



NORWICH
City Council

**(Acting) Returning Officer for
Norwich South Proposals – 2019
Polling Districts, Places and
Stations Review**

Bowthorpe Ward (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
BO1	Chapelbreak Village Hall, Harpsfield	1694
BO2	Clover Hill Village Hall, Humbleyard	2564
BO3	Fourways Centre, Stevenson Road	1037
BO4	Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road	1487

It is proposed that the polling stations in Bowthorpe remain the same. All four are established in the local community.

It is suggested that a minor change is made to the boundary between BO2 and BO3 moving the boundary so that the Fourways Centre is placed within the BO3 polling district. It is also suggested that properties 638 to 656 Dereham Road are moved from BO2 to BO3 as these properties very close to the Fourways Centre.

Catton Grove (Norwich North constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
CG1	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	2182
CG2	New Venue Sought	614
CG3	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	1307
CG4	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	2225
CG5	Shipfields Community Centre, Shipfield	1776

No change is suggested to the CG1 polling district. The boundary is clearly defined on Mile Cross Road.

Catton Grove Primary School is no longer available so the boundaries between have been amended to give as many residents as possible access to an established polling station. A new CG2 polling district has been created along the Aylsham Road opening up the opportunity to find a venue on the eastern side of the road. The area around Copenhagen Way has been included to give the new district a viable number. In addition to moving voters in Copenhagen Road, it is suggested moving voters from the south of Woodcock Road and west of Weston Road to the new CG2 polling district

The vast majority of the electorate in the current in CG2 are east of Weston Road. It is suggested that this area uses the Oak Grove Chapel in a new expanded CG4 polling district. In addition it is proposed moving those residents who live on western side of Western Road to CG4. To keep the number of electors within recommended levels, it is recommended that the boundary between CG4 and CG5 moves west to the middle of St Clements Hill.

A new venue is required to in the proposed CG2 but no other changes are suggested to the other venues in ward.

Crome (Norwich North and Norwich South constituencies)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
CR1	Pilling Park Community Centre, 23 Pilling Park Road	1512
CR2	Fugill Green Sheltered Housing Scheme, Fugill Green	2219
CR3/CR3(S)	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	1740/3
CR4	St Francis Church, 100 Rider Haggard Road	1770
CR5(S)	The Community Room, Don Pratt Court	1100

It is proposed that no boundary changes are made to Crome Ward. It is important to note that residents in CR3(S) along Britannia Road will be asked to vote at Don Pratt Court at a UK Parliamentary Election or at a Thorpe Hamlet county (By) election. Voters in CR5(S) are also in the Thorpe Hamlet county division but the location would remain the same for all elections.

Eaton (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
EA1	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	2036
EA2	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	1286
EA3/EA3A	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	1261/481
EA4	The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Greenways	2648

In terms of electorate, Eaton ward can be easily be administrated through 4 polling stations and currently there are circumstances where voters are have to pass a polling station to get to the one allocated to them. It is proposed that the boundaries are simplified and reduced by one.

It is proposed that EA1 is expanded to include the area north of Newmarket Road and east of Bluebell Road. This allows residents easier access to the Eaton Park Community Centre polling station which services residents particularly around Norvic Drive and Leng Crescent.

EA2 is expanded southwards to cover Marston Lane allowing the residents to vote on Ipswich Road rather than crossing past the golf course. .
The existing EA5/EA5A is renamed EA3/EA3A and is slightly modified to cover both side of Judges Walk.

EA4 is expanded to cover the area south of Newmarket Road but also including the area around Bluebell Road and Poplar Avenue. This is because residents in this area are able easily cross under the A11 and towards Church Lane.
Under the proposed the boundary changes in EA4 we needed to decide whether to use either Eaton St Andrews Church on Church Lane or the The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints on Greenways. It is proposed that the venue on Greenways offers better access for most residents in the area.

Please note that voters in EA3A will be required to vote at the East Anglia Tennis and Squash Club, Lime Tree Road at a Town Close division county (by) election.

Lakenham (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
LA1	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	2030
LA2/LA2A	Old Lakenham Community Centre, 71-75 Harwood Road	1331/78
LA3/LA3A/LA3B	New Venue Sought	1545/225/202
LA4	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	2277

There are no changes proposed to the LA1 polling district, the area is clearly defined and the polling station is well known to the local community.

