

POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES
PROPOSALS AND RETURNING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The use of an asterisk (*) next to a Polling District denotes that this polling district is split into a double polling station at elections, with two desks & ballot boxes in the same building to handle the number of electors in attendance.

Bramhall North (BN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
BN1	1,494	St. Michael's Scout Hall, St. Michael's Avenue, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN2	1,302	Bramhall High School, Seal Road, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN3	979	2 nd Bramhall Scout Headquarters, Fir Road, Bramhall	No changes proposed.
BN4	1596	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane	Polling station change to Brookdale Theatre, Bridge Lane, SK7 3AB.
BN5 *	3967	Nevill Road Junior School, Nevill Road	No changes proposed.
BN6	9	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane	Merge this polling district into district BN4.
BN7	669	Brownie Hut, Bramhall Green Roundabout behind Bridge News, Bridge Lane, Bramhall	Polling station change to Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Station Road, SK8 7AL

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

BN4/BN7 – There is a large electorate allocated to this polling station with many electors accessing the station by car. The Brookdale Theatre is substantially easier to access from Bridge Lane and has a significant number of parking spaces available. It was believed that this location will be more accessible than the existing arrangements and more suitable for high-turnout elections such as general elections.

BN6 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging BN6 into BN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for BN4.

BN2 – Due to RAAC issues at Bramhall High School, the polling station was moved to the 2nd Bramhall Scout Headquarters at the 2024 elections. With the next scheduled elections not until 2026, it is not proposed to make this a permanent change at this time.

There have been no issues with access to polling stations in BN1, BN2, BN3 or BN5 and therefore no changes are proposed.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments were received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee regarding the proposal to move the polling place for BN4 from the Brownie Hut (Bramhall Green Roundabout) to the Brookdale Theatre.

It was requested at Area Committee and Scrutiny Committee that the Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church on Station Road, SK8 7AL, be considered as the polling place for BN7 instead of the Brookdale Theatre, on the grounds of distance that electors in this district would have to travel.

Final Recommendations

Positive comments have been received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee on the proposals for BN4 and BN6. No comments or suggested amendments have been received on the arrangements for districts BN1, BN2, BN3 or BN5.

Upon consideration, the submission to designate the polling place for BN7 as the Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church has been incorporated into the proposals. The Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church is already a designated polling station in the ward of Cheadle Hulme South, so separate rooms in the building will be used for the different polling stations. This will be a more accessible location for voters than the previous arrangements.

It is recommended that these proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

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Bramhall South & Woodford (BS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
BS1	1784	Bramhall Village Club, Lumb Lane	No changes proposed.
BS2	1863	Hursthead Infants School, Kirkstead Road	No changes proposed.
BS3	1,833	Centenary Hall, Benja Fold	No changes proposed.
BS4	1,033	Fords Lane Evangelical Church, Fords Lane	No changes proposed.
BS5	1,994	Moss Hey Primary School, Eskdale Avenue	No changes proposed.
BS6	2,303	Woodford War Memorial Community Centre, Chester Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

The potential for using an alternative polling place in district BS5 (Bramhall Baptist Church, Woodford Road) in place of Moss Hey Primary was raised at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee.

No other submissions were received regarding the arrangements in Bramhall South & Woodford.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed that the Bramhall Baptist Church is not available to be used as a polling station. No other alternative locations were identified in this polling district.

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Bredbury & Woodley (BW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
BW1 *	2,369	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road	No changes proposed.
BW2 *	2,430	Woodley Primary School, Sherwood Road	No changes proposed.
BW3	2,016	Harpers Community Event Space, 13 Lower Bents Lane	No changes proposed.
BW4	2,257	St Barnabas Church Hall, Osborne Street	No changes proposed.
BW5	1,549	St Mark's Parish Hall, Redhouse Lane	No changes proposed.
BW6	485	Harpers Community Event Space, 13 Lower Bents Lane	Merge this polling district into district BW3.
BW7	2	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road	Merge this polling district into district BW1.
BW8	0	Woodley Civic Hall, Hyde Road, Woodley	Merge this polling district into district BW1.
BW9	3	Woodley Primary School, Sherwood Road	Merge this polling district into district BW2.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

