

Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2023/24

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The review

The Electoral Registration and Administration Act required local authorities to complete a review of their polling districts and polling places by 31 January 2015. A subsequent review must then be carried out every five years.

The most recent review must have taken place between 1 October 2023 and 31 January 2025.

The aim of the review is to ensure that all electors have reasonable access to a polling station and that the buildings which were used had facilities to cater for people that have different types of disability.

While polling district boundaries and polling places can be changed by the Council, Ward, County and Parish electoral boundaries can only be changed by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England. Parliamentary electoral boundaries can only be changed by the Boundary Commission for England.

Important Definitions

A **Polling District** is a geographical area created by the sub-division of a constituency, ward, or division into smaller parts.

A **Polling Place** is the building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Acting Returning Officer.

A **Polling Station** is the room or area within the polling place where voting takes place. There may be more than one Polling Station in a Polling Place, and this is decided by the Returning Officer for the election.

The **Acting Returning Officer** is personally responsible for the conduct of Parliamentary elections and is usually the Chief Executive of the Council. This is the case at Gedling. The title used during elections depends on the type of election as shown in the table below.

Type of election	Officer
Parliamentary Gedling	Acting Returning Officer
Parliamentary Sherwood Forest	Deputy Acting Returning Officer
Local Elections	Returning Officer
County	Deputy Returning Officer
Referendum	Counting Officer

As the review is of Parliamentary areas it is the Acting Returning Officer who was consulted - in this case we consulted both the Acting Returning Officer for Gedling and the Acting Returning Officer for Sherwood Forest. For ease of reading the term ARO will be used for the rest of this document.

Conduct of the Review

The review was conducted by the Democratic Services Manager and the Chief Executive (Acting Returning Officer for Gedling).

They considered representations received during the consultation period, investigated options, and identified recommendations for consideration by the Full Council on 21 February 2024.

Timetable for the Review

Date	Detail
Monday 4 December 2023	Publication of Notice of Review and ARO proposals/comments Start of public consultation period
Monday 22 January 2024	Public consultation period closes
Wednesday 21 February 2024	Final proposals considered at full meeting of Gedling Borough Council
Friday 23 February 2024	Publication of review results
Friday 1 March 2024	Publication of revised electoral register. The revised polling districts, polling places and polling stations would be utilised in any elections held after this date.

Consultation

A formal seven-week period of consultation took place. Any elector within the Gedling Borough area was able to make representations. The review was publicised widely including on the website and via social media.

Set out below is the list of organisations and individuals that were consulted:

All Gedling Borough Councillors
Local MPs
Nottinghamshire County Councillors for the Gedling area
All Parish Councils in Gedling
Political parties
Returning Officers for Sherwood Forest and Gedling Constituencies
Presiding Officers/Poll Clerks/Polling Stations Inspectors
All local group in Gedling's Community Hubs and Partners Network

The Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission has no role in the review but must consider representations if it is considered that the Council did not meet the reasonable requirements of electors or take sufficient account of accessibility by people with a disability. The Electoral Commission may require the Council to make changes if it agrees with the representations.

Appealing the Results of the Review

If you are unhappy with the results of the review, it is possible to appeal directly to the Electoral Commission. Appendix 2 gives the Commission's guidance on appeals.

