



Report for:	Council
Title of report:	Polling District & Polling Place Order
Date:	15 November 2023
Report on behalf of:	Councillor Tindall, Leader & Portfolio Holder for Corporate & Commercial Services
Part:	I
If Part II, reason:	n/a
Appendices:	Appendix A – Polling Districts & Polling Places Order
Background papers:	Report to the Electoral Review Committee 31.10.23: 'Parliamentary Boundary Review' Report to the Electoral Review Committee 31.10.23: 'Polling District & Polling Place Review'
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	

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Corporate Priorities	Building strong and vibrant communities Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery
Wards affected	All of Dacorum
Purpose of the report:	1. To approve the updated Polling Districts & Polling Places Order
Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s):	1. That Council approve the updated Polling Districts & Polling Places Order

Period for post policy/project review:	Every 5 years as part of the Polling District & Polling Place Review
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1 Introduction/Background:

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district.

The following definitions may be helpful when reading the report and Appendices.

- “Polling districts” are geographical electoral areas into which wards and constituencies may be sub-divided.
- “Polling places” are the buildings or areas designated by the council where electors in a polling district go to vote in person.
- “Polling stations” are the number of issuing desks in the building or area that is the designated polling place.

The Electoral Administration Act 2006, as amended, introduced a duty on all local authorities in Great Britain to review their polling districts and polling places at least once every five years.

The intention of the legislation was reviews would be completed by the January before a UK parliamentary general election. However, since the repeal of the Fixed Term Parliaments Act 2011, there is no longer any certainty as to when the next general election will be.

The Dissolution and Calling of Parliament Act 2022 means:

- the UK Parliament can be dissolved by the King on request of the Prime Minister, at any time within the 5 years of the life of the Parliament
- the next general election must take place before Tuesday 28 January 2025, but it could happen at any point before then

These issues mean it is important that the polling district and places review is carried out as early as possible, so that Dacorum Borough Council has agreed polling districts and places to be used for the next parliamentary election (as well as the scheduled Police and Crime Commissioner elections in May 2024) and has a polling scheme in place which reflects the new constituencies.

2. Updated Polling Districts & Polling Places Order

Following the recent Polling District & Polling Place Review and further to the outcome of the Parliamentary Boundary Review, carried out by the Boundary Commission for England, the Polling Districts & Polling Places Order for Dacorum Borough Council requires updating.

3. Amendments made

A new parliamentary constituency created called Harpenden & Berkhamsted.

The Hemel Hempstead and South West Herts constituencies to be amended as per recommendations from the Boundary Commission for England.

A new polling place is created at Chipperfield Village hall, to replace Chipperfield Youth Club.

A new Polling place is created at Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church, to allow electors in the AGBA (Boxmoor ward) polling district to vote within the correct warded area.

To tidy the electoral register and combine the following polling district:

- Polling District BAB (Nash Mills Ward) to move to Polling District BAA (Nash Mills Ward)

- Flats 1-11 Nash House Polling district AFAA (Apsley and Corner Hall ward) to move to Polling District BA (Nash Mills Ward) following the incorrect set up when the address location was created by Royal Mail.

4 Consultation

The Returning Officer; Assistant Director, Legal and Democratic Services, all councillors; Parish Councils, DBC Consultation website, St Albans District Council Returning Officer, Three Rivers District Council Returning Officer.

5 Financial and value for money implications:

The provision of Polling Stations for elections is reviewed on a regular basis and the funding is overseen by the Electoral Commission and the Elections Claims Unit.

6 Legal Implications

Under the Representation of the People Act 1983, the council has a duty to divide its area into polling districts and to designate a polling place for each district. This must be reviewed every five years.

Following the completion of the Parliamentary Boundary Review, carried out by the Boundary Commission, the amendments must be completed prior to holding the next Parliamentary election.

7 Risk implications:

Electoral matters require continual review to ensure that the democratic process operates effectively. A failure to provide polling places would likely result in legal challenges to elections and subsequent reputational damage.

8 Equalities, Community Impact and Human Rights:

There are no equalities or community impacts arising directly from this report. Polling stations have been fully assessed and are deemed fully accessible for all members of the public.

9 Sustainability implications

There are no sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

10 Council infrastructure (including Health and Safety, HR/OD, assets and other resources)

There are no council infrastructure implications arising directly from this report.

11 Conclusions:

After consideration, the above recommendations are deemed appropriate amendments to the councils Polling Districts & Polling Places Order.

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH OF DACORUM (POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES) ORDER 2023

COMING INTO OPERATION – 1 December 2023

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DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE ACT 1983

THE BOROUGH OF DACORUM (POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES) ORDER 2023

DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL in exercise of the powers conferred by the Representation of the People Act 1983, as amended, DO HEREBY ORDER as follows:

1. This Order shall come into operation on the 1 December 2023 provided that for the purpose of all proceedings preliminary or relating to an election to be held on or after that day the said Order shall be deemed to have come into operation forthwith.
2. The Electoral Registration Officer shall be directed to make such rearrangements or alterations as may be necessary to the Register of Electors on account of the coming into operation of this Order.
3. From and after coming into operation of this Order the Parliamentary Constituency of Hemel Hempstead and so much of that part of the South West Hertfordshire Constituency and Harpenden & Berkhamsted Constituency within the Borough of Dacorum shall be divided into polling districts specified in columns (1) and (2) of the Schedule annexed to this Order and more particularly described in Maps on the Dacorum Borough Website.
4. For each Polling District constituted by this Order there is hereby designated a Polling Place situated at or near the place specified in column (3) of the said Schedule.
5. As from coming into operation of this Order, the Borough of Dacorum (Polling Districts and Polling Places Order 2021) and any subsequent variation orders made to it shall be repealed.
6. The Chief Executive of the said Council shall maintain on the Dacorum Borough Council website a copy of the Maps showing the boundaries of the Polling Districts and the situations of the Polling Places constituted and designated by this Order.
7. This Order shall be cited as “The Borough of Dacorum (Polling Districts and Polling Places) Order 2023”.

The COMMON SEAL OF THE
DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL
was hereunto affixed this 1st
day of December 2023
in the presence of

AUTHORISED SIGNATORY

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Borough of Dacorum Polling Districts and Polling Places 2023

SCHEDULE OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

1. HEMEL HEMPSTEAD CONSTITUENCY

(1) Polling District Letters	(2) Areas comprised in Polling Districts	(3) Polling Place
AAA	Hemel Hempstead Town (part)	George Street Primary School
AAAA	Hemel Hempstead Town (part)	Highfield Hall, Bellgate
AABA	Hemel Hempstead Town (part)	Highfield Hall, Bellgate
AABB	Hemel Hempstead Town (part)	Carey Baptist Church, Marlowes
AAB	Hemel Hempstead Town (part)	Carey Baptist Church, Marlowes
ABA	Highfield Ward (part)	Highfield Hall, Bellgate
ABA	Highfield Ward (part)	Highfield Hall, Bellgate
ABB	Highfield Ward (part)	St Pauls Church Hall, Solway, Hemel Hempstead
AC	Adeyfield West Ward (part)	Communal Room, Old House Road
AC	Adeyfield West Ward (part)	Communal Room, Old House Road
ACA	Adeyfield West Ward (part)	Adeyfield Community Centre, Queen's Square
ADA	Adeyfield East Ward (part)	Hobletts Manor Junior School, Adeyfield Road
ADB	Adeyfield East Ward (part)	Adeyfield Community Centre, Queen's Square
AFA	Apsley and Corner Hall Ward (part)	Apsley Community Centre, London Road
AFAA	Apsley and Corner Hall Ward (part)	Apsley Community Centre, London Road
AFB	Apsley and Corner Hall Ward (part)	Two Waters Primary School, Highridge Road
AFC	Apsley and Corner Hall Ward (part)	Tudor Primary School, Redwood Drive
AFC	Apsley and Corner Hall Ward (part)	Tudor Primary School, Redwood Drive
AGA	Boxmoor Ward (part)	St Francis Parish Hall, Glenview Road
AGB	Boxmoor Ward (part)	Camelot RFC, Chaulden Lane

AGBA	Boxmoor Ward (part)	Hemel Hempstead Methodist Church
AGC	Boxmoor Ward (part)	South Hill Centre
AHA	Chaulden and Warners End Ward (part)	Warners End Community Centre, Stoneycroft
AHA	Chaulden and Warners End Ward (part)	Warners End Community Centre, Stoneycroft
AHB	Chaulden and Warners End Ward (part)	Gt Sturgess Communal Hall, Great Sturgess Road, HH
AHC	Chaulden and Warners End Ward (part)	Chaulden Community Centre, Long Chaulden
AJ	Gadebridge Ward	Gadebridge Community Centre, Rossgate, Galley Hill
AJ	Gadebridge Ward	Gadebridge Community Centre, Rossgate, Galley Hill
ALA	Leverstock Green Ward (part)	Parish Hall, Ritcroft Street, Hemel Hempstead
ALB	Leverstock Green Ward (part)	Leverstock Green Village Hall, Village Centre
ALB	Leverstock Green Ward (part)	Leverstock Green Village Hall, Village Centre
ALC	Leverstock Green Ward (part)	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road
ALCA	Leverstock Green Ward (part)	Hobbs Hill Wood Primary School, Peascroft Road
AMA	Woodhall Farm Ward (part)	Woodhall Farm Community Centre, Datchet Close
AMB	Woodhall Farm Ward (part)	Brockswood Primary School, Shenley Road
AMB	Woodhall Farm Ward (part)	Brockswood Primary School, Shenley Road
APA	Grovehill Ward (part)	Grove Hill Community Centre, Henry Wells Square
APA	Grovehill Ward (part)	Grove Hill Community Centre, Henry Wells Square
APAA	Grovehill Ward (part)	Grove Hill Community Centre, Henry Wells Square
APB	Grovehill Ward (part)	St Thomas Indian Orthodox Church, St Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead
AQA	Bennetts End Ward (part)	Bennetts End Community Centre
AQB	Bennetts End Ward (part)	Belswains JM School, Barnfield