BW6 – This polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into BW3. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

BW9 - This polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into BW12. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

BW7/BW8 - These polling districts were created due to the ward boundary change between Bredbury & Woodley and Bredbury Green & Romiley in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, these districts are superfluous and is proposed to be merged into BW1. Electors in BW7 will experience no change as they already vote at the same station. There are no electors registered in BW8 – this existed for administrative purposes which are no longer present.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in BW1 – BW5 and therefore no changes were proposed.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Werneth Area Committee regarding the need to ensure good accessibility in polling district BW2 at Woodley Primary School and communication of specific arrangements to electors. This will be taken on board in the delivery of the next elections in this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Bredbury Green & Romiley (BR)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
BR1	1,346	The Hub, Bents Avenue	No changes proposed.
BR2	1,349	Community Room, Bredbury Library, George Lane	No changes proposed.
BR3 *	2,738	The Cherry Tree Project Hub, 2 Cherry Tree Lane	Mobile polling station, Car Park of Romiley Cricket Club
BR4	1,806	Mobile Polling Station, Lisburne School	Bredbury Green Primary School, Claptgate
BR5	2,280	Guywood Centre, 21 Guywood Lane	No changes proposed.
BR6	1,205	St Chads Church, Church Lane	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

It was raised at Werneth Area Committee that with the closure of Lisburne School (BR4) it may prove no longer possible for this to serve as a polling station in the future.

Comments were received at Area Committee regarding the need for an accessible station for BR3 (the Cherry Tree Hub) as the arrangements used at the Bredbury Green & Romiley by-election of utilising the Guywood Centre for this district was not ideal for elector accessibility.

Final Recommendations

With the closure of Lisburne School (BR4) it is no longer possible for a mobile polling station to be placed on these premises. Following successful use at the Bredbury Green & Romiley by-election held on 17 October, it is proposed that Bredbury Green Primary School become the new polling station for this district.

Due to the need to move away from the Cherry Tree Project Hub in polling district BR3, an alternative venue within the polling district has been sought. The Romiley Cricket Club is within the polling district. As the Club function room is currently not accessible for wheelchair users, it is proposed that a mobile polling station be placed in the Club car park at future elections.

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements above be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Brinnington & Stockport Central (BC)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
BC1	570	Vernon Park Primary School, Peak Street	No changes proposed.
BC2	425	Quaker Meeting House, 2 Cooper Street	No changes proposed.
BC3	1,229	Westmorland Primary School, Westmorland Drive	No changes proposed.
BC4	1,453	Mobile Polling Station, Brecon Towers, Blackberry Lane	No changes proposed.
BC5	2,215	Elim Church, Mottram Street	No changes proposed.
BC6	1,111	Crescent Road Hall, Crescent Road	No changes proposed.
BC7 *	2,482	St Luke's Parish Hall, Northumberland Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle West & Gatley (CW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
CW1 *	2,552	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	No changes proposed.
CW2 *	2,377	Mobile Polling Station, Cambridge Road	No changes proposed.
CW3	1,109	Bethany Church, 100 Church Road	No changes proposed.
CW4	2,002	Cheadle Sports Club	No changes proposed.
CW5	1,774	Kingsway School, Foxland Campus, Foxland Road	No changes proposed.
CW6	1,823	The Bowling Pavilion, Gatley Recreation Ground, Northenden Road.	No changes proposed.
CW7	10	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	Merge this polling district into district CW1.
CW8	95	Trinity Methodist /United Reformed Church Massie Street	Merge this polling district into district CW1.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in CW1 – CW6 and therefore no changes are proposed.

