

Definition of terms

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1.3 When a parish or community is not a separate polling district, the special circumstances and the recommendation resulting from these should be clearly set in the review document for the council or relevant committee to consider.

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1 October 2023

Dear xxxxxxxxxxxx,

Rutland County Council is conducting a compulsory review of polling districts, polling places and polling stations within the County, in compliance with the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013. The Notice of review has now been published and I enclose a copy for your attention together with an information sheet and map; details of proposed revisions and a list of the current and proposed polling districts; polling places and polling stations for the County. These details are also available on the council's website at: [Polling stations | Rutland County Council](#).

The aim of the process is to ensure that polling facilities are in the most appropriate locations and afford access to the widest possible range of electors, including those with any type of disability. The review period runs from 1st October until 16th October 2023 and the findings will be reported to a meeting of Full Council on 6th November 2023. As explained in the Notice, I would appreciate your views on the subject of future polling arrangements in Rutland and I would welcome your comments on the suitability of existing and potential new polling stations, particularly their accessibility. You may submit your comments by email to elections@rutland.gov.uk on or before 16 October 2023.

To inform your comments I envisage making no changes to any of our current polling districts, and only one change to an existing polling place and polling station, namely that in Barrowden. The need for that change has been prompted by the fact that Barrowden Village Hall is due to be rebuilt towards the end of this year and therefore a new polling place and polling station will be required in the intervening period until the rebuild is complete.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Andrews
Electoral Registration Officer

Enclosures:

1. Notice of Review
2. Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places Information Sheet 2023
3. Rutland Parish and Ward boundary map
4. Polling Station map
5. Details of Revisions to polling locations for Electors
6. Current list of polling districts, polling places and polling stations
7. Revised list of polling districts, polling places and polling stations

Notice of Review

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations

1. Notice is hereby given that Rutland County Council (the “Council”) is conducting a review of the polling districts, polling places and polling stations that fall within its boundaries.
2. The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the Parliamentary Constituency of Rutland and Melton will make comment on the proposals and those representations will be published on the Council’s website and notice boards within 30 days of receipt by the Council.
3. Details of the existing arrangements and the Returning Officer’s proposals for the change will form the basis of this review.
4. The Council welcomes input from all residents within the county. Representations may be made about the existing or proposed arrangements and their accessibility for electors, the representation made by the ARO or any other matter pertaining to the review.
5. The Council particularly welcomes any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability to make a representation or to comment on the proposals, the ARO’s representation or any other matter pertaining to the review.
6. Where appropriate persons or bodies making representation should, if possible, propose alternative arrangements.
7. The proposals are available for inspection at the Council offices at Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP and on the website at www.rutland.gov.uk
8. Representations should be addressed to Electoral Services, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland, LE15 6HP or by email to elections@rutland.gov.uk
9. The review will run from 1 October to 16 October 2023. Final recommendations will be presented to Full Council on 6 November 2023. Implementation will take place immediately following Council’s decision.

Mark Andrews
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**REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES
AND POLLING STATIONS FOR RUTLAND –
INFORMATION SHEET 2023**



Background information and the Returning Officer's Proposals

Mark Andrews, Returning Officer

Consultation Period will be: 1st October 2023 – 16th October 2023

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS, POLLING PLACES AND POLLING STATIONS FOR RUTLAND - 2023 **INFORMATION SHEET**

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 details the timings for the compulsory reviews of UK Parliamentary polling districts and the last compulsory review period commenced on 1 October 2018 and the next review period commenced 5 years from that date on 1 October 2023. The Council is allowed to conduct interim reviews where required to make changes within the 5-year cycle.

What does the review involve?

The review must be carried out to make sure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances. On commencing the review a notice will be published with details of the review, including when and where comments or representations can be made. Any elector in the constituency may make a representation in relation to the size and boundaries of polling districts and the location and suitability of polling places. The council also welcomes comments or representations from any Councillors in the area, past or potential candidates, local political parties and indeed any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability. On completion of the review the council will publish all correspondence sent and received, details of the results of the review including any issues raised and indeed any changes which have been approved, giving the reasons for its decisions.