Final schedule of polling districts, places, and stations

Ward	Parish	County Division	Constituency	Polling District	Polling Place
Bestwood St Albans Ward	Bestwood Village	Newstead	Gedling	GA1	Bestwood Miners Welfare Social Club, Park Road, Bestwood Village, Nottingham, NG6 8TQ
	Bestwood Village	Newstead	Gedling	GA2	Clubhouse Building, Killarney Park, Lamins Lane, NG6 8WS
	St Albans	Arnold North	Gedling	GA3	Emmanuel Church Hall, Church View Close, off Bewcastle Road, NG5 9QP
Calverton Ward	Calverton	Calverton	Sherwood	SB1	Calverton Village Hall, William Lee Recreation Ground, Park Road, NG14 6SA
	Calverton	Calverton	Sherwood	SB2	Calverton Library, St Wilfrids Square, Calverton, NG14 6FP
	Calverton	Calverton	Sherwood	SB3	Calverton Methodist Church Hall, Collyer Road, Calverton, NG14 6JX
	-	Calverton	Sherwood	SB4	Calverton Village Hall, William Lee Recreation Ground, Park Road, NG14 6SA
	-	Calverton	Sherwood	SB5	Calverton Library, St Wilfrids Square, Calverton, NG14 6FP
	-	Newstead	Sherwood	SB6	Calverton Village Hall, William Lee Recreation Ground, Park Road, NG14
Carlton Ward	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GC1	St John the Baptist Church, Oakdale Road, NG4 1BP
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GC2	Carlton Baptist Church Hall, Station Road, Carlton, NG4 3DA
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GC3	Carlton House, Southcliffe Road, Carlton, NG4 1EP
Carlton Hill Ward	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GD1	Brickyard Community Centre, Old Brickyard, Nottingham, NG3 6PB
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GD2	Renaissance Church, 30 Hillview Road, NG4 1LB
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GD3	Carlton Hill Library, 341 Carlton Hill, Carlton, NG4 1JE
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GD4	Richard Herrod Centre, Foxhill Road, Carlton, NG4 1RL
Cavendish Ward	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GE1	Rushcliffe Avenue Community Room, Rushcliffe Avenue Warden Aided Complex, Rushcliffe Avenue, NG4 1RQ
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GE2	Cavendish Road Community Centre, Between NOS.326/328, Cavendish Road, Carlton, NG4 3QG
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GE3	Gedling Road Methodist Church, Gedling Road, Carlton, NG4 3EX
Colwick Ward	Colwick	Carlton East	Gedling	GF	Colwick Community Centre, Vale Road, Colwick, NG4 2GP

Coppice Ward	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GG1	Killisick Community Centre, Killisick Road, Arnold, NG5 8BY
	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GG2	Pondhills Lane Community Centre, Pondhills Lane, NG5 8DR
Daybrook Ward	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GH1	Arnbrook Primary School, Bestwood Lodge Drive, Arnold, NG5 8NE
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GH2	St Timothy`s Community Centre, Swinburne Way, Off Byron Street, NG5 6BX
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GH3	God of Prophecy Church, Church Drive, Arnold, NG5 6LD
Dumbles Ward	Lambley	Calverton	Gedling	GJ1	Lambley Primary School, Catfoot Lane, Lambley, NG4 4QF
	Woodborough	Calverton	Gedling	GJ2	Woodborough Village Hall, Lingwood Lane, Woodborough, NG14 6DX
Ernehale Ward	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GK1	Arnold Methodist Church Hall, 54 Front Street, Arnold, NG5 7EL
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GK2	Civic Centre Main Building, Arnot Hill Park, Arnold, NG5 6LU
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GK3	Arnold Methodist Church Hall, 54 Front Street, Arnold, NG5 7EL
Gedling Ward	-	Calverton	Gedling	GL1	1st Gedling Scout Group, 3 Willow Lane, NG4 4BJ
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GL2	Gedling Memorial Hall, Main Road, Gedling, NG4 3HS
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GL3	Burton Road Community Centre (Phoenix Boxing Club), Burton Road, Gedling, NG4 3GN
	-	Carlton East	Gedling	GL4	Burton Road Community Centre (Phoenix Boxing Club), Burton Road, Gedling, NG4 3GN
Netherfield Ward	-	Carlton East	Gedling	GM1	St George's Centre, 91 Victoria Road, Netherfield, NG4 2NN
	-	Carlton East	Gedling	GM2	Ley Street Day Centre, Ley Street, NG4 2PH
	-	Carlton East	Gedling	GM3	St George's Centre, 91 Victoria Road, Netherfield, NG4 2NN
	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GM4	Bowls Pavilion, Conway Road, NG4 2PU
Newstead Abbey Ward	Newstead	Newstead	Sherwood	SN1	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead, NG15 9BN
	Newstead	Newstead	Sherwood	SN2	Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead, NG15 0BS
	Newstead	Newstead	Sherwood	SN3	Newstead Centre, Tilford Road, Newstead, NG15 0BS
	Linby	Newstead	Sherwood	SN4	Hanson House, Main Street, Linby, NG15 8FB
	Papplewick	Newstead	Sherwood	SN5	Papplewick and Linby Village Hall, Papplewick, NG15 8FB
	Ravenshead	Newstead	Sherwood	SN6	Ravenshead Village Hall, Vernon Crescent, Ravenshead, NG15 9BN
Phoenix Ward	-	Carlton West	Gedling	GP1	Marion Murdoch Court, Gedling, Nottingham, NG4 4DH