There are also no changes proposed to the boundaries in LA2/LA2A. The polling station is at the centre of the polling district and well known.

It is proposed that the area around the Jubilee Centre in LA3 is moved to LA4. This will ensure that those residents continue to vote at Jubilee Centre once a new venue in LA3/LA3A/LA3B is found. This includes all the residents on Lindley Street and also the area around Meadowbank and Stratford Drive.

A new venue is sought for the rest of the residents in LA3/LA3A/LA3B. The (Acting) Returning Officer welcomes any suggestions and will continue to seek alternative arrangements.

Please note that residents in LA3A will vote at a venue in the Mancroft division at a county (by) election.

Residents in LA2A and LA3B will vote at Wensum Lodge, King Street at a Thorpe Hamlet division county (by) election.

Mancroft (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
MA1	Russell Street Community Centre, Russell Street	1381
MA2	City Gates Centre, Cowgate	2621
MA3	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	1656
MA4/MA4A	New Venue Sought	535/717

It is proposed that no boundary changes are made to Mancroft Ward. It is proposed that a new venue is sought in the MA4/MA4A polling district. Wensum Lodge in TH1 Thorpe Hamlet was used for the local elections in 2019 but it would be preferable to use a venue within the polling district. The (Acting) Returning Officer welcomes any suggestions and will continue to seek alternative arrangements.

Please note residents in MA4A will use Wensum Lodge, King Street at a Thorpe Hamlet division county (by) election.

Mile Cross (Norwich North constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
MX1/MX1A/MX1B	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	2481/13/7
MX2	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	2364
MX3	New Venue Sought	1172
MX4	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	1771

It is proposed that MX1 is expanded west. This includes the area around Drayton Road up to Junction Road. This takes in part of the current MX3 and MX4 districts. This allows those residents to vote in the polling station nearest to them at the St Lukes Church Centre.

MX2 is reduced in size to take account of the guidance on polling district size from the Electoral Commission. It is proposed that the area south of Margaret Paston Avenue and the Galley Hill moves into MX3 so that MX2 electorate size is reduced.

A new venue is sought for the residents in MX3. The (Acting) Returning Officer welcomes any suggestions and will continue to seek alternative arrangements.

It is proposed that MX4 includes those residents living on the western side Mile Cross Road north of Margaret Paston Avenue. This includes those roads in the area around Kirkpatrick Road. This allows residents to vote in the St Catherines Church polling station opposite. It is also suggested that the residents in at the Showmans Guilds site near Swanton Road are moved to MX4 so they vote at a venue on Mile Cross Road.

Residents in MX1A and MX1B will vote at Catton Grove Community Centre at a Catton Grove division county (by) election.

Nelson (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
NE1/NE1A	Belvedere Centre, Belvoir Road	1840/329
NE2	Recreation Sports Centre, Recreation Road	1980
NE3	Trinity United Reformed Church, 1 Unthank Road	1814
NE4	St Peters Jessopp Road Church, Jessopp Road	1343
NE5	Community Lounge, Douro Place	785

There are no boundary changes proposed to the NE1/NE1A. The polling station is well known in the area with good access arrangements.

It is proposed that the whole of Recreation Road and the area south of the Avenues from Recreation Road to Mill Hill Road is moved to into NE2. This allows residents to vote in their nearest polling station.

It is suggested that NE3 is expanded due to its low electorate. It is proposed that it will include Lincoln, Portland, Dover Street and the whole of Warwick Street. It is also suggested moving the whole of Mill Hill Road, West Parade and the south eastern part of Park Lane to NE3. There is good access to the polling station on Unthank Road from these properties either via Park Lane or Earlham Road.

Currently NE4 has a large electorate and usually has a very high turnout at an election. This in the past has caused pressure on the St Peters Church Jessopp Road polling station which is shared with UN5/UN5A in University Ward. The NE4 polling district register is currently split at the polling station allowing two teams of staff. Reducing the size of NE4 will mean only requiring one team to work in the St Peters Church Jessop Road polling station alongside the team from UN5/UN5A. There is no change to NE5 polling district

Residents in NE1A will vote at the Wensum Community Centre at a Wensum division county (by) election.

Residents in NE5 are in the Mancroft county division but the location would remain the same for all elections.

