

## **Review of Polling District and Polling Places**

### **Representations received during the Review**

The following representations were received during the course of the review, including an initial informal consultation with ward Councillors at the start of the review to obtain their views on the current arrangements in their wards.

Suggestions of potential future arrangements were then shared with Councillors.

Responses received at this informal consultation stage were considered when the proposals for the consultation document were drafted.

The responses received have been listed by ward below.

#### **1. Addiscombe East**

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for... Addiscombe East.*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

#### **2. Addiscombe West**

*'Having looked through the paper and information I would suggest that no changes are needed for the Addiscombe West Ward. Most of the future population growth is in ADW5 and this is the one with the capacity to absorb additional numbers.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West ward  
(7 October 2024 – response to informal consultation)

*'I am writing to support the current proposals to make no changes to the Polling districts in the Addiscombe West Ward. This is the view of my ward colleagues as well.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West ward  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

### **3. Bensham Manor**

*'This email is to confirm that we are happy with the current polling station are in Bensham Manor ward.'*

Councillor Humayun Kabir, Bensham Manor ward  
(on behalf of ward councillors 8 October 2024 – informal consultation)

*'I am fine with these newly suggested changes'* (to polling district boundaries)

Councillor Humayun Kabir, Bensham Manor ward  
(13 November 2024 – following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'I am happy with the changes; the map is clear and will benefit us as Councillors when organising activity in polling districts.'*

Councillor Enid Mollyneaux, Bensham Manor ward  
(13 November 2024 – following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... Broad Green.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

### **4. Broad Green**

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... Broad Green.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## 5. Coulsdon Town

*'My colleagues and I join you in recognising the arrangements for Coulsdon Town are not ideal.*

*Any benefits in moving the electors as you have proposed would be outweighed by potential disruption created for electors by changing their polling station.*

*Additionally, it makes sense to keep Iron Railway Close in the same polling district as the rest of the Cane Hill estate. I believe the status quo also keeps the numbers within the EC's recommendation.*

*On balance, we favour retaining the current boundaries.'*

Councillor Ian Parker, Coulsdon Town ward  
(on behalf of ward Councillors 29 October 2024 – in response to a suggestion of potential polling district boundary changes during informal consultation. No changes to the current arrangements were proposed in the formal consultation document)

*'I know we've been grappling with the lack of a polling station location in the southern half of Coulsdon Town for some years now - it is incredibly far for elderly or those without a vehicle to expect them to travel to Coulsdon Library to vote.*

*In the interests of thinking outside the box...*

1. *Could we install a temporary portacabin polling station in the car park outside The Full Monty Cafe? <https://maps.app.goo.gl/oLRrHhV5CG8q7FvH7>*
2. *Or perhaps the car parks of Pinnacle/Optima Court? <https://maps.app.goo.gl/VGDveYQc8iiZyx1cA>*
3. *There are a number of large properties in the area, some may have garages of a suitable size that could be used or level-driveways that could fit a cabin. Could the Council write to or canvass in the area to see if there are any viable or willing properties? How much space is actually needed for a polling station?*
  - a. *For example here on Woodfield Hill: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/fprgvJx9EaVz3Tbt8>*
  - b. *Here at the junction of Woodfield Hill and Brighton Road: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YSZNRWmURD4FgSmr5>*
  - c. *Or here on The Netherlands: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/BsWYYaZ8heAKsHjA7>*

Councillor Mario Creatura, Coulsdon Town ward  
(24 January 2025 – in response to formal consultation proposal of no change to current arrangements)

## **6. Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood**

*'I think we are happy with the options for polling stations as they are the best buildings available in the area and are well located for each polling district. We have a couple of suggestions regarding polling districts, particularly concerning CPU4 and CPU6 as they both very large.*

*It would seem to make sense to move the Harold Road and Ravensdale Gardens that are in CPU4 into CPU3, and possibly Highfield Hil and the roads off it (Freethorpe, Eskmont, Rushden).*