CW7/CW8 - These small polling districts were created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging CW7 and CW8 into CW1. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for CW1.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle East & Cheadle Hulme North (CE)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
CE1	1,875	All Hallows Church, 222 Councillor Lane	No changes proposed.
CE2	1,157	Chelwood Baptist Church, Adswood Road	No changes proposed.
CE3	1,834	Oak Tree Primary School, Buckingham Road	No changes proposed.
CE4	2,696	Cheadle Heath Sports Club, Norbreck Avenue	No changes proposed.
CE5	1,017	Ladybridge Park Residents Club, Edenbridge Road	No changes proposed.
CE6	1,062	Cheadle Heath Sports Club, Norbreck Avenue	No changes proposed.
CE7	2,095	St Cuthberts Church, Cuthbert Road	No changes proposed.
CE8	61	Oak Tree Primary School, Buckingham Road	Merge this polling district into district CE3.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in CE1 – CE7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

CE8 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the previous ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging CE8 into CE3. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for CE3.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments were received at Cheadle Area Committee regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the initial proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Cheadle Hulme South (CS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
CS1 *	2,924	Cheadle Hulme United Reformed Church, 65 Swann Lane	No changes proposed.
CS2	1,533	Thorn Grove Primary School, Woodstock Avenue	No changes proposed.
CS3	1,217	Cheadle Hulme Methodist Church, Station Road	No changes proposed.
CS4	3,117	Emmanuel C o E Church, Bruntwood Lane	No changes proposed.
CS5	1,121	Mobile Polling Station, St James Catholic High School, St James Way	No changes proposed.
CS6	2,152	St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Bramhall & Cheadle Hulme South Area Committee regarding the polling district boundaries surrounding Albert Road, Station Road and Queens Road, which were changed as a result of the 2022 Polling District and Boundary Commission Reviews, causing some elector confusion at previous elections.

Final Recommendations

Further consideration was undertaken of the polling district boundaries of CS1, CS3 and CS6 and ward councillors consulted.

After consideration of possible amendments, it is recommended that that the polling arrangements remain unchanged in this review.

This is to avoid causing further elector confusion at the next poll in this ward, as elections have been delivered on the above arrangements successfully in May 2023, May 2024 and July 2024 and making additional changes may result in more voters attending the wrong polling station in 2026.

Further investigation of boundaries in Cheadle Hulme South will be conducted at the next statutory or interim review, as applicable.

Davenport & Cale Green (DC)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
DC1	1,340	Adswood Community Centre, 213 Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC2	1,546	Bridge Hall Community Centre, Siddington Avenue	No changes proposed.
DC3	681	Mobile Polling Station, Davenport Playing Fields Car Park	No changes proposed.
DC4	1,323	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Kimberley Street	No changes proposed.
DC5 *	2,556	Davenport Methodist Church, Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC6	507	Davenport Methodist Church, Garners Lane	No changes proposed.
DC7	2,503	Stockport Cricket Club, Beech Road	No changes proposed.
DC8	588	Mobile Polling Station, Davenport Playing Fields Car Park	No changes proposed.
DC9	0	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Kimberley Street	Merge this polling district into district DC4.
DC10	811	Kimberley Street Day Centre, Shaw Heath Recreation Ground, Stockport	Merge this polling district into district DC4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in DC1 – DC8 and therefore no changes are proposed.

DC9 – This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. This district has no registered electors and was created for administrative purposes to align old and current ward boundaries. As this is now superfluous, it is proposed to merge it into DC4.

DC10 – This polling district was created separate to DC4 due to the ward boundary change between Davenport & Cale Green and Brinnington & Central in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on old ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge DC10 into DC4. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Central Stockport Area Committee and CRMG Scrutiny Committee in support of the proposed arrangements.

A public submission was received proposing an amendment to the polling district boundary of DC4 and DC7 along Adswood Lane.

Final Recommendations

After consideration and consultation with ward councillors, the submission to amend the boundary of DC4 and DC7 has not been incorporated, as the existing polling district proposals received support at Central Stockport Area Committee and CRMG Scrutiny.

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Edgeley (ED)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
ED1	1,013	Our Lady's Catholic Primary School, Old Chapel Street	No changes proposed.
ED2	1,823	Lark Hill Nursery School, Northgate Road	Take on 20-40 Bloom Street, no other changes.
ED3	2,075	Edgeley Community Church, Edgeley Road	Give away 20-40 Bloom Street, no other changes.
ED4	464	Edgeley Library, Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.
ED5	1,073	London Midland Railway Club, 265 Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.
ED6	785	Rose Walker Community Centre, Essex Avenue	Confirm the Rose Walker Community Centre as the permanent polling station.
ED7	814	Alexandra Park Primary School, Bombay Road	No changes proposed.
ED8	216	Alexandra Park Primary School, Bombay Road	Merge this polling district into district ED7.
ED9	917	Edgeley Library, Edgeley Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in ED1, ED2, ED3, ED4, ED5, ED7 or ED9 and therefore no changes are proposed.

