Appendix 8

Fairfield Ward

Current polling place and polling district Information.

**FFD1** - Church of God 7th Day, Derby Road, Croydon, CR0 3SE
Number of properties 774
Total number of Electors 1078
Number of postal voters 157

**FFD2** - St Michael`s Parish Church Hall, Poplar Walk, Croydon, CR0 1UA
Number of properties 3463
Total number of Electors 3615
Number of postal voters 593

**FFD3** - Spiritualist Church, Chatsworth Road, Croydon, CR0 1HE
Number of properties 959
Total number of Electors 1101
Number of postal voters 257

**FFD4** - St Andrew`s Community Hub, Southbridge Road, Croydon, CR0 1AG
Number of properties 1537
Total number of Electors 1393
Number of postal voters 233

**FFD5** - The Clocktower, The Lobby Area, Central Library, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX
Number of properties 1305
Total number of Electors 1676
Number of postal voters 276
Summary of current arrangements and recommendations:

The current division of the Ward is satisfactory for FFD1, FFD3, FFD4 and FFD5 polling districts. The electorates for each of these polling districts are within the Electoral Commissions recommended number of electors per polling station and there is no overwhelming case for changing the boundaries for these so soon after the introduction of new ward and polling district boundaries in 2018.

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

Following the polling district review in 2017, the Council designated the Tamworth Hub as the polling place for polling district FFD1. Since that time it has been unavailable and Church of God 7th Day, Derby Road has been used as the polling station for the district. The Tamworth Hub is currently undergoing renovation. Once renovation work has been completed the venue will be assessed for its suitability as a polling place.
The current polling station electorate in polling district FFD2 is currently over 3,000 with the potential for a further increase due to future residential development. The recommendation is to split the existing polling district FFD2 and create a new FFD6 polling district with a new polling place east of Wellesley Road.

**Recommendation:**

Split the existing polling district FFD2 down the centre of Wellesley Road. All properties east of the new boundary to remain in FFD2 polling district. All properties west of the new boundary to be part of a new FFD6 polling district.

**Amended FFD2 Polling District**

This would include Bedford Park, Bedford Place, Caithness Walk, Lambert’s Place, Lansdowne Road, Lewen Close, Saffron Central Square, St James’s Road, Tavistoick Road, Wellesley Road (east side), Woburn Road.

- Number of properties: 2235
- Total number of Electors: 2424

The polling place for the district to be located at a new venue on the east side of Wellesley Road. This could be Bedford Hall, 72-74 Wellesley Rd, Croydon CR0 2AR or another suitable alternative in the district.

**New FFD6 Polling District**

This would incorporate Dingwall Road, Newgate, North End, Poplar Walk, Station Road, Sydenham Road, Wellesley Road (west side).

- Number of properties: 1208
- Total number of Electors: 1202

The polling place for the district to be located at St Michael’s Parish Church Hall, Poplar Walk, Croydon, CR0 1UA.