*It also seems more sensible to move High View Close from CPU4 into CPU6, as the geography and transport options are better suited to it (it is accessed off Auckland Road but not easily up to South Norwood Hill - that path marked on the map is not really accessible).*

*CPU6 is also very big, but I don't have any easy suggestions of how to make it smaller.'*

Councillor Claire Bonham, Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood ward  
(26 September 2024 – informal consultation)

*'Thanks for taking my feedback into consideration when you looked at the polling districts. I am happy with the amendments you've suggested.'*

Councillor Claire Bonham, Crystal Palace and Upper Norwood ward  
(3 November 2024 – following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

## **7. Fairfield**

*'Thanks for inviting our views - the current polling places are ok for Fairfield, in my opinion.'*

Councillor Chris Clark, Fairfield ward  
(6 October 2024 – informal consultation)

*'Could the polling districts FFD2 and FFD6 be considered - maybe redraw 2 & 6 to have 2 more equal polling districts in terms of electors, especially with the new blocks coming in FFD6.'*

Councillor Ria Patel, Fairfield ward  
(on behalf of Councillors Patel and Sutton 7 October 2024 – informal consultation)

*'Thank you very much for looking into this, and the clear breakdown you've provided. We're happy with the suggestions.'*

Councillor Ria Patel, Fairfield ward  
(on behalf of Councillors Patel and Sutton 30 October 2024 – following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

## **8. Kenley**

*'Cllr Kolade and I have looked at the data and wanted to provide the following feedback.'*

- We do note some disparity in the numbers of electors between the different polling districts, but given each is below the 2,250 number, we don't believe that this is an issue that needs addressing.*
- We note that 3 primary schools are used as polling stations and have concerns that this means that children miss a day of school, and parents need to make alternative childcare arrangements on polling day. We presume that some schools may use polling day as an INSET day and may welcome being compensated for the use of their facilities. But as a general principle, wherever possible, we don't believe that schools should be used in this way. For example in KLY1, Kenley Sports Club could be used instead of Harris Primary. In the other polling districts, other public/social buildings could be incorporated, but this would mean changing the boundaries.'*

Councillor Gayle Gander, Kenley ward  
(3 October 2024 – informal consultation)

## **9. New Addington North**

*'I still do not understand the reasoning behind the proposed merging of NAN 3 & NAN 4. Is Goldcrest not adequate again to hold the 2 stations as it has done in the past? Also if Goldcrest can only hold a station, are there no other suitable public buildings like Castle Hill school, Fieldway Center, Good food matters etc?'*

*My fears for reducing NAN polling stations from 4 to 3, you have highlighted in your emails below. The reduction will make each of the proposed 3 stations larger than the recommended electoral limit and with the introduction of ID will increase processing time for each voter thereby resulting in large queues especially at peak periods. This potentially can lead to Voter apathy with some returning home if they cannot withstand the queue. Subsequently, we will have discriminated against our voters in NAN.'*

*I am of the opinion that we should consider this critically and retain the 4 polling stations as it is.'*

Councillor Kola Agboola, New Addington North ward  
(28 October 2024 - following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'Dear Councillor*

*Thank you for your email, it is helpful to have your views.*

*There is no issue with the size of Goldcrest Community Centre, and we could continue putting two polling stations in the venue. The reason I was suggested the change was based on the number of electors who vote in person at the polling stations in New Addington North.*

*Firstly, to clarify, the Electoral Commission's recommended number of voters is the number of polling station electors. If the number of postal voters are taken out of the electorate totals I provided, the number of voters for each station would fall under the recommended amount – my apologies I was not clear in my previous email.*

*I would add that the Electoral Commission's recommendation on the maximum number of voters is a national figure that takes no account of variations in turnout. At the General Election, which comfortably has the highest turnout of any of our elections, the New Addington North polling stations still had relatively low turnout. The number of voters who voted in polling stations in New Addington North at the General Election were:*