AQC	Bennetts End Ward (part)	Belmont Baptist Church Hall, Belmont Road
BA	Nash Mills Ward (part) (Nash Mills Parish)	Nash Mills Village Hall, 4 Lower Road
BA	Nash Mills Ward (part) (Nash Mills Parish)	Nash Mills Village Hall, 4 Lower Road
BAA	Nash Mills Ward (part)	Nash Mills Village Hall, 4 Lower Road
LA	Bovingdon , Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part) (Bovingdon Parish)	The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon
LA	Bovingdon , Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part) (Bovingdon Parish)	The Memorial Hall, High Street, Bovingdon
LB	Bovingdon , Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part) (Flaunden Parish)	The Village Hall, Flaunden
LC	Bovingdon , Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part) (Chipperfield Parish)	Chipperfield Village Hall, The Common
LD	Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part)	Bourne End Village Hall
LE	Bovingdon, Flaunden and Chipperfield Ward (part)	The Boxmoor Trust Centre

2. HARPENDEN AND BERKHAMSTED CONSTITUENCY

EAA	Aldbury and Wigginton Ward (Aldbury Parish East Ward)	Aldbury Memorial Hall
EAB	Aldbury and Wigginton Ward (Aldbury Parish West Ward)	The Iron Room, Tring Station
EB	Aldbury and Wigginton Ward (Wigginton Parish)	St Bartholomews Church Hall
FA	Ashridge Ward (part) (Little Gaddesden Parish)	The Sports Pavilion, Little Gaddesden
FB	Ashridge Ward (part) (Nettleden with Potten End Parish)	Potten End Village Hall
KAA	Berkhamsted West Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish West Ward (part)	Lagley Hall, Douglas Gardens
KAB	Berkhamsted West Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish West Ward (part)	All Saints' Church Hall, Shrublands Road
KAB	Berkhamsted West Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish West Ward (part)	All Saints' Church Hall, Shrublands Road
KBA	Berkhamsted Castle Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish Castle Ward (part)	Bridgewater Middle School, Bridle Way

KBB	Berkhamsted Castle Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish Castle Ward (part)	Berkhamsted Lawn Tennis and Squash Rackets Club, Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted
KBC	Berkhamsted Castle Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish Castle Ward (part)	Court House, Church Lane
KCA	Berkhamsted East Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish East Ward (part)	Evangelical Free Church Hall, Kings Road
KCB	Berkhamsted East Ward (part) Berkhamsted Parish East Ward (part)	Swing Gate First School, Swing Gate Lane
JA	Northchurch Ward (Northchurch Parish)	Northchurch Social Centre, Bell Lane
DAA	Tring East Ward (Tring Parish Dunsley Ward)	Tring Scout Hall, Adjacent to 35 Grove Road, Tring
DBAA	Tring Central Ward (part) (Tring Parish Bunstrux Ward – part)	Nora Grace Hall, Faversham Close, Tring
DBBB	Tring Central Ward (part) (Tring Parish Bunstrux Ward – part)	Tring Community Centre, Silk Mill Way
DBCC	Tring Central Ward (part) (Tring Parish Bunstrux Ward – part)	New Mill Baptist Church, New Road, New Mill
DCAA	Tring West and Rural Ward (part) (Tring Parish Miswell Ward – part)	Goldfield Infants School, Christchurch Road
DCBB	Tring West and Rural Ward (part) (Tring Parish Miswell Ward – part)	Roman Catholic Church Hall, Langdon Street
DDAA	Tring West and Rural Ward (part) (Tring Rural Parish – part)	Long Marston Victory Hall
DDBB	Tring West and Rural Ward (part) (Tring Rural Parish – part)	Wilstone Village Hall
GA	Watling Ward (Flamstead Parish)	The Methodist Church Hall, Trowley Hill Road
GB	Watling Ward (Markyate Parish)	Markyate Village Hall, Cavendish Road
GB	Watling Ward (Markyate Parish)	Markyate Village Hall, Cavendish Road
GCA	Watling Ward (Great Gaddesden Parish – Part)	Great Gaddesden Parish Hall
GCB	Watling Ward (Great Gaddesden Parish – Part)	Gaddesden Row Community Hall

3. SOUTH WEST HERTS CONSTITUENCY

(1)	(2)	(3) Polling Place
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Polling District Letters	Areas comprised in Polling Districts and Reference	
PA	Kings Langley Ward (Kings Langley Parish North Ward)	The Community Centre, Rucklers Lane
PB	Kings Langley Ward (Kings Langley Parish South Ward)	All Saints Church Hall, Church Lane
PB	Kings Langley Ward (Kings Langley Parish South Ward)	All Saints Church Hall, Church Lane
PC	Kings Langley Ward (Kings Langley Parish Central Ward)	Methodist Church Hall, Hempstead Road