



East Devon District Council

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

Consultation document

Consultation period runs from 21 May 2018 to 6 July 2018

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Contact information:

Information on who can make representations and where to address representations is given on page 5.

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Introduction

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has undertaken a review of the electoral wards of the district of East Devon and made the following recommendations:

- East Devon should be represented by 60 councillors, one more than there is now.
- East Devon should have 30 wards, two fewer than there are now.
- The boundaries of most wards should change; five will stay the same.
- The new arrangements will come into force at the local government elections on Thursday 2 May 2019.

The East Devon (Electoral Changes) Order 2017, was made by Parliament on 20 December 2017 implementing the changes.

See Appendix A for a list of the new wards and the number of councillors that will represent each ward.

As a result of the changes, the council needs to carry out a review of all the polling districts, polling places and polling stations in the district. The wards have to be sub-divided into smaller geographical areas called polling districts. Each polling district has a polling place where the polling station for the district is located and where electors living in the district will vote.

Background to this review

The Electoral Registration Act 2013 introduced a formal process for the timings of compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. A full review of the whole district must be undertaken at intervals of not less than five years. The next compulsory review must be completed by no later than January 2020.

This review of the polling districts and stations has been necessitated by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's final proposals for changes to the district ward boundaries in East Devon. The Commission's recommendations can be seen at:

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/south-west/devon/east-devon>

There is no formal consultation process for a non-compulsory review of polling districts and places, however, in being open and transparent, the council has followed as far as possible, a process similar to conducting a formal review. Sections 18a and 31 of the Representation of the People Act 1983 provide guidance on conducting a review of polling districts and polling places to ensure that all electors in the district have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.

The review process

A preliminary review has been undertaken by council officers to inform the proposals for polling districts and polling places. The main issues considered in the development of the proposals were:

- To seek to ensure that all electors in the district have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- Where possible, no more than 2500 electors should vote at any one polling station (not including postal voters); however, there can be more than one polling station in a polling place.
- Proposed future developments that will increase the number of houses and the potential number of electors in a ward or polling district over the next four years.
- To ensure that so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places are accessible to those who are disabled.

This review document will be sent to all stakeholders, including the Returning Officer, local members of parliament, District councillors and Parish Councils and local political parties. It will also be sent to persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

The consultation period for this review will last for seven weeks. The timescale will allow for formal ratification of the final scheme of polling districts and polling places to be agreed at the council meeting of Wednesday 24 October 2018.

A list of the proposed polling districts and polling places is attached as an Appendix B to this document.

Information about the review and a map of the wards and the proposed polling districts is available on the council's website at:

<https://eastdevon.gov.uk/elections-and-registering-to-vote/polling-station-review-2018>

It is not possible to provide details of the suggested streets and electorate per polling district on these pages. If anyone wishes to obtain in-depth information, they can contact either electoralservices@eastdevon.gov.uk or jhumphreys@eastdevon.gov.uk putting the title "polling place review" in the subject header.

Further details can also be obtained in person from the electoral services office at the Council Offices, Knowle, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL.

Making representations

Any registered elector in East Devon may make representations to the council.

Representations will also be considered from persons who have particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability.

We would encourage anyone making representations to suggest alternative polling districts/places where appropriate and to give reasons for the alternative.

Any representations must be received by **5pm on Friday 6 July 2018**.

All representations should be addressed to:

Polling Place Review
Electoral Services
East Devon District Council
Council Offices
Knowle
Sidmouth EX10 8HL

If you prefer you can email your representations (with the words “polling place review” in the subject line) to jhumphreys@eastdevon.gov.uk

Completion of the review

The council will publish:

- all correspondence received in connection with the review.
- all representations made by any person in connection with the review.
- details of the actual designations of polling districts and polling places agreed as a result of the review; and
- details of where the results of the review have been published.

A report on the final proposed scheme of polling districts and polling places will be presented for formal ratification at the council meeting of 24 October 2018 in time for changes to be brought into effect for the local government elections due to be held on 2 May 2019.