*NAN1 708  
NAN2 527  
NAN3 582  
NAN4 513*

*If this were divided between 3 polling stations then we would still only be looking at, on average, less than 780 voters per polling station. At the General Election, 20 out of 42 polling stations in the Croydon East constituency had turnouts of more than 780 voters. I appreciate your concerns with voters potentially needing to queue and be put off voting, however these numbers of voters (and less at local elections) are definitely manageable at a polling station, even with the introduction of Voter ID.*

*Voter ID has now been in place for two elections, and we did not experience any noticeable increase in queues at polling stations. Even those polling stations with high footfall were able to cope with the turnout and the additional requirements of voter ID.*

*For that reason, I didn't think that there would be an adverse impact on voters by reducing the number of stations from 4 to 3.*

*Added to this there are practical and financial considerations. It is increasingly difficult to recruit staff – particularly Presiding Officers, and this would reduce the number of staff needed. And staffing a polling station comes at a cost - around £1,300 for each election. I would stress that neither of these issues are the main drivers behind my suggestion, but they would be positive outcomes to a change that I felt I would have minimal or no impact on voters.*

*However, I will make sure that the Returning Officer is aware of your concerns when we meet to discuss the proposals.'*

Seth Alker, Head of Electoral Services  
(31 October 2024)

*'Thank you, Seth for the clarification.'*

Councillor Kola Agboola, New Addington North ward  
(2 November 2024 - informal consultation)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... New Addington North.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **10. New Addington South**

*'I am happy with the current arrangements.'*

Councillor Lara Fish, New Addington South  
(15 November 2024 – informal consultation)

## **11. Norbury and Pollards Hill**

*'I think the issue we have in Norbury and Pollards Hill is the lack of a polling station on the Eastern side of London Road. Residents here have to go to the library on Beatrice Avenue which is quite far for those at the far ends of the ward.*

*It also creates an odd situation whereby residents on Beatrice Avenue assume that the library is their polling place when in fact it isn't.*

*There are a couple of options to consider if you haven't done so already. Firstly Liberty Church on Norbury Crescent, and secondly the Scout Hut further down Norbury Crescent. It is apparently just about in the ward!*

*I assume that the tennis club on Ederline Avenue isn't used due to poor lighting in the alley leading to it?*

*Finally, if a change like this could be made, then maybe it would be possible to even out the numbers by splitting NPH2, if you're feeling particularly bold!'*

Councillor Matt Griffiths, Norbury and Pollards Hill ward  
(7 October 2024 – informal consultation)

*'We are really keen to avoid residents having to go all the way to the library to vote. I know it would be hard to ascertain whether a drop in turnout would be down to the changes and distance to polling station or other factors. But maybe worth knowing whether that polling district had a lower turnout than previous years?*

*I also want to support my colleague about a key ask to avoid residents living in the vicinity of the library, particularly Beech and Beatrice avenue, having to go to Norbury Baptist Church. They have gone to the library for decades before the changes and it confused many residents.*

*We look forward to you feeding back once you have had a chance to exploring.'*

Councillor Leila Ben-Hassel Norbury and Pollards Hill ward  
(8 October 2024 – informal consultation)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... Norbury and Pollards Hill.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)



## **12. Norbury Park**

*I would like to suggest to base polling stations based on distance.*

*Downsview church is less than a 30 second walk from my home but I have to drive to a polling station on Northwood Road which doesn't make any sense to me.*

*If not based on distance maybe residents can register from a pre-selected list of 2/3 stations prior to polling day so the distance issue can be addressed.*

S Ali – elector Norbury Park ward  
(3 February 2025 – response to formal consultation proposal)

## **13. Old Coulsdon**

*'The only concern I have is Fox Lane, Fox Close and the houses on Coulsdon Rd to the borough boundary, have to go to Tollers Community Centre when Oasis Academy is much nearer to them as a polling station.*