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Those special circumstances could arise if, for example, the parish/community has only a small number of electors and it is not practicable for the parish/community to be its own polling district.

The current list of Polling Places and Polling Stations and the current potential turnout figures are enclosed and are available on the website [Polling stations | Rutland County Council](#).

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A polling place is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the (Acting) Returning Officer. A polling place within a polling district must be designated so that polling stations are within easy reach of all electors from across the polling district, however, there is no legal definition of what a polling place is. It could be as large as the polling district or as small as a particular building. Currently in Rutland,

most polling places are actual buildings.

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When deciding which buildings to use as polling stations, the Council tries to make sure that they are located as conveniently as possible for the majority of electors and that they are accessible to everyone, particularly anyone with a disability.

Thought must be given, for example, to the distance people have to travel to vote and any barriers to them getting there, such as major roads or rivers.

The Returning Officer's Proposals

Introduction

The pattern of polling districts and polling places in the District of Rutland has evolved to meet the convenience of electors across the district. By and large, it ensures that electors have reasonable facilities for voting. Furthermore, in line with the Council's policies, every attempt has been made to ensure that polling stations are accessible to electors with disabilities. Therefore, as the majority of polling districts and polling places remain fit for purpose, the proposals for change have been kept to a minimum.

Guidelines

The Returning Officer has taken the following considerations into account when drawing up the proposals. Comments made during the consultation should keep these in mind. The first four are requirements laid down in the Representation of the Peoples Act; the remainder are guidelines only.

- The council must seek to ensure that all electors have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances;
- The council must seek to ensure that, so far as is reasonable and practicable, every polling place is accessible to electors with disabilities;
- Every parish shall be in a separate polling district;
- Ideally the polling place should be in the polling district;
- No polling station should be shared by two wards because of the risks associated with holding different elections in the same polling station;
- Ideally there should be no more than 2,250 electors per polling station, although the number of postal voters in the district (presently approx 4,500 in total across Rutland) is a further consideration;
- Polling district boundaries should be co-terminous with existing

- parish ward or district ward boundaries;
- Where existing polling districts serve no necessary function because the electors for each polling district already vote at the same polling station, the polling districts should be merged;
- An average polling station costs up to £1,000 to hire, equip and staff for polling day;
- The proposals have been mindful of further development in the district as identified in the Local Development Framework.

Polling district of Barrowden

Electors in the polling district of Barrowden will not be able to use the polling place and vote at the station currently used as it is will not be available due to a rebuild from the end of due to take place later this year and during 2024. Alternatives have been considered, and it is proposed to make the polling place the village of Barrowden, as this will allow us to move a polling station within the polling place more easily at a later stage when required.

It is therefore recommended that as a temporary solution, while the Village Hall is being rebuilt, electors in the polling district of Barrowden use St Peter's Church in Barrowden as an alternative polling station venue for the period of the rebuild. Once the rebuild is complete the intent will be to move the polling station back to Barrowden Village Hall.

Changes resulting from the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review.

There are no changes to polling districts, polling places or polling stations in Rutland as a result of the 2023 Parliamentary Boundary Review.

Should you wish to make representations about the review please submit them in writing to:

**Electoral Registration Officer (Polling Places Review)
Rutland County Council
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**Or via email to:
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BMN	Ridlington	Ridlington Village Hall	Ridlington Village Hall	143
BMO	Wing	Wing Village Hall	Wing Village Hall	259
COA	Barrow	Cottesmore Community Centre	Cottesmore Community Centre	70
COB	Cottesmore	Cottesmore Community Centre	Cottesmore Community Centre	1517
COD	Market Overton	Market Overton Village Hall	Market Overton Village Hall	387
EXA	Ashwell	Ashwell Village Hall	Ashwell Village Hall	236
EXB	Burley	Ashwell Village Hall	Ashwell Village Hall	196
EXC	Egleton	Egleton Village Hall	Egleton Village Hall	83
EXD	Exton	Exton Village Hall	Exton Village Hall	455

