

Review of polling districts, places, and stations 2023-24

The Borough Council of Watford is required to divide its area into polling districts for the purposes of Parliamentary elections, and to designate polling places for each of those districts.

The last review of the Borough's polling districts and polling places took place in 2019.

Some of the current polling districts within the Borough are very small in area and electorate; this is because the borough ward boundaries are not always the same as those for the county council electoral divisions. Requiring the polling districts to be designed to prevent any confusion at the polling stations which might result in electors being issued the wrong ballot paper.

However, under electoral legislation the Council must complete a review of all its polling districts and polling places by 1st March 2024 in readiness for publication of the notices of election for Watford Borough Ward and Hertfordshire Police & Crime Commissioner elections scheduled for 2 May 2024.

Although this review does not have to include polling stations, we do consider their suitability after each election. Polling stations are inspected using an accessibility checklist so that every effort can be made to make polling stations accessible to all electors including those with disabilities or limited mobility. At the last elections held in May 2023 the feedback from elections was generally positive and it is hoped there will be no need to relocate any of the existing polling places or designated polling stations.

A two-month consultation period begins on the 2 October 2023 and will conclude on the 4 December 2023. All representations received will be published from 5 December 2023 and reviewed proposals with recommendations will be submitted to Full Council on 30 January 2024.

You are invited to comment on the proposed arrangements and on the Acting Returning Officers' representations before any new arrangements are agreed by the council. Please submit your comments or observations to the Electoral Registration Officer by no later than 4 December 2023.

All representations will then be considered, and a full report will be submitted to the council for approval.

Download [maps of existing polling districts and polling station locations](#).