A timetable setting out the review process is below:

Polling Places Review 2018

Timetable

Publication of Notice of Review	Monday 21 May 2018
Consultation starts	Monday 21 May 2018
Consultation ends	Friday 6 July 2018
Consideration of all representations	Monday 9 July – Friday 13 July 2018
Publication of Returning Officer's proposals	Monday 16 July 2018
Deadline for comments on Returning Officer's proposals	Friday 20 July 2018
Consideration of amendments to Returning Officer's proposals	Monday 23 July 2018
Report to Cabinet	Wednesday 5 September 2018
Report to Full Council	Wednesday 24 October 2018
Publication of review result (Subject to Council approval)	Thursday 25 October 2018

Names of revised wards and number of councillors

Name of district ward	Number of councillors	Electorate
Axminster	3	
Beer & Branscombe	1	
Broadclyst	3	
Budleigh & Raleigh	3	
Clyst Valley	1	
Coly Valley	2	
Cranbrook	3	
Dunkeswell & Otterhead	2	
Exe Valley	1	
Exmouth Brixington	3	
Exmouth Halsdon	3	
Exmouth Littleham	3	
Exmouth Town	3	
Exmouth Withycombe Raleigh	2	
Feniton	1	
Honiton St Michael's	3	
Honiton St Paul's	2	
Newbridges	1	
Newton Poppleford & Harpford	1	
Ottery St Mary	3	
Seaton	3	
Sidmouth Rural	1	
Sidmouth Sidford	3	
Sidmouth Town	2	
Tale Vale	1	
Trinity	1	
West Hill & Aylesbeare	1	

Name of district ward	Number of councillors	Electorate
Whimble & Rockbeare	1	
Woodbury & Lypstone	2	
Yarty	1	

Proposed polling districts and polling places

New District Ward	Polling Place	Register
AXMINSTER	Guildhall, West Street, Axminster	TC
	Woodbury Community Hall, Woodbury Lane, Axminster	TD
	Millwey Community Centre, First Avenue, Axminster	TE
BEER & BRANSCOMBE	Mariners Hall, Beer	TG
	Branscombe Village Hall, Branscombe	TH
BROADCLYST	Broadclyst Victory Hall, Exeter Road, Broadclyst	AC
	Former Clyst Honiton Primary School, Clyst Honiton	AE
	Clyst Hydon Village Hall, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton	AF
	Clyst Hydon Village Hall, Clyst Hydon, Cullompton	AH
	Farringdon Village Hall, Farringdon, Exeter	AQ
BUDLEIGH & RALEIGH	East Budleigh Village Hall, High Street, East Budleigh	AB
	Budleigh Salterton Public Hall, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton	AD
	Colaton Raleigh Village Hall, Church Road, Colaton Raleigh	AJ
	East Budleigh Village Hall, High Street, East Budleigh	AK1
	Budleigh Salterton Public Hall, Station Road, Budleigh Salterton	AK2
	Otterton Village Hall, Fore Street	AV
CLYST VALLEY	Clyst St George and Ebford Village Hall, Clyst St George, Exeter	AG
	Clyst St Mary Village Hall, Clyst St Mary	AI
	Clyst St Mary Village Hall, Clyst St Mary	BL
COLY VALLEY	Colyton Town Hall, Market Place	TL
	Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road	TM
	Farway Village Hall, Farway Village Hall	TS
	Northleigh Parish Hall, Northleigh	UE
	Offwell Rec Ground and Village Hall, Offwell	UF
	Southleigh Parish Hall, Southleigh	UL
	Wilmington Village Hall, Widworthy	UP
CRANBROOK	Younghayes Centre, Cranbrook	UR

