

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

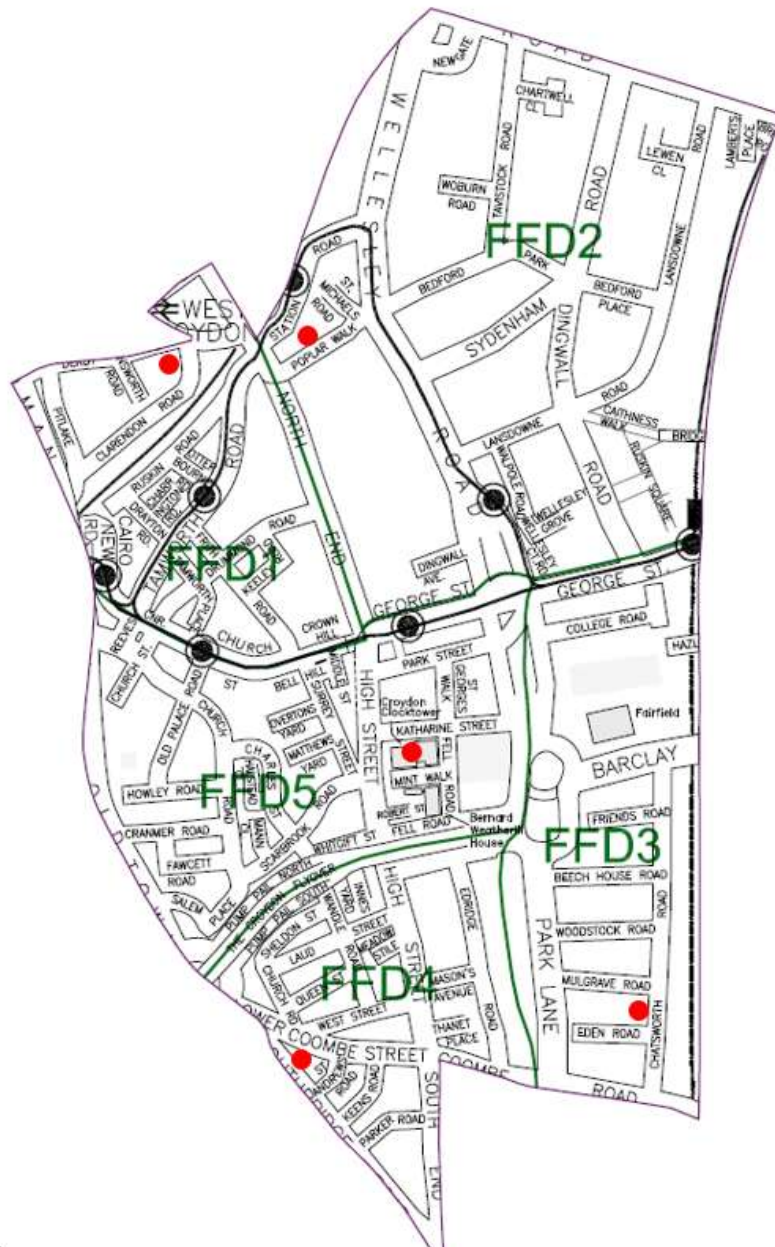
Number of properties	959
Total number of Electors	1101
Number of postal voters	257

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.