*I can see why but it would encourage more attendance.*

*One resident maintained he could not find the Tollers community centre- it is right at the far end of Goodenough Way.'*

Councillor Margaret Bird, Old Coulsdon ward  
(17 September 2024 – informal consultation)

## **14. Park Hill and Whitgift**

*'I agree with your email and the principle. I wonder though if it would be better to divide PHW 1 and 2 along the Chichester Road. It would mean slightly more even shapes, and geographically, less split. What do you think? Would that be as even numbers?'*

Councillor Andrew Price, Park Hill and Whitgift ward  
(31 October 2024 – following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were subsequently included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

### **15. Purley and Woodcote**

*‘All looks sensible to me. I look forward to hearing next steps.’*

Councillor Samir Dwesar, Purley and Woodcote  
(20 November 2024 – following suggested changes to polling districts and places during informal consultation. These changes were subsequently included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

### **16. Purley Oaks and Riddlesdown**

No comments received.

### **17. Sanderstead**

*‘The Sanderstead councillors are content with the Sanderstead arrangements.’*

Councillor Lyne Hale, Sanderstead ward  
(22 September 2024 – informal consultation)

### **18. Selhurst**

*‘On behalf of the Croydon Labour Group, I am writing to support comments from our Selhurst Ward Colleagues about the proposals set out in the Review for Selhurst Ward.’*

*We are supporting most of the proposals but have concerns about the following.*  
"24.8 It is proposed that Bullrush Close, Gloucester Road, Roden Gardens, Selhurst New Road, and Selhurst Place are moved from SEL2 to SEL3 polling district, polling place Bridge Place Community Centre." *We would rather see these roads stay in SEL2 as this increases the distance they travel. The negative impact of the shift in polling pace and distance for these residents outweighs any advantages gained from the change.’*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West ward  
(15 February 2025 – in response to formal consultation proposals)

## **19. Selsdon and Addington Village**

*'I have circulated the information regarding the review to the three most active Residents Associations in my ward.*

*On a personal level and as a councillor please register my support for the proposal to leave the Polling District and Polling Station arrangements in the two Selsdon wards unchanged.'*

Councillor Robert Ward, Selsdon and Addington Village  
(23 January 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **20. Selsdon Vale and Forestdale**

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*On a personal level and as a councillor please register my support for the proposal to leave the Polling District and Polling Station arrangements in the two Selsdon wards unchanged.'*

Councillor Robert Ward, Selsdon and Addington Village  
(23 January 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **21. Shirley North**

*'The dedicated polling district SHN2 for Longheath has only 885 voters and doesn't make sense, SHN3 has 2303 voters, this polling district should be made smaller with a polling centre the south side of Long Lane.'*

Councillor Sue Bennett, Shirley North ward  
(13 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

*'I would like to comment on two of the polling districts in Shirley North.*

*The current polling district SHN2 for Longheath (885 voters) is an unwelcome historical anomaly, and appears conspicuously unbalanced vis-a-vis the voters of SHN3 (2303 voters).*

*This unfairness could be remedied by the boundary between SHN2 and SHN3 being shifted southwards to re-balance the electors of SHN2 & SHN3.*

*Monks Orchard School could once again become the polling centre for SHN2. However, if Monks Orchard School does not wish to return to being a polling centre for a rectified SHN2 then a different polling centre to the south of Long Lane should*

*be obtained (eg at a premises on Bywood Avenue or locating a temporary portakabin for election days at one of the vacant sites on The Glade).'*

Councillor Richard Chatterjee, Shirley North ward  
(11 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **22. Shirley South**

*‘Happy with arrangements for Shirley South’*

Councillor Jason Cummings, Shirley South ward  
(31 October 2024 – informal consultation)

## **23. South Croydon**

*‘Thank you for sending through your proposals to changes to Polling Districts in our ward.*