	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GP2	Phoenix Farm Methodist Church, Wollaton Avenue, Gedling, NG4 4HX
Plains Ward	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GQ1	Weaverthorpe Scout H.Q, Weaverthorpe Road, Woodthorpe, NG5 4PT
	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GQ2	Eagles Nest Community Centre, Gedling Road, Arnold, NG5 6NY
	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GQ3	King's Church Centre, Shirley Drive, Arnold, NG5 7JX
Porchester Ward	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GR1	St James Church Hall, Marshall Hill Drive, Mapperley, NG3 6FY
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GR2	Westdale Lane Community Centre, Westdale Lane, NG3 6ES
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GR3	Mapperley Plains Recreational and Social Club, Plains Road, NG3 5RH
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GR4	Haywood Road Community Centre, 46 Haywood Road, Mapperley, NG3 6AD
Redhill Ward	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GS1	St Mary's Family Centre, Rear of Church, Church Lane, NG5 8HJ
	-	Arnold North	Gedling	GS2	Redhill Young Persons Centre, Redhill Road, Arnold, NG5 8GX
	-	Newstead	Gedling	GS3	Redhill Young Persons Centre, Redhill Road, Arnold, NG5 8GX
Trent Valley Ward	Burton Joyce	Carlton East	Gedling	GT1	Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall, Trent Lane, Burton Joyce, Nottingham, NG14 5EY
	Stoke Bardolph	Carlton East	Gedling	GT2	Stoke Bardolph Community Room, Stoke Lane, Stoke Bardolph, NG14 5HS
	Stoke Bardolph	Carlton East	Gedling	GT3	Rivendell Pavilion, Magenta Way, Nottingham, NG15 5HH
	-	Carlton East	Gedling	GT4	Burton Road Jubilee Park Pavilion, Burton Road, Gedling, NG4 2QF
Woodthorpe Ward	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GV1	St Mark's Church Hall, De Vere Gardens, NG5 4PH
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GV2	Parish Centre, Church of the Good Shepherd, 3 Thackeray's Lane, NG5 4HT
	-	Arnold South	Gedling	GV3	Woodthorpe Branch Library, Wensley Rd, Woodthorpe, NG5 4JW