ED6 – The Salvation Army Church was the previously designated polling station for this district. From 2024 this location was no longer available and the Rose Walker Community Centre was used in the Local & Combined Authority Mayoral and General Elections in 2024. It is proposed to confirm this as the polling station moving forwards.

ED8 – This polling district was created separate to DC4 due to the ward boundary change between Edgeley and Davenport & Cale Green in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge ED8 into ED7. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were received at Central Stockport Area Committee that the change in polling district ED6 was positive, but that there had been a degree of elector confusion regarding the change in polling station at the last election.

The potential for using an alternative polling place in district ED1 (York Street Community Centre) was raised at Area Committee. The possibility of alternatives for ED7 (Alexandra Park) were also raised.

A sizeable public submission was received proposing amendments to the polling district boundaries of ED5 and ED6, ED1 and ED3 and the movement of properties and streets into ED2.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed to officers that the York Street Community Centre is not available to be used as a polling station. No other alternative locations were identified in this polling district and

therefore it is proposed that Our Lady's Catholic Primary remain the designated polling place for ED1.

No available alternative locations for ED7 have been identified and therefore Alexandra Park Primary remains the proposed polling place for this district.

Following consideration of the submission for amended polling districts and consultation with ward councillors, it is not proposed to accept the suggested alterations to ED5, ED6, ED1 and ED3. This would result in a significant redistribution of polling district boundaries and electors to polling stations, risking voter confusion at the next poll. Furthermore, some of the suggested changes would increase elector travel time to their designated polling station, which is not a desirable outcome of the review.

It is proposed to incorporate part of the suggested alteration to ED2 by moving the small number of properties at the end of Yule Street and Farr Street (20-40 Bloom Street) from ED3 into ED2. This will rationalise the polling district boundary and ensure these properties are voting at the same polling place as their neighbouring properties on the North side of Bloom Street.

It is recommended that the above arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Hazel Grove (HZ)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
HZ1	1,542	Torkington Primary School, Torkington Road	No changes proposed.
HZ2	1,452	1 st Norbury Scout Group, School Street	No changes proposed.
HZ3	1,360	The Civic Hall, London Road	No changes proposed.
HZ4 *	3,260	Warren Wood Primary School, Turnstone Road	No changes proposed.
HZ5	1,939	St Simon's Catholic Primary School, Bosden Avenue	No changes proposed.
HZ6	155	1 st Norbury Scout Group, School Street, Hazel Grove	No changes proposed.
HZ7	972	Hazel Grove Methodist Church, Wesley Street	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Polling district HZ6 must remain separate and unaltered, as the boundary between HZ6 and HZ3/HZ4 is the boundary between the Cheadle and Hazel Grove Parliamentary constituencies.

Submissions and comments received

A comment was received at Stepping Hill Area Committee regarding the current size of polling district HZ4, namely that is oversized relative to other polling districts in the area.

Final Recommendations

Due to the nature of the ward boundaries and ward geography surrounding HZ4, there are no feasible amendments that could be made to the polling district boundary to reduce the elector allocation. There are no other locations within HZ4 that could be used as a polling station. The placement of a mobile polling station within the district and splitting of the district accordingly would not be ideal, as there are no ideal locations for placement of a mobile and it would create elector confusion while still requiring the use of the school.

