

Head of Electoral Services, London Borough of Bexley, Civic Offices, 2 Watling Street, Bexleyheath, DA6 7AT, By email to: <u>Consultation.Elections@Bexley.gov.uk</u> By completing the <u>questionnaire on our website</u>

Anybody making representations should be aware that, upon completion of

the review, all representations received must, by law, also be published and available for public view.

A notice of the review and accompanying questionnaire will be available on the Council's website and hard copies will be available at the Civic Offices, libraries and from the Electoral Services Office.

Timetable for Review

Timetable	
12 August 2024	Notice of review published
12 August 2024	Start of consultation period
30 September 2024	End of consultation period
29 January 2025	Final proposals considered by the Council's General
	Purposes and Audit Committee
February 2025	Register of electors published

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