*We have discussed these as a ward team and feel they do not represent an improvement on the current polling district arrangements in the ward.*

*In particular we feel that the moving of electors on Brighton Road and the ladder roads to SCN1 will make it harder for these electors to vote than current arrangements, and that Haling Park Road moving to SCN5 is not practical given that the part of Haling Park Road in our ward is an extremely steep hill to ask electors to walk down and back up, especially given many electors in Nicola Close are older residents.*

*We recognise that the geography of the ward complicates things, with Brighton Road representing a valley we feel that polling districts should not cross, and a large network of Victorian footpaths that many residents use.*

### **SCN1 – South Croydon URC**

*In SCN1, we do not support the proposed changes. Instead we would propose moving South Park Hill Road, Bartlett Street, Birdhurst Avenue, Birdhurst Gardens, Rosamund Close, and 2-20 Selsdon Road into SCN1. These voters can vote at South Croydon URC, and this is easily accessible via footpath from South Park Hill Road and the end of Birdhurst Avenue as well as along Coombe Road.*

### **SCN2 – Croham Road Baptist Church**

*Following the changes detailed to SCN1 above, SCN2 at Croham Road Baptist Church would now be smaller and could therefore accommodate Haling Road and Helder Street moving from SCN5 to SCN2. We feel that this would make it easier for these electors to vote.*

### **SCN3 – St. Paul’s United Reformed Church**

*While it is proposed to move Birdhurst Road, Birdhurst Rise and Beech Copse to SCN2, we feel this would leave too many electors at our proposed SCN2. We instead feel these voters should continue to vote at St. Paul’s URC in SCN3 – a very long-standing arrangement, dating back to at least 2002.*

*We instead feel that Manor Way and Manor Gardens should be moved from SCN3 to SCN4. These electors were previously in what is now SCN4 prior to the previous*

*parliamentary boundary changes in 2010. We feel that the Emmanuel Centre would be easily accessible for these electors, and significantly reduces the excess electors at St. Paul's.*

*There are no other changes we are proposing to SCN4.*

**SCN5 – Brighton Road Baptist Church**

*Other than Haling Road and Helder Street moving to SCN2, we propose no changes to SCN5.*

**SCN6 – St. Augustine's Church**

*While we appreciate the efforts to reduce the electors here, the proposal to move Haling Park Road and Nicola Close to SCN5 is not practical.*

*Instead to fix the serious overcrowding at St. Augustines in SCN6, we propose splitting this PD into two polling districts – SCN6, consisting of the eastern half of the polling district, and SCN7 consisting of the western half. We feel that the boundary between these polling districts should follow the previous boundary between Waddon and Croham wards. We feel that this ties up well with your proposal to our colleagues for a new Pampisford Road based Polling District, POR5. We note that this is very similar to the previous WA6 polling district that voted at Regina Coeli Primary School. We feel that this would be a suitable polling station for both SCN7 and POR5, should the school be able to accommodate the split.*

*Residents in this part of the ward have consistently complained about having to travel to St. Augustine's to vote, finding the previous arrangements at Regina Coeli much easier. Our alternative would restore these arrangements.*

Councillors Danielle Denton, Maria Gatland, Michael Neil, South Croydon ward  
(01 November 2024 - following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. The majority of the changes that had been suggested were not subsequently included in the proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'I would like to respond to say that I am very supportive of your proposed changes to South Croydon ward. I know from canvassing that the move to St Augustine's was rather unpopular with the affected electors, and it should make administering this very large polling district easier for you.'*

William Perry  
Chairman, London South Area Conservatives  
(20 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **24. South Norwood**

*'I'm happy with this unless anyone else has any objections.'*

Councillor Louis Carserides, South Norwood ward  
(28 October 2024 - following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were subsequently included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'I have no objections'*