As such it is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Heald Green (HG)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
HG1	1,026	Mobile Polling Station, Bradgate Avenue	No changes proposed.
HG2 *	2,570	Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane	No changes proposed.
HG3 *	3,116	Heald Green Village Hall, Outwood Road	No changes proposed.
HG4	2,110	Outwood Primary School, Outwood Road	Outwood Primary School to remain the polling place.
HG5	1,496	Etchells Primary School, Finney Lane	No changes proposed.
HG6	636	Heald Green Methodist Church, Brown Lane	No changes proposed.
HG7	472	Mobile Polling Station, Bradshaw Hall Playing Fields	No changes proposed.
HG8	36	Outwood Primary School, Outwood Road	Merge this polling district into district HG4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in HG1, HG2, HG3, HG5, HG6 or HG7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

HG4 – It has been a commitment of the Council to move away from using schools as polling stations if a reasonable alternative can be found in the polling district, to avoid negatively impacting pupils at schools and parents/guardians when schools are used as polling stations. Previously no alternative in HG4 existed. The recently constructed centre for the Cheadle Muslim Association on Wilmslow Road is spacious, with ample parking and good disabled access. It is therefore proposed to move the polling place to this location.

HG8 - This small polling district was created due to the ward boundary change between Heald Green and Cheadle Hulme South in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the old wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, these districts do not need to be separate and is proposed to merge HG8 into HG4. Electors in this polling district already vote at the same station as electors in HG4.

Submissions and comments received

Comments were made at Cheadle Area Committee in opposition to the proposal for HG4 on the grounds that many residents have already experienced changes to polling stations following the previous review and such a change would cause further elector confusion.

Further comments were made at Area Committee that the proposed new polling place (Cheadle Muslim Association) is on the edge of the polling district further away from electors than the current polling place, and that access would therefore be more challenging for voters due to location and a lack of public transport to the location, risking electors being dissuaded from voting who otherwise may have voted.

An additional comment was also made at Area Committee in support of the proposed change in HG4 on the grounds that the Cheadle Muslim Association would be accessible to voters with the capacity to support high turnout elections, car parking would be available and a move would support with moving away from using a local school on polling day.

A number of comments from the public have been received in support of the proposed change to HG4 and a number of comments from the public have been received opposed to the change.

Heald Green ward councillors expressed a strong desire to retain the current polling place (Outwood Primary) for HG4.

A comment was received at CRMG Scrutiny Committee in favour of the moves away from schools as polling places, including specifically in HG4 to designate the Cheadle Muslim Association as the polling place instead of Outwood.

A comment was received at CRMG Scrutiny Committee re-iterating the opposition of Heald Green ward councillors to the proposal for HG4 on the grounds of the distance of travel to the Cheadle Muslim Association, being located on the edge of the village and risking elector confusion.

Final Recommendations

Numerous representations have been received both in favour and in opposition to the original proposal for moving the polling place for district HG4 from both elected members and members of the public.

In determining the final recommendations to Cabinet and the Full Council, the Returning Officer acknowledges the strength of feeling on the proposal. After full consideration of the circumstances in the polling district and submissions received, it is *not* proposed to continue with this proposal.

It is not considered desirable to make an alteration to polling station arrangements that is unanimously opposed by elected members for the ward in question and that has received a divided reception from members of the public over the course of the consultation period. As such a move is not required by the disappearance/closure of an existing polling place, there is no requirement on the part of the Returning Officer to implement any change in polling place for this polling district. With elections having been demonstrably delivered at Outwood Primary School over the course of 2023 and 2024, this review recommends that these arrangements be retained.

It is recommended that the proposals above, including the retention of Outwood Primary School and merger of district HG8 into HG4 be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Heatons North (HN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
HN1	1,639	Mobile Polling Station, Adjacent to Marbury Green	No changes proposed.
HN2	2,001	West Heatons Tennis Club, Princes Road	No changes proposed.
HN3 *	2,542	St Thomas the Apostle Church, Wellington Road North	No changes proposed.
HN4	1,938	Heaton Moor United Church, Stanley Road	No changes proposed.
HN5	2,026	St Paul's Church Schoolroom, St. Pauls Road	No changes proposed.
HN6	1,203	Heaton Moor Library, Balmoral Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Heatons South (HS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
HS1	1,477	St Martins Church Hall, 112 Crescent Park	No changes proposed.
HS2	1,948	1 st Heaton Norris Scout Group, Locksley Close	No changes proposed.
HS3	1,469	Mersey Vale Primary School, Valley Road	No changes proposed.
HS4	2,149	Heaton Mersey Sports & Social Club, Harwood Road	No changes proposed.
HS5	2,201	Emmanuel Community Church, 55 Green Lane	No changes proposed.
HS6	1,933	Heaton Mersey Methodist Church, Cavendish Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