New District Ward	Polling Place	Register
DUNKESWELL & OTTERHEAD	Awliscombe Parish Hall	TB
	Combe Raleigh Village Hall	TN
	Cotleigh Village Hall	TP
	Dunkeswell Throgmorton Hall	TR
	Luppitt Village Hall	UA
	Monkton Court Hotel/Village Hall (?)	UC
	Dunkeswell Throgmorton Hall	UJ
	Stockland Victory Hall	UM
	Upottery Manor Room	UO
	Yarcombe Jubilee Hall	UQ
EXE VALLEY	Poltimore Village Hall	BA
	Brampford Speke Village Hall	MA
	Stoke Canon Jubilee Hall	MB
	Rewe Parish & Community Hall	MC
	Rewe Parish & Community Hall	MD
	Stoke Canon Jubilee Hall	ME
	Upton Pyne Parish Hall	MF
EXMOUTH BRIXINGTON	Brixington Community Church, Exmouth	AL1
	Palmer House, Exmouth	AL2
EXMOUTH HALSDON	Littemead Methodist Church, Exmouth	AM1
	Withycombe Rugby Club, Exmouth	AM2
EXMOUTH LITTLEHAM	Littleham Community Hall, Exmouth	AN1
	Clayton House Community Centre, Exmouth	AN2
	Holy Ghost Church Hall, Exmouth	AN3
EXMOUTH TOWN	All Saints Church Hall, Exmouth	AO1
	Holy Trinity Church Hall, Exmouth	AO2
EXMOUTH WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH	Liverton Copse Community Centre, Exmouth	AP1
	St John The Evangelist Church Hall, Exmouth	AP2
FENITON	Splatthayes Studio, Buckerell	TJ
	Feniton Sports and Social Club, Feniton	TT
	Gittisham Parish Hall, Gittisham	TU
HONITON ST MICHAEL'S	The Heathfield Inn, Honiton	TV
	The Heathfield Inn, Honiton	TX2
	Cadet Centre, King Street, Honiton	TX1
HONITON ST PAUL'S	Honiton Mackarness Hall	TY

New District Ward	Polling Place	Register
NEWBRIDGES	Dalwood Village Hall	TQ
	Kilmington Village Hall	TZ
	Musbury Village Hall	UD
	Whitford Village Hall	UK
NEWTON POPPLEFORD & HARPFORD	Newton Poppleford Village Hall	AS
	Newton Poppleford Village Hall	AT
	Newton Poppleford Village Hall	AU
OTTERY ST MARY	The Institute, Ottery St Mary	AW
	Escot Village Hall, Gosford	AX
	Tipton St John Community Hall, Tipton St John	AY
SEATON	Seaton Town Hall, Seaton	UI
SIDMOUTH RURAL	St Teresa's Hall, Connaught Road, Sidmouth	BD
	Sidbury Parish Room, Ridgeway, Sidbury	BE
SIDMOUTH SIDFORD	Primley United Reformed Church Hall, Primley Road, Sidmouth	BF
	Sidford Social Hall, Byes Lane, Sidmouth	BG
	St Francis Hall, Bennetts Hill, Sidmouth	BH
	St Francis Hall, Bennetts Hill, Sidmouth	BK (pt)
SIDMOUTH TOWN	New Church Hall, All Saints Church, Sidmouth	BI
	Dance Hall, May Terrace, Sidmouth	BJ
	St Francis Hall, Bennetts Hill, Sidmouth	BK (pt)
TALE VALE	Talaton Parish Hall, Talaton	BM
	Broadhembury Memorial Hall, Broadhembury	TI
	Payhembury Parish Hall, Payhembury	UG
	Plymtree Parish Hall, Plymtree	UH
TRINITY	Axmouth Village Hall, Axmouth	TF
	Peek Hall, Combyne Rousdon	TO
	Uplyme Village Hall, Uplyme	UN
WEST HILL & AYLESBEARE	Aylesbeare Village Hall, Aylesbeare	AA
	West Hill Village Hall, West Hill, Ottery St Mary	AZ
WHIMPLE & ROCKBEARE	Rockbeare Village Hall, Rockbeare	BB
	Marsh Green Village Hall, Marsh Green	BC
	Whimple Victory Hall, Whimple	BN

New District Ward	Polling Place	Register
WOODBURY & LYMPSTONE	Lympstone Village Hall, Lympstone	AR
	Woodbury Village Hall Meeting Room, Woodbury	BO
	St Andrews Hall, Exton	BP
	Woodbury Salterton Village Hall, Woodbury Salterton	BQ
YARTY	All Saints Village Hall, Smallridge	TA
	Chardstock Community Hall Trust, Chardstock, Axminster	TK
	Hawkchurch Village Hall, Hawkchurch, Axminster	TW
	Membury Village Hall, Membury	UB