Councillor Stella Nabukeera, South Norwood ward  
30 October 2024 - following suggested changes to polling district boundaries during informal consultation. These changes were subsequently included as proposals in the formal consultation document)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... South Norwood.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **25. Thornton Heath**

*'Can you please contact Spurgeons College 189 South Norwood Hill as polling station for TNH7 polling district.'*

Councillor Karen Jewitt, Thornton Heath ward  
(7 October 2024 - informal consultation)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... Thornton Heath.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **26. Waddon**

*'The only issue for us is the one you identify - ie what to do with the small WDN7 polling district covering the Theobald Road area. We would like to keep the current set-up for the convenience of the residents, but we do appreciate the financial pressure the council is under and how small this polling district currently is.'*

*Consequently there appears to be two possibilities: WDN7 either goes into WDN1 (and uses the Startup Croydon polling station in the NSQ) or goes into WDN2 (and uses the polling station at the Old Town Youth Club).*

*Both options would leave WDN7 residents with a fairly long walk to cast their vote and there is a risk that voters won't bother. We would be particularly concerned that voters would be deterred from walking through Wandle Park in hours of*

darkness. That said, the walk to the NSQ would be less than the trek to the Old Town Youth Club.

On balance I don't think there is much to choose between the two options although it's also worth noting that the WDN1 polling station at Startup Croydon has more scope to take on additional voters than the Old Town Youth Club if the council now wants to keep the size of a polling district to a maximum of 2250.

We hope that helps!

Councillor Rowenna Davis, Waddon ward  
(29 September 2024 – informal consultation)

*'I write to object to the suggested changes to Waddon ward.  
I believe these changes are detrimental to my residents and make it harder for many of them to vote, particularly those currently in WDN3.*

### **WDN1**

*As a resident in this polling district, I fully support the efforts to expand it and include more electors. I believe that including all electors to Waddon Road would be a sensible way of doing this. I therefore propose that the following roads are moved from WDN2 to WDN1:*

*Connersville Way (Heritage Court)  
Kemble Road  
Siddons Road  
Vicarage Road*

*I also propose that the following are moved from WDN3 to WDN1:*

*Purley Way (271-329 odds)  
Jennett Road  
Rigby Close  
Waddon Close  
Waddon Road (54-126 evens)*

*Following this, I feel that the polling district of WDN7 should be abolished and merged with WDN1. Given the railway between the present WDN7 and WDN2, I feel that the best arrangement would be for WDN7 to also be merged with WDN1. These electors would then take a short walk through Wandle Park to access the polling station – I feel this is easier, and frankly more pleasant experience than the present journey to the polling station up stairs to Jubilee Bridge and over. This would bring the electorate of WDN1 to approximately 2,000 electors, and represent an easier to access Polling Station for all the electors above.*

### **WDN2**

*Other than the transfer of Connersville Way, Kemble Road, Siddons Road and Vicarage Road to WDN1 detailed above, no changes are proposed to WDN2.*

### **WDN3**

*I very strongly object to the proposed changes to the current WDN3, and I was already concerned about the journey to Waddon Leisure Centre that electors here are being asked to undertake – this is a significant journey for any resident to their polling station. This is a near 15 minute walk for some residents in The Ridgeway for example – far beyond what could be considered reasonable. This is before factoring in the fact that they will actually be walking through one of the most complex parts of road infrastructure in the entire borough at Fiveways.*

*The long-standing arrangement of a temporary polling place on Waddon Court Road must be re-instated as part of these changes. I propose no changes here, other than the transfers to WDN1 detailed above.*

### **The Waddon Estate**

*As you will be aware, the Conservative Group has for some time expressed concern over the arrangement of Polling Districts adopted in the Waddon Estate area after the 2018 Ward Boundary Review. We have long maintained that the previous division, largely along Denning Avenue was preferable for electors. It is hard to think of a better example of this than my residents in Hillier Gardens in WDN4, who have to walk out of their road, into WDN5, have to start walking towards the polling place for WDN5 (Aerodrome Childrens Centre), then have to turn round and go back to Waddon Leisure Centre.*