EXE	Hambleton	Egleton Village Hall	Egleton Village Hall	121
EXF	Horn	Exton Village Hall	Exton Village Hall	8
EXG	Whitwell	Exton Village Hall	Exton Village Hall	56
GRA	Clipsham	The Olive Branch	The Olive Branch	100
GRB	Greetham	Greetham Community Centre	Greetham Community Centre	637
GRC	Pickworth	The Olive Branch	The Olive Branch	50
GRD	Stretton	Stretton Community Hub	Stretton Community Hub	235
GRE	Thistleton	Stretton Community Hub	Stretton Community Hub	84
KEA *	Barrowden	Barrowden	Barrowden Village Hall (*St Peter's Church Barrowden while Village Hall is being rebuilt)	395
KEB	Ketton	Ketton Library	Ketton Library	1490
KEC	Tinwell	Tinwell Village Hall	Tinwell Village Hall	209
KED	Tixover	Ketton Library	Ketton Library	114
LAA	Langham	Langham Village Hall	Langham Village Hall	1147
LYA	Bisbrooke	St John the Baptist Church	St John the Baptist Church	186
LYB	Caldecott	Caldecott Village Hall	Caldecott Village Hall	211
LYC	Glaston	Glaston Church Room	Glaston Church Room	167
LYD	Lyddington	Lyddington Village Hall	Lyddington Village Hall	325
LYE	Seaton	Seaton Village Hall	Seaton Village Hall	161
LYF	Stoke Dry	Lyddington Village Hall	Lyddington Village Hall	18
LYG	Thorpe-by-Water	Lyddington Village Hall	Lyddington Village Hall	49
NOA	Edith Weston	Edith Weston Village Hall	Edith Weston Village Hall	602
NOB	Empingham	Audit Hall	Audit Hall	718
NOC	Normanton	Edith Weston Village Hall	Edith Weston Village Hall	18
NOD	North Luffenham	Community Centre	Community Centre	610
NOE	South Luffenham	South Luffenham Village Hall	South Luffenham Village Hall	380
ONE	Oakham North East	All Saints Church Hall	All Saints Church Hall	2076
ONW	Oakham North West	Scout Hut, Oakham	Scout Hut	2421

OSA	Oakham South	Council Buildings, Catmos Street	Oakham Library	2057
OSB	Oakham South	Council Buildings, Catmos Street	Oakham Library	1601
RCA	Essendine	Essendine Village Hall	Essendine Village Hall	332
RCB	Great Casterton	Great Casterton Church Hall	Great Casterton Church Hall	347
RCC	Little Casterton	Great Casterton Church Hall	Great Casterton Church Hall	185
RCD	Ryhall	Ryhall Village Hall	Ryhall Village Hall	1284
RCE	Tickencote	Great Casterton Church Hall	Great Casterton Church Hall	56
UPA	Beaumont Chase	Uppingham Town Hall	Uppingham Town Hall	2
UPB	Uppingham	Uppingham Town Hall	Uppingham Town Hall	1738
UPC	Uppingham	Uppingham Town Hall	Uppingham Town Hall	1305
WHA	Whissendine	The Memorial Hall, Whissendine	The Memorial Hall, Whissendine	1009
WHB	Teigh	The Memorial Hall, Whissendine	The Memorial Hall, Whissendine	59

*The change to Barrowden Polling Place/Station will be a temporary solution while Village Hall is being rebuilt.

Appendix F

Comments received from stakeholders during consultation			
Comment(s)	Date	Name/organisation	Response by RO
I can confirm receipt and note that only one change is proposed and the rationale for that which of course makes sense.	2 October 2023	Police Area Returning Officer	Nil
Having reviewed the Election Polling Station details as enclosed, I can confirm that I have no objections to the document and can see that each of the locations are accessible and suitable for the needs as set out in the document.	11 October 2023	Leicestershire Police	Nil

<p>Thank you for your letter dated 1st October 2023, and the opportunity to comment on your review of the polling Places and polling Stations in the Rutland and County Council area.</p> <p>I confirm I have no comments or observations to make, other than to support the review as a mechanism for ensuring the most appropriate and accessible Polling Places and Polling Stations are used.</p> <p>If you wish to discuss any further, please do not hesitate to contact me.</p>	11 October 2023	Acting Returning Officer, Melton Borough Council	Nil
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Additional comments from (A)RO:

Nil