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Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Manor (MA)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
MA1	1,839	Woodbank Community Centre, Turncroft Lane	No changes proposed.
MA2	1,821	St Andrew's Community Church Hall, Hall Street	No changes proposed.
MA3	3,015	Stockport Lads Club, Hempshaw Lane	No changes proposed.
MA4	1,075	Mobile Polling Station, Junction of Broadway & Beauvale Avenue	No changes proposed.
MA5 *	2,562	1 st Offerton Scout Group, Offerton Lane	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

Several elections have been delivered on the above arrangements without issue. No superior alternative options have been identified at this time. As such no changes are proposed at this time.

Submissions and comments received

A comment was made at Central Stockport Area Committee that it was understood that there may potentially be a change of use of the current St Andrew's Community Church Hall, Hall Street that would need to be considered as part of the polling arrangement for a future election.

Final Recommendations

It has been confirmed to officers that St Andrew's Community Church Hall will still be made available for hire as a polling station as required for elections in the area.

Therefore, it is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Marple North (MN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
MN1	1,507	Ludworth & Mellor Women's Institute, Lower Fold	No changes proposed.
MN2	568	Visitors Centre, Etherow Country Park	No changes proposed.
MN3	1,604	Marple Senior Citizens Hall, Memorial Park	No changes proposed.
MN4	1,754	Rose Hill Primary School, Elmfield Drive	No changes proposed.
MN5	1,052	Ludworth & Mellor Women's Institute, Lower Fold	Polling station change to Compstall Cricket Club, Erncroft Road, SK6 5HH.
MN6	1,560	Mellor Sports Club, Longhurst Lane	No changes proposed.
MN7	1,696	Rose Hill Primary School, Elmfield Drive	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

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MN5 - The Jubilee Church Hall was the previously designated polling place for this district. Following the 2023 local election the Church was closed and was no longer available. As a temporary solution the Ludworth & Mellor WI was used, as it was an existing polling place for a neighbouring polling district. The Compstall Cricket Club is an available location within district MN5, has a suitable function room with access and will be nearer for electors to travel to. Therefore it is proposed to designate this as the polling place for MN5.

There have been no issues with access to polling places in the other polling districts in this ward and therefore no changes are proposed.

Submissions and comments received

A positive comment has been received at Marple Area Committee regarding the proposed change to MN5 to move to Compstall Cricket Club.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Marple South & High Lane (MH)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
MH1	1,367	High Lane Library, Buxton Road	No changes proposed.
MH2	1,256	High Lane Village Hall, Windlehurst Road	No changes proposed.
MH3	1,247	Hawk Green Reading Room, Upper Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH4	516	St Pauls Church Schoolroom, Strines Road	No changes proposed.
MH5	1,757	Marple United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH6	1,063	Guide Headquarters, Brickbridge Road	No changes proposed.
MH7	1,611	Marple United Reformed Church, Hibbert Lane	No changes proposed.
MH8	1,185	High Lane Library, Buxton Road	No changes proposed.

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Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Norbury & Woodsmoor (NW)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
NW1 *	2,616	Norbury Hall Primary School, Shepley Drive	No changes proposed.
NW2	1,569	Davenport Lawn Tennis Club, Flowery Field	No changes proposed.
NW3 *	3,499	Moorfield Primary School, Lyndhurst Avenue	Moorfield Primary remains station, boundary amended as below.
NW4	1,038	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Boundary amended as below.
NW5	1,296	3 rd Hazel Grove Scout Headquarters, Macclesfield Road	No changes proposed.
NW6	0	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Merge this polling district into district NW4.
NW7	247	Mobile Polling Station, Dean Moor Road	Merge this polling district into district NW4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in NW1 – NW5 and therefore no changes are proposed.

NW6 - This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. This district has no registered electors and was created for administrative purposes to align previous and current ward boundaries. As this is now superfluous, it is proposed to merge it into NW4.