Sewell (Norwich North constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
SE1	Rosebery Road Methodist Church, Rosebery Road	1573
SE2	Christchurch Centre, Magdalen Road	1924
SE3	Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road	1881
SE4	New Venue Sought	2395

There are proposed changes to all the polling districts in Sewell. It is suggested that SE1 is reduced in size due to the geographical situation of the polling district and electorate size.

It is proposed SE2 includes the area of the existing SE1 polling district around Waterloo, Temple and Albany Road. It is suggested that Magdalen Road north of Shipstone Road is included in SE2. It is also proposed that Bell Road, the northern side Branford Road and the western side of Silver Road north of Branford Road is also included in SE2 rather than SE4. A minor amendment is to move the SE2 boundary westward around Sewell Park Academy to the middle of St Clements Hill.

It is proposed that SE3 includes the area from Shipstone Road southwards to Magpie Road. This creates a polling district in the south of the ward which looks south and east to the Silver Road Community Centre and the city beyond.

The proposal for SE4 is to move residents between in the southern part of Branford Road to the northern part of Beaconsfield Road to this polling district. This will allow these residents to be able to use potential venues on the eastern side of Silver Road.

A new venue is sought for residents in SE4. The (Acting) Returning Officer welcomes any suggestions and will continue to seek alternative arrangements.

Town Close (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
TC1	Community Lounge Melbourne Cottages	2495
TC2	Cambridge Street Hall	1715
TC3	St Albans Church Hall	2027
TC4	East Anglian Squash Club	497
TC5	St Albans Church Hall	1237

It is proposed that a minor change is made between the boundary of TC1 and TC2. This is to include the whole of Beaumont Place with the rest of TC2.

No changes are proposed to TC4.

The current TC3 often has a larger electorate than recommended by the Electoral Commission (no more than 2500 electors voting at a polling station). The current arrangement is to split the register alphabetically and have 2 teams at the polling station. Following the Electoral Commission guidance, it is proposed that a TC5 polling district is created east of the middle of the Lakenham Way footpath and then including the whole of Brazen Gate. The boundary will then continue to include the whole of Southwell Road north of Rowington Road and include Langham Place and the eastern side Grove Road north of Southwell Road.

It is proposed that St Albans Church Hall is continued to be used for both the TC3 and TC5 polling districts for the time being but this will allow the Acting returning Officer to seek an alternative venue in the future.

Thorpe Hamlet (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
TH1	Wensum Lodge	1366
TH2	Maids Head Hotel	1440
TH3	The Norwich Hotel	1872
TH4	St Matthews Church	2441

It is proposed that there are no changes to polling districts and stations in Thorpe Hamlet Ward.

University (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
UN1/UN1A/UN1B	St Marys Church Hall	789/554/264
UN2	The Green Room	913
UN3	George Carver Court	1569
UN4/UN4A	St Annes Church Hall	952/336
UN5/UN5A	St Peters Jessopp Road	1280/114
UN6/UN6A	West Earlham Community Centre	188/980

It is proposed to change UN1 to UN1A, UN1A to UN1, also to change UN6 to UN6A and UN6A to UN6. This is a technical change which allows a consistent approach across Norwich where those polling districts coded with an A or B are those areas in a different county division to the rest of the ward.

It is proposed that there is a minor change between the proposed UN2 and UN6 polling districts ensuring that all the UEA residences on Wilberforce Road vote at the Green Room, UEA in UN2.

It is also suggested that the boundary between UN2 and the proposed UN1 changes so that the residents at The Gardens, 530-532 Earlham Road, Earlham School House and St Annes Vicarage vote at St Marys Church Hall rather than at the UEA.

Please note that residents in UN1A will vote at the West Earlham Community Centre at a Bowthorpe division county (by) election.

It is proposed that there are no changes to polling districts UN3, UN4/UN4A and UN5/UN5A

Residents in UN1B and UN4A will vote at the Cadge Road Community Centre at a Wensum division county (by) election.

Residents in UN5A will vote at Wensum Community Centre at a Wensum division county (by) election.

Voters in UN6A are in the Bowthorpe county division but the location would remain the same for all elections.

Wensum (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
WE1	Marlpit Community Centre, Hellesdon Road	2406
WE2/WE2A	Waddington Court Sheltered Housing Scheme, Waddington Court	302/1297
WE3	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	1485
WE4	Cadge Road Community Centre, Cadge Road	2872

It is proposed that there are no changes to polling districts and stations in Wensum Ward.