Appendix 1 – Representations Received During the Review

		Existing Polling Place/District	Comment made	(Acting) Returning Officer Comments
1	Elected Member	Hanson House – SN4	<p>Suggestion to change of polling station for the residents of the new Bellway estate, north of Papplewick Lane, Linby.</p> <p>Their current polling station is at Hanson House, Linby but their closest is Papplewick Village Hall, which they must pass to get to Linby. A change of venue will avoid confusion and hopefully encourage more to vote as the proposed site will be within walking distance.</p>	We agree that it would be helpful for those residents to vote somewhere closer to them but have agreed that this should stay the same for the time being, due to the affected electors still having to remain in the Linby parish boundary. If they were to change venue for some elections, it would confuse them further. This change will be investigated when housing developments in the area has been finished as the large growth in electorate would deem another review necessary.
2	Elected Member	Burton Joyce Community Church – GT1	Wanted to confirm that the GT1 polling station was the Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall	The Burton Joyce Community Church was the current venue on all reports as this is what was on the schedule that was approved by full council in 2019 and is what we must use as “current”. The venue will change on the new schedule of polling stations to show Burton Joyce and Bulcote Village Hall as the proposed polling place.
3	Resident	Redhill ward – GS1-3	Resident states the present arrangements seem satisfactory	No comment
4	Resident	All of Gedling borough	Resident states that the proposals are appropriate and well considered	No comment
5	Polling station staff	St Lukes Church - GT2	The usual Presiding Officer as St Lukes Church notes that the change to the community centre is only a short distance away and would be easier for everyone to park rather than outside the church on the main road.	Thank you for your comment, we plan to go ahead with the use of the Community Centre in Stoke Bardolph, rather than St Lukes Church.

		Existing Polling Place/District	Comment made	(Acting) Returning Officer Comments
6	Polling station staff	Newstead Centre – SN2 and SN3	The member of staff noted their view regarding the staffing ratios at previous elections – not applicable to the review.	No comment
7	Polling station venue	St George’s Centre – GM1 and GM3	Stated their commitment to allowing the venue being used as a polling station and note they are full accessible.	No comment
8	Polling station staff	All of Gedling borough	Generally, the arrangements work well and the proposals for change are minor but sensible. Avoiding the use of schools is good as it avoids children missing a day at school.	No comment
9	Elected member	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	<p>Wanted to object to the removal of the library as a polling station and noted that only having the Village Hall and the Methodist Church (where the parking is awful) is totally unacceptable.</p> <p>Calverton is now a huge village, always having new housing and two polling stations are not enough.</p>	We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station in an effort to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.
10	Polling station staff	All of Gedling borough	Has no issues with proposed changes	No comment
11	Polling station staff	Ravenshead Village Hall – SN1 and SN6	Venue needs no changes	No changes are proposed here.
12	Elected member	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	Wanted to express concerns regarding the removal of the library as a polling station as it will affect nearly 2,000 voters with many of them travelling to the village hall on Park Road a good mile or so away, mostly by car.	We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.

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			<p>This course of action will also prevent people from voting and could reduce turnout.</p> <p>Quite a few of the Main Street residents are also elderly and not all of them have transport so they will have to rely on others for a lift or apply for a postal vote, some of which still don't trust this method of voting as there is no confirmation of their vote being received.</p> <p>The residents I have spoken to knew nothing of this potential closure, there has been none or very little media coverage.</p> <p>I have been asked to put forward the following alternate venues: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The London Room at the Working Men's Club - Baptist Church - Baptist Hall at the Nook - The Bandook - Old Bookies in St Wilfrids Square shopping centre 	<p>We acknowledge that the social media posts were sent out later than we would have liked.</p> <p>There is no time to review the alternatives for this review but will seek to explore these at future reviews, thank you.</p>
13	Polling station staff	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	Moving polling districts SB2 and SB5 to the village hall will alleviate some of the issues regarding lack of parking available in St Wilfrids Square car park. The village hall is an ideal place to accommodate two polling stations, there is adequate space, plenty of parking and it has very good	Thank you for your comments, however we have decided to leave the library as a venue for now due to concerns it may reduce turnout and accessibility for voters.