NW7 - This polling district was created due to the ward boundary changes in 2022, allowing electoral registers for the previous wards to still be provided. As there is no longer any need to produce registers on previous ward boundaries, this district is superfluous and is proposed to be merged into NW4. Electors in this polling district will experience no change as they already vote at this station.

Submissions and comments received

Positive comments have been received at Stepping Hill Area Committee regarding the proposed merger for polling district NW6.

Further comments were received at Area Committee regarding the large size of polling district NW3 and whether this could be reduced.

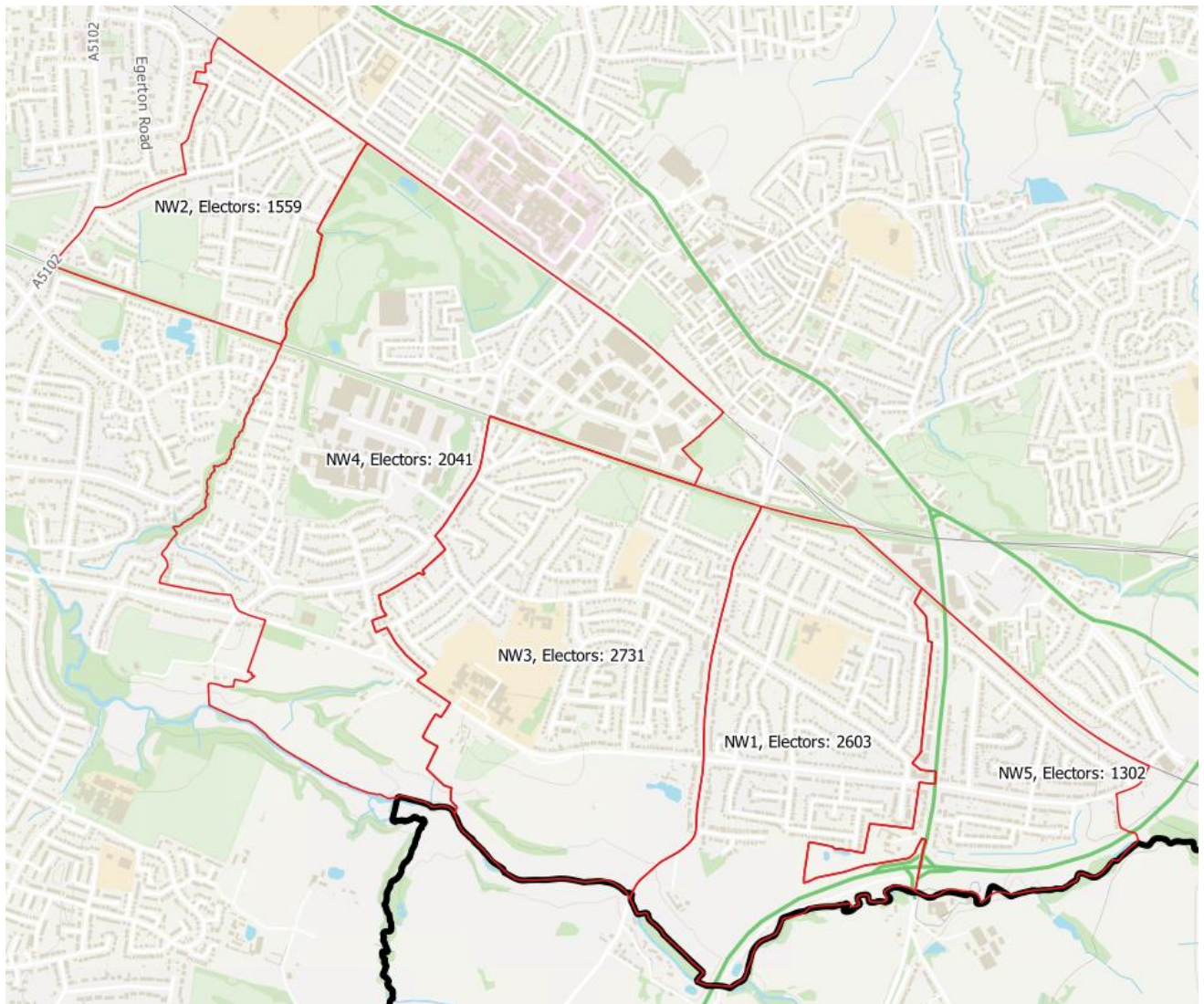
Final Recommendations

Following consultation with ward members on possible amendments, with reference to local geography and distances to polling stations, it is proposed that the boundary between NW3 and the revised NW4 be moved to Bramhall Moor Lane, running along the road until reaching the New Mills/Cheadle train track. This would move the properties on the West side of Bramhall Moor Lane into NW4, removing the need to cross Bramhall Moor Lane of these electors.