*I would suggest instead that it is time that the arrangements here are reverted to something similar to the previous arrangements in place since at least between 2010 and 2018.*

*I also think that this should include Warham Road West of the Bramley Hill/Haling Park Road Roundabout, a change from the pre-2018 arrangements, again split down the middle of Warham Road as with Denning Avenue (and also including Gage Mews).*

*I feel that WDN4 should be voting at Busy Bees Nursery in Old School Place, the old Pavillion in Duppas Hill (if suitable for use as a polling place), or alternatively Waddon Leisure Centre. I propose that Aerodrome Children's Centre should continue as the Polling Station for WDN5.*

### **WDN4**

*In line with the above, I am proposing a WDN4 consisting of (with the previous PD in brackets):*

*Ashley Lane (WDN5)  
Cooper Road (WDN4)  
Cosedge Crescent (WDN5)  
Denning Avenue (Evens, 63 onwards) (WDN4/5)  
Duppas Avenue (WDN5)  
Epsom Road (WDN4)  
Fernleigh Close (WDN4)  
Gage Mews (WDN6)  
Grindall Close (WDN5)  
Heighton Gardens (WDN5)*



Hillside Road (WDN5)  
King Gardens (WDN5)  
Lawdons Gardens (WDN5)  
Lennox Gardens (WDN5)  
Old School Place (WDN4)  
Page Crescent (WDN5)  
Price Road (WDN5)  
Propellor Crescent (WDN4)  
Purley Way (to 533) (WDN4)  
Stafford Gardens (WDN4)  
Stafford Road (WDN4)  
Violet Lane (Odds to 165, Evens to 102) (WDN5)  
Warham Road (86-92) (WDN6)  
Wrangthorne Walk (WDN4)

### **WDN5**

*I am proposing the following as a new WDN5 Polling District:*

Barrow Road (WDN4)  
Bates Crescent (WDN4)  
Bevan Court (WDN4)  
Burgos Close (WDN4)  
Charles Cobb Gardens (WDN4)  
Chasemore Gardens (WDN4)  
Coldharbour Road (WDN4)  
Coldharbour Way (WDN4)  
Crowley Crescent (WDN5)  
Denning Avenue (odds to 61) (WDN4/5)  
Fleming Court (WDN4)  
Foss Avenue (WDN4)  
Goodwin Gardens (WDN5)  
Goodwin Road (WDN5)  
Hillier Gardens (WDN4)  
Houlder Crescent (WDN5)  
Idlewild Mews (WDN4)  
Imperial Way (WDN4)  
Layton Crescent (WDN5)  
Purley Way (WDN4)  
Stapleton Gardens (WDN4)  
Thorneloe Gardens (WDN4/5)  
Violet Gardens (WDN5)  
Violet Lane (part not in WDN4) (WDN5)  
Waddon Way (WDN4/5)  
Warham Road (53-59A) (WDN6)  
Williams Terrace (WDN4)

### **WDN6**

*As well as moving a small portion of Warham Road to my proposed WDN4 and WDN5, I am also proposing moving the portion of Haling Park Road currently in WDN5, Elder Place, Heath Close and Haling Park Gardens to WDN6.*

*While this PD will be over the recommended number by the electoral commission, I also note that it has a very elderly population, with many care homes, and the highest number of postal voters of any current polling district in the Croydon West constituency, at 506 according to my voter management system. Factoring in this extremely high number of postal voters, I believe the current arrangements here remain acceptable.'*