		Existing Polling Place/District	Comment made	(Acting) Returning Officer Comments
			<p>facilities for the staff who will be working. It is also warm which has in the past been a problem at the Methodist Church. In addition, the Methodist Church has a small and awkward car park so the location of two polling stations has sometimes been an issue. The Methodist Church is able to accommodate two polling stations but as I have said above it can be very cold, particularly in the church hall at the back of the building. The church itself is warmer because of the door configuration. So in conclusion, they consider that the proposed changes should be acceptable for both voters and staff on polling days.</p>	
14	Polling station staff	<p>St Lukes Church - GT2</p> <p>Willow Farm Primary – GL1</p>	<p>The member of staff noted that local electors shared their views with them confirming they preferred voting at the church compared to the Community Centre as a unique venue which they all seemed proud about. Both venues are in easy reach for the electors.</p> <p>They noted that the new venue has limited parking so suggested many of the electors walk and that we could look to make an arrangement that electors can park at the Primary School leaving spaces at the Scout Group for disabled and Blue Badge only parking.</p>	<p>Thank you. We will be going ahead with proposals to change the polling place from St Lukes Church to the community centre as this is a newly refurbished venue with better facilities and accessibility.</p> <p>The school are very reluctant to be used in any capacity, so this suggestion is not viable. It also means the people parking at the school would need to walk to the proposed venue and could do that somewhere closer.</p>
15	Elected member	Gedling Memorial Hal – GL2	Technically there is no safe parking in the area and have made this comment as a	We agree the parking isn't great at all in that area.

		Existing Polling Place/District	Comment made	(Acting) Returning Officer Comments
		Carlton Hill Library – GD3	county council member for Carlton West. As one of the Carlton Hill councillors I agree with all comments but would suggest a plan b for the library.	Thank you for your comment, we have had no issues raised about the library in the past so would need more detail for the reasoning behind a suggestion for an alternative venue for the library.
16	Elected member	Portacabin at Charles close – GP1	They noted they were supportive of such a change as the facilities for both voters and polling station staff would be better at Marion Murdoch rather than Charles Close. The parking might also be better at Marion Murdoch. They gave suggestions for signage for the re-allocation	Thank you, we will be continuing with the proposal to move this station and will of course ensure there is sufficient signage and equipment for electors.
17	Parish Chair & Elected members	Emmanuel Church Hall – GA3	They support the proposal for the permanent change as the Church Hall is central to the electors in this parish.	Thank you, we will be continuing with the proposal to keep this change in venue permanently.
18	Parish Clerk & Elected members	Calverton Library – SB2 and SB5	Wanted to object to the removal of the library as a polling station but noted they understand the options in Calverton were difficult due to the parish boundaries.	We have reviewed this and several similar representations and have decided to not remove the library as a polling station in an effort to ensure an accessible and close polling station for the local residents.

Appendix 2 – Appeals procedure

Section 18D(1) of the RPA 1983 sets out who may make representations to the Electoral Commission, namely:

- in England, any parish council which is wholly or partly situated within the constituency, or parish meeting where there is no such council
- in Wales, any community council which is wholly or partly situated within the constituency
- not less than thirty registered electors in the constituency (although electors registered anonymously cannot make a representation)
- a person (except the (Acting) Returning Officer) who made representations to the authority when the review was being undertaken
- any person who is not an elector in a constituency in the authority's area but who the Commission thinks has sufficient interest in the accessibility of disabled persons to polling places in the area or has particular expertise in relation to the access to premises or facilities of disabled persons

All representations made to the Commission must be in writing, either by post, e-mail or fax. The representation must be as specific as possible. The representation should clearly state the manner in which it is alleged that the local authority has failed to properly conduct the review. There are only two grounds on which a representation may state that a local authority has failed to conduct a proper review. These are:

- the local authority has failed to meet the reasonable requirements of the electors in the constituency
- the local authority has failed to take sufficient account of accessibility to disabled persons of the polling stations within a Polling Place.

Representations based on any other premise will not be considered.

The representation should include the location and any other relevant information regarding the Polling Place at issue, stating specifically why it is inaccessible or does not meet the reasonable requirements of the electors.

A representation may also include for consideration specific proposals for alterations to the Polling Place.

Representations should be sent to:

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