The Mirlees estate residential and industrial properties between the North side of the New Mills/Cheadle line track and South of the Buxton line track are also proposed to move into

NW4. This will achieve a rebalancing of electorate sizes between NW4 and NW3 without noticeably impacting elector travel times to the polling station.

A map showing the revised polling districts is below.



It is recommended that the above arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Offerton (OF)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
OF1	862	Offerton Community Centre, Mallowdale Road	No changes proposed.
OF2	2,130	St Savior's Parish Hall, Gladstone Street	No changes proposed.
OF3	1,146	Dialstone Methodist Church, Dialstone Lane	No changes proposed.
OF4	1,719	Offerton Community Centre, Mallowdale Road	No changes proposed.
OF5	622	St Johns Church, Marple Road	No changes proposed.
OF6	1,642	St Philips RC Church, Half Moon Lane	No changes proposed.
OF7	1,708	Great Moor Junior School, Southwood Road	No changes proposed.
OF8	1,590	Stockport Sunday School, Compass Point	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

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Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting

Reddish North (RN)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
RN1	1,657	St. Agnes' Church, Gorton Road	No changes proposed.
RN2	1,353	Vale View Primary School, Mill Lane	No changes proposed.
RN3	1,803	Reddish Northend Football Club, Mike Doyle Centre, Browning Road	No changes proposed.
RN4	584	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	No changes proposed.
RN5	2,532 *	Reddish Library, Gorton Road	No changes proposed.
RN6	1,905	North Reddish Scout & Guide Centre, Criterion Street	No changes proposed.
RN7	1,437	Houldsworth Working Mens Club, Leamington Road	No changes proposed.
RN8	338	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	Merge this polling district into district RN4.
RN9	66	Bairstow Club, Rupert Street	Merge this polling district into district RN4.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

All rooms have disabled access and the review has taken into consideration that there should be no barriers to voting for people with a disability.

There is no identifiable alternative that would be an improvement for electors in RN1 – RN7 and therefore no changes are proposed.

RN8 – This polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging RN8 into RN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for RN4.

RN9 - This small polling district was created at the 2022 Polling Place Review to allow for the Electoral Registration Officer to continue to produce electoral registers on the old ward boundaries, as was a legal requirement at that time. There is no longer such a requirement and therefore this district is superfluous, and it is proposed to rationalise the polling district scheme by merging RN9 into RN4. There would be noticeable change for the electors affected, who already vote at the polling station for RN4.

Submissions and comments received

A comment has been received at Heatons & Reddish Area Committee in support of the proposed merger of polling districts RN4, RN8 and RN9.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.

Reddish South (RS)

Polling District	Electors	Polling Place	Recommendation
RS1	1,072	St Annes RC Voluntary Academy, Glenfield Road	No changes proposed.
RS2	535	Lancashire Hill Community Centre, Penny Lane	No changes proposed.
RS3	908	The Pavilion, Heaton Norris Park, Love Lane	No changes proposed.
RS4	1,107	Reddish Vale Start Well Centre, Reddish Vale Road	No changes proposed.
RS5	1,541	Triangle Church (Lancashire Hill Sunday School), Sandy Lane	No changes proposed.
RS6	1,890	Broadstone Hall Primary School, Broadstone Hall Road South	No changes proposed.
RS7	2,551	St Mary's Church Hall, St Mary's Drive	No changes proposed.
RS8	1,958	All Saints Church, All Saints Road	No changes proposed.

Initial Comments of the (Acting) Returning Officer

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Submissions and comments received

No submissions were received regarding the proposals for this ward.

Final Recommendations

It is recommended that the current arrangements be confirmed by the Council Meeting.