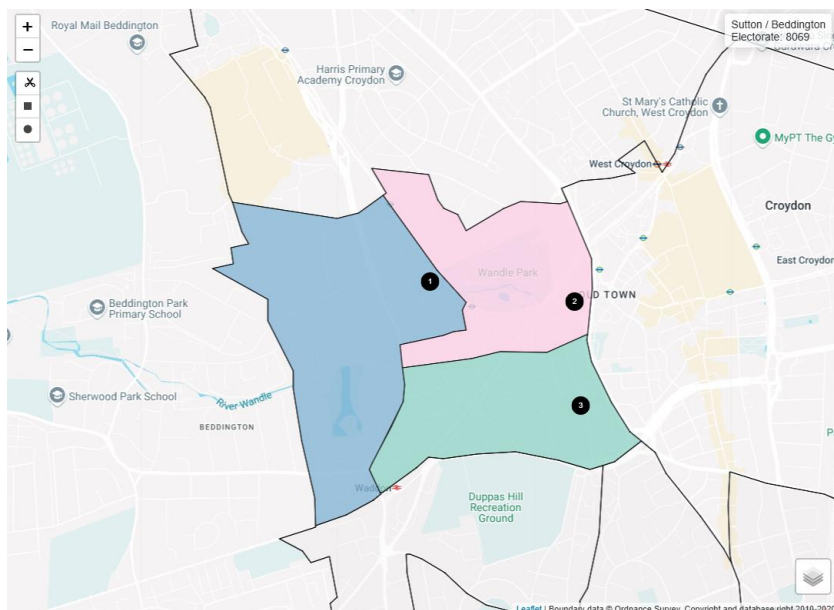
Councillor Simon Fox, Waddon ward

(1 November 2024 -

*'I have been struggling for some time to think of a reasonable solution for the Northern half of Waddon ward. I feel quite strongly that the railway line should not be crossed near Waddon station. Having walked it once or twice myself it is not a reasonable task to ask voters to do.*

*I have been trying and trying to come up with something, and think I may have finally cracked it, although my proposed WDN2 PD (which is near identical to your WDN3) is a little small, and WDN1 is very slightly oversized (although this should correct itself with the exclusion of Postal Voters).*

*This shows on the map as follows:*



*You will note that this is somewhat similar to your proposal, but also removes the need for electors in the Alton/Benson/Waddon Park Avenue area to cross the Railway Bridge at Fiveways – instead allowing them to do so using the Footbridge at the junction of Waddon Park Avenue and Benson Road.*

*Having looked on Google Maps, the travel time from Waddon Park Avenue (the closest road being moved to Waddon Leisure Centre) to Waddon Leisure Centre and Old Town Boys Club is roughly the same (although I would argue it is a more pleasant journey to Old Town Youth Club), while for electors on Courtney Road, a 13 minute journey would be reduced to 10. For electors in Benson Road, a 9 minute*

*walk to the Salvation Army according to Google Maps would be reduced to 7 minutes.*

*The scheme as I propose would also improve the balance in electors between your proposed WDN2 (WDN3 in my proposal) and WDN4.*

*With regards to the lower half of the ward, I have less strong preferences, although I am aware Simon previously submitted a scheme reverting to a North/South rather than an East/West divide that I am very supportive of. However, I would strongly request that Hillier Gardens is included with whichever polling district Crowley Crescent is included in. It has long been a pain to deal with having a cul-de-sac off a road entirely in a different polling district.'*

William Perry  
Chairman, London South Area Conservatives  
(20 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)

## **27. West Thornton**

No comments received.

## **28. Woodside**

*'I think my preference would be to keep the stations the same but Robert Fitzroy Academy.'*

Councillor Amy Foster, Woodside ward  
(6 October 2024- informal consultation)

*'I am happy with the below (proposals for Woodside ward) including the movement of the roads closest the Christian Centre'*

Councillor Amy Foster, Woodside ward  
(27 January 2025 – response to formal consultation)

*'I am writing on behalf of the Labour Group to support the proposals set out in the Review of Polling District and Polling Place for ... Woodside.'*

Councillor Sean Fitzsimons, Addiscombe West  
(15 February 2025 – response to formal consultation)