

Appendix 2

Addiscombe East Ward

Current polling place and polling district Information.

ADE1 - Beverley Hall, Grant Road, Croydon, CR0 6PJ

Number of properties	1336
Total number of Electors	2307
Number of postal voters	408

ADE2 - St Mildred`s Church Hall, 30 Bingham Road, Croydon, CR0 7EB

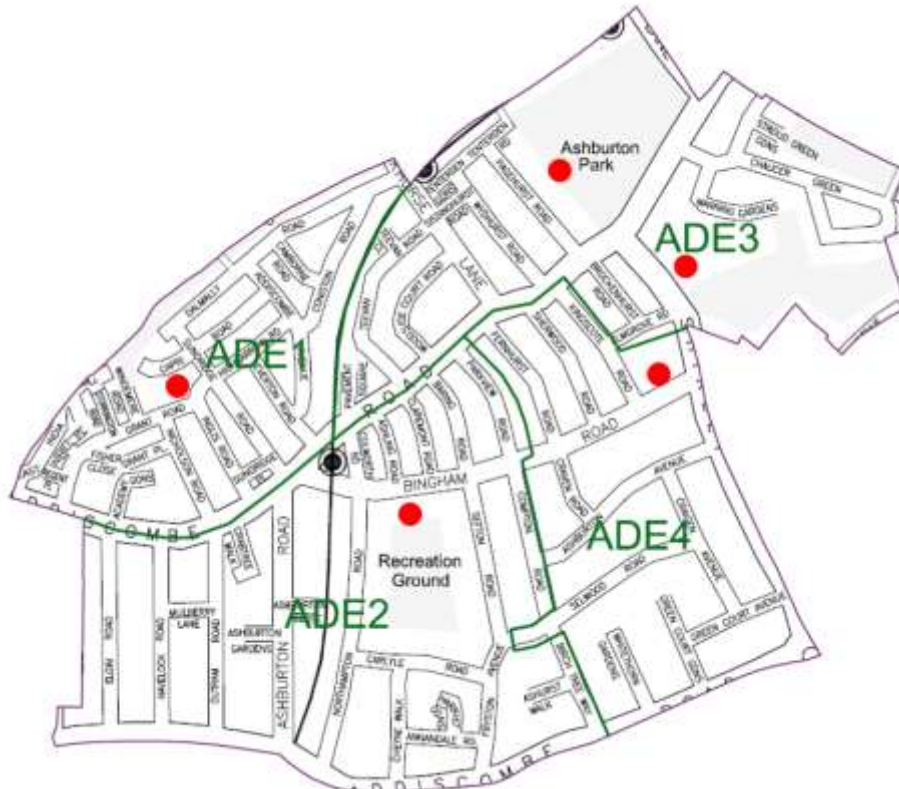
Number of properties	1835
Total number of Electors	3049
Number of postal voters	564

ADE3 - Ashburton Hall, Byculla Suite, Ashburton Park, Lower Addiscombe Road, CR0 6RX
Or Public Library, Ashburton Learning Village, Shirley Road, Croydon, CR9 7AL

Number of properties	1035
Total number of Electors	1833
Number of postal voters	329

ADE4 - Church Hall, Our Lady of the Annunciation, Bingham Road, Croydon, CR0 7EN

Number of properties	755
Total number of Electors	1604
Number of postal voters	282



Summary of current arrangements and recommendations:

The current division of the Ward is satisfactory. The electorates for each polling districts are within the Electoral Commissions recommended number of electors per polling station and there is no over-whelming case for changing the boundaries so soon after the introduction of new ward and polling district boundaries in 2018.

Each polling station in the ward provides good facilities for voting, providing suitable access for voters including those with a disability.

The 2017 polling district review designated Ashburton Hall as the polling place for polling district ADE3. While the building is suitable, it is located within Ashburton Park, and additional lighting is required from the street to the building, particularly if there is a winter election at which there are longer hours without daylight. This is a significant additional expense. The location may also put electors off from voting at certain times if they have concerns over their safety entering the park after dark.

It was also not possible to use the venue at the 2019 European Parliamentary elections because of another booking. The Public Library at Ashburton Learning Village was used instead. This venue had previously been a polling station for many years, and it is in the building tenancy agreement that it is made available to be used as a polling place if needed. Using the Public Library on a permanent basis would ensure consistency for electors, reduce costs and alleviate some potential security concerns from electors.

Recommendation:

The polling place for polling district ADE3 should be changed to the Public Library, Ashburton Learning Village. No other changes are recommended.