



## **Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations.**

### **Consultation Document**

The consultation period runs from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

#### **1. Background to the Review**

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 introduced a change to the timings of compulsory reviews, and the council have a duty to carry out the current review by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2020.

As part of this process the council is consulting elected members (MP's, Borough and Parish councillors), local political parties and electors, as well as persons or organisations that have a particular expertise in relation to access to premises for people with different forms of disability.

#### **2. Definitions**

A **polling district** is a geographical area created by the sub-division of an electoral area, e.g. a constituency or a borough ward. Each polling district forms a separate section of the Electoral Register.

A **polling place** is a designated building or area in which polling stations will be located. The polling station itself could be the polling place or it could be part or all of the polling district.

A **polling station** is a room or building where the process of voting takes place. Polling stations are chosen by the Returning Officer for specific elections.

#### **3. The Review Process**

- The Council will publish a Notice of Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- The Acting Returning Officer for the parliamentary constituencies of Swindon North and Swindon South will be consulted and will make formal comments on the review and its recommendations. These comments will be published within 30 days of receipt.
- Representations will be invited from MP's, Borough Councillors, Parish Councillors, local residents and any person or organisation that have a particular expertise in relation to access to premises for people with different forms of disability on the proposed polling arrangements.
- The authority will consider all representations made and makes recommendations for any new polling districts and polling places, however there is no requirement to change any existing arrangements.

#### **4. What is not being reviewed**

The following are not covered by the review:

- Boundaries of parliamentary constituencies
- Boundaries and names of Swindon Borough Council wards, or parish and parish wards within the Swindon Borough Council boundary

This consultation document can be inspected upon request at Electoral Services, Civic Offices, Euclid Street, Swindon SN1 2JH between the hours of 09:30am to 4:00pm Mondays to Thursdays, or from [www.swindon.gov.uk/Councillors, Democracy and Elections/ Elections and Voting](http://www.swindon.gov.uk/Councillors, Democracy and Elections/ Elections and Voting).

## **5. Proposed New Polling Arrangements**

Changes are proposed to establish coterminous polling places and polling districts arrangements within the parliamentary constituencies of Swindon North and Swindon South. A change is proposed to polling arrangements within the parliamentary constituency of Swindon South. This is in the Mannington and Western Ward only.

## **6. Representations and Comments**

These should be submitted to arrive by 5pm on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2019 to:

The Returning Officer  
Electoral Services (Review PD)  
Civic Offices  
Euclid St  
Swindon  
SN1 2JH

Or email (please use subject 'Review PD') to [elecereg@swindon.gov.uk](mailto:elecereg@swindon.gov.uk)

Comments and representations will be made available for inspection with this consultation document at the Electoral Services Office.

## **7. Completion of the Review**

A report will be submitted to the Council meeting on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019 for Councillors to consider the proposals, any representations received and recommendations in order to reach a decision on future polling arrangements. These will be implemented for elections held after 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

Lesley Toogood Electoral Registration Officer  
Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Dated: