

## Interim review of polling places 2020 Acting Returning Officers (ARO) Proposals

### Proposed new polling places

#### Bowthorpe Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place             | Ward      | Division  | Confirmed | Change |
|------------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|--------|
| <b>BO1</b>       | Chapelbreak, Village Hall | Bowthorpe | Bowthorpe | Yes       | No     |
| <b>BO2</b>       | Clover Hill Village Hall  | Bowthorpe | Bowthorpe | Yes       | No     |
| <b>BO3</b>       | Fourways Centre           | Bowthorpe | Bowthorpe | Yes       | No     |
| <b>BO4</b>       | Bowthorpe Church Centre   | Bowthorpe | Bowthorpe | Yes       | No     |

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## Catton Grove Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                 | Ward         | Division     | Confirmed | Change   |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------|--|
| <b>CG1</b>       | Greenfield Community Centre   | Catton Grove | Catton Grove | Yes       | No   |
| <b>CG2</b>       | Catton Grove Community Centre | Catton Grove | Catton Grove | Yes       | Yes – The Box, Woodcock Road no longer available |
| <b>CG3</b>       | Catton Grove Community Centre | Catton Grove | Catton Grove | Yes       | No   |
| <b>CG4</b>       | Oak Grove Chapel              | Catton Grove | Catton Grove | Yes       | No   |
| <b>CG5</b>       | Shipfields Community Room     | Shipfield    | Catton Grove | Yes       | No   |

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CG2 – The Box, Woodcock Road is no longer available. The Acting Returning Officer (ARO) is suggesting that Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road is a suitable alternative and is large enough to be used as a double station with CG3.

## Crome Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                  | Ward  | Division      | Confirmed             | Change |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>CR1</b>       | Pilling Park Community Centre  | Crome | Crome         | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>CR2</b>       | Fugill Green Sheltered Housing | Crome | Crome         | Awaiting confirmation | No     |
| <b>CR3</b>       | Plumstead Library              | Crome | Crome         | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>CR3 (S)</b>   | Don Pratt Court                | Crome | Thorpe Hamlet | Awaiting confirmation | No     |
| <b>CR4</b>       | St Francis Church              | Crome | Crome         | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>CR5 (S)</b>   | Don Pratt Court                | Crome | Thorpe Hamlet | Awaiting confirmation | No     |

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## Eaton Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                       | Ward  | Division   | Confirmed             | Change  |
|------------------|-------------------------------------|-------|------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>EA1</b>       | Eaton Park Community Centre         | Eaton | Eaton      | Awaiting confirmation | No  |
| <b>EA2</b>       | United Reformed Church              | Eaton | Eaton      | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>EA3</b>       | Eaton Parish Hall                   | Eaton | Eaton      | Awaiting confirmation | Awaiting confirmation on main hall (usual room too small) |
| <b>EA3A</b>      | East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club | Eaton | Town Close | Yes                   | Yes – moved from ward to division polling station         |
| <b>EA4</b>       | Church of the Latter Day Saints     | Eaton | Eaton      | Awaiting confirmation | No  |

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We are awaiting confirmation from the Eaton Park Community Centre and the Church of the Latter Day Saints and we have established that the usual room at Eaton Parish Hall is too small considering any Covid-19 restrictions. We are discussing with the nursery based in the main hall to see if we can use that room instead. Any alternative other suggestions in EA3 would be considered. To alleviate pressure on Eaton Parish Hall, EA3A has been moved to the East Anglian Tennis and Squash Club in the county division.

## Lakenham Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                 | Ward     | Division      | Confirmed             | Change  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>LA1</b>       | Tuckswood Library             | Lakenham | Lakenham      | Awaiting confirmation | No  |
| <b>LA2</b>       | Old Lakenham Community Centre | Lakenham | Lakenham      | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>LA2A</b>      | Old Lakenham Community Centre | Lakenham | Thorpe Hamlet | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>LA3</b>       | Arkwrights Social Club        | Lakenham | Lakenham      | Awaiting confirmation | No  |
| <b>LA3A</b>      | Davis Room, Wensum Lodge      | Lakenham | Mancroft      | Yes                   | Yes - moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>LA3B</b>      | Arkwrights Social Club        | Lakenham | Thorpe Hamlet | Awaiting confirmation | No  |
| <b>LA4</b>       | Jubilee Centre                | Lakenham | Lakenham      | Yes                   | No  |

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The ARO is proposing using the Davis Room at Wensum Lodge for LA3A due to there being two other stations at Arkwright Social Club (LA3 Lakenham/Lakenham and LA3B Lakenham/ Thorpe Hamlet). LA3A will be a double station with MA4.

## Mancroft Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                   | Ward     | Division      | Confirmed             | Change |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------------------|--------|
| <b>MA1</b>       | Russell Street Community Centre | Mancroft | Mancroft      | Awaiting confirmation | No     |
| <b>MA2</b>       | Norwich Central Baptist Church  | Mancroft | Mancroft      | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>MA3</b>       | Chantry Hall                    | Mancroft | Mancroft      | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>MA4</b>       | Davis Room, Wensum Lodge        | Mancroft | Mancroft      | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>MA4A</b>      | Crown Room, Wensum Lodge        | Mancroft | Thorpe Hamlet | Yes                   | No     |
| <b>MA5</b>       | Alive Church                    | Mancroft | Mancroft      | Yes                   | No     |

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It is proposed that MA4 (Mancroft Ward / Mancroft Division) is a double station with LA3A (Lakenham Ward / Mancroft Division).

## Mile Cross Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place          | Ward       | Division     | Confirmed | Change  |
|------------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|---|
| <b>MX1</b>       | St Lukes Church Centre | Mile Cross | Mile Cross   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>MX1A</b>      | St Luke Church Centre  | Mile Cross | Catton Grove | Yes       | No  |
| <b>MX1B</b>      | St Lukes Church Centre | Mile Cross | Catton Grove | Yes       | No  |
| <b>MX2</b>       | Norman Centre          | Mile Cross | Mile Cross   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>MX3</b>       | Norman Centre          | Mile Cross | Mile Cross   | Yes       | Yes- the Norman Centre to be used rather than mobile polling station due to social distancing |
| <b>MX4</b>       | St Catherines Church   | Mile Cross | Mile Cross   | Yes       | No  |

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It is suggested that there are two teams at St Lukes Church Centre (MX1 Mile Cross Ward and Division and MX1A/MX1B Mile Cross Ward and Catton Grove Division). The long-term aim is to use a mobile polling station at Sloughbottom Park for MX3 (this was agreed at the last polling district review). Due to the size of mobile polling stations, the ARO suggests remaining at the Norman Centre for social distancing reasons in 2021.

## Nelson Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                 | Ward   | Division | Confirmed | Change  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|---|
| <b>NE1</b>       | Belvedere Centre              | Nelson | Nelson   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>NE1A</b>      | Wensum Community Centre       | Nelson | Wensum   | Yes       | Yes - moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>NE2</b>       | Recreation Road Sports Centre | Nelson | Nelson   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>NE3</b>       | Trinity URC                   | Nelson | Nelson   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>NE4</b>       | St Peters Jessopp Road        | Nelson | Nelson   | Yes       | No  |
| <b>NE5</b>       | Belvedere Centre              | Nelson | Mancroft | Yes       | Yes – Douro Place unavailable                     |

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It is suggested that residents in NE1A use the Wensum Community Centre (double station with WE2/WE3) so that Belvedere Centre can be used as double station (NE1 Nelson Ward / Nelson Division and NE5 Nelson Ward / Mancroft Division). Douro Place is not suitable due to its access arrangements.

## Sewell Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                   | Ward   | Division | Confirmed | Change |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------|--------|
| <b>SE1</b>       | Roseberry Road Methodist Church | Sewell | Sewell   | Yes       | No     |
| <b>SE2</b>       | Christchurch Centre             | Sewell | Sewell   | Yes       | No     |
