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Good afternoon,

Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations

Following the ward boundary review published in April 2023 by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE), new ward boundaries have been drawn up for Cheltenham Borough Council.

As a consequence of the boundary changes, the Council is required to review the locations of the polling districts and polling places as these new ward boundaries will be used for next year's borough council elections.

The Boundary Commission for England has now concluded the 2023 Review of Parliamentary constituencies and final recommendations have been submitted to Parliament. The Government will draft an Order containing the recommendations. Once that draft Order is approved, the new constituencies will be used for the next General election following that date. The proposed changes to polling places for Parliamentary elections are subject to the Order being made.

What is a Polling District?

A polling district is the area created by the division of a constituency, ward or division into smaller parts, within which a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.

What is a Polling Place?

A building or area in which polling stations will be selected by the Returning Officer.

What is a Polling Station?

A room or building where the poll takes place, chosen by the Returning Officer for the election and publicised on the Notice of Poll or the Notice of Situation of Polling Stations and communicated via poll card after the Notice of Election.

Any elector can make representation, which may include proposals for specified alternative polling places.

The (Acting) Returning Officer for the Cheltenham and Tewkesbury Parliamentary Constituencies have made formal comment as part of this review both into the existing polling stations used and the polling stations that would probably be used based on any new recommendations.

The (Acting) Returning Officer's comments, a map of the current polling districts and a list of the current polling places and polling stations, as well as any changes, can be accessed on the Cheltenham Borough Council website from Monday 31 July 2023 <https://www.cheltenham.gov.uk/polling-station-review> or viewed in person at Cheltenham Borough Council, Municipal Offices, Promenade, Cheltenham, GL50 9SA between 9am-5pm Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and 10am-5pm on Wednesday.

The review will commence on Monday 31 July 2023 and all proposals should be made in writing, by email or web form and received by the Electoral Services Office by Monday 4 September 2023.

Comments from persons with particular expertise in relation to access to premises or facilities for persons who have different forms of disability are positively welcomed.