

SCHEDULE OF POLLING PLACES 2007

ASHINGDON & CANEWDON WARD

Existing arrangements				
Polling District	Letters	Electorate	Polling Place	Disabled access
Ashingdon – Ashingdon	RCH	1102	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Ashingdon	to be confirmed – but no known problems
Ashingdon – Ashingdon	RCJ	192	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Ashingdon United Free Church Hall, Canewdon Road, Ashingdon	to be confirmed – but no known problems
Ashingdon – Ashingdon	RCK	329	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Ashingdon United Free Church Hall, Canewdon Road, Ashingdon	- ditto -
Canewdon	RCL	981	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Canewdon village hall, Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon, Rochford	to be confirmed – but no known problems
Canewdon	RCM	159	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Canewdon village hall, Lambourne Hall Road, Canewdon, Rochford	- ditto -
Paglesham	RCN	84	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Paglesham Congregational Church Hall, Paglesham Road	Yes

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Existing arrangements				
Polling District	Letters	Electorate	Polling Place	Disabled access
Paglesham	RCO	123	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within the Mission Hall, East End, Paglesham	Not suitable
Stambridge	RCP	552	the whole of Ashingdon & Canewdon District ward with the present polling station being within Stambridge Memorial Hall, Stambridge Road, Stambridge, Rochford	Yes

Returning Officers proposals

Polling district RCJ (192 electors) and RCK (329 electors) comprise part of Ashingdon ward of Ashingdon parish and at present they both use Ashingdon United Free Church hall as their polling station. It is proposed to combine RCJ and RCK and have the electors continue to use the church hall.

Polling districts RCL (981 electors) and RCM (159 electors) comprise the whole of Canewdon parish, which is unwarded. At present both RCL and RCM use Canewdon village hall as their polling station. It is proposed to combine these polling districts and have the electors continue to use the village hall.

Paglesham parish is unwarded and in a very rural area. It is at present divided between polling districts RCN (84 electors) and RCO (123 electors). The Mission Hall in the village has previously been used for RCO. The Disability Discrimination Act 2006 requires that, so far as is practicable, every polling station should be accessible for electors who are disabled. The Mission Hall is unacceptable for disabled voters as it is inaccessible for wheelchair users or electors with mobility problems. Therefore, it is proposed to combine polling districts RCN and RCO (giving a combined electorate of 207) and have all electors voting in the Congregational Church hall which has no access problems.

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BARLING & SUTTON WARD

Existing arrangements				
Polling District	Letters	Electorate	Polling Place	Disabled access
Barling Magna	RCE	395	the whole of the parish of Barling with the present polling station being within the parish hall, 432 Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna	Yes
Barling Magna	RCF	923	the whole of the parish of Barling with the present polling station being within Barling Magna Primary School, Little Wakering Road, Barling Magna	Yes, ramp needed for door sill
Sutton	RCG	100	the whole of the parish of Sutton with the present polling station being within the Sutton parish church hall, Sutton Road.	Yes

Returning Officers proposals

The parking arrangements at the parish hall in Little Wakering Road are unsatisfactory as the site is situated on a sharp bend. However the area is rural and the only alternative site is Barling Magna Primary School on the opposite side of the road and this is now used for polling district RCF. At the May elections this year polling station staff received comments from voters about the proximity of the two stations and questioned the need for separate sites. However the school site is not deemed large enough to contain a split station.

For many years the polling station for RCF has been the Castle Inn, Little Wakering Road, however prior to the May 2007 elections it became clear that this venue would be unavailable as it had closed for business. An alternative site at Barling Magna Primary School was used at the May 2007 elections and it is proposed to continue with this use for future elections.

It is proposed to combine RCE and RCF polling districts and use Barling Magna Primary School as the polling station.

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FOULNESS & GREAT WAKERING WARD

Existing arrangements				
Polling District	Letters	Electorate	Polling Place	Disabled Access
Foulness Island	RCA	188	Foulness Island with the present polling station being within the Heritage Centre	
Great Wakering East	RCB	1623	The parish ward with the present polling station being within Great Wakering Memorial Hall, High Street, Great Wakering	Yes
Great Wakering Central	RCC	1402	The parish ward with the present polling station being within the Community Centre, The Old School, High Street, Great Wakering	Yes
Great Wakering West	RCD	1277	The parish ward with the present polling station being within the Methodist Church Hall, High Street, Great Wakering	Yes

Returning Officers proposals

No change. Since the last review, the old polling station in the village hall on Foulness Island (RCA) has become unusable for health and safety reasons and an alternative site has been identified within the Heritage Centre on the island. This has proved to be satisfactory and it is proposed to continue with this use.

Also since the last review, the polling station for RCC has been moved to the Community Centre as the previous site was within a residential home with very little parking facilities. The Community Centre has ample parking facilities and is sited conveniently within the polling district and it is proposed to continue with this use.

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ROCHFORD WARD

Existing arrangements				
Polling District	Letters	Electorate	Polling Place	Disabled access
Rochford Eastwood	RCQ	1374	the whole of Rochford District ward with the present polling station being within Pembroke House, Sutton Court Drive, Rochford	Yes
Rochford Roche	RCR	2081	the whole of Rochford District ward with the present polling stations being within Castle Point & Rochford Adult Community College, Roche Way, Rochford	Yes
Rochford St Andrews	RCS	1083	the whole of Rochford District ward with the present polling stations being within Doggetts School, The Boulevard, Rochford	to be confirmed – but no known problems
Rochford St Andrews	RCT	804	the whole of Rochford District ward with the present polling stations being within Rochford Parish Council Rooms, Rear of 82 West Street, Rochford	to be confirmed – but no known problems

Returning Officers proposals

No change. The polling station at Pembroke House (RCQ), at present under the Council's ownership, is being transferred into shared ownership with the Sanctuary Group, under the umbrella of Rochford Housing Association. However, agreement to the continuation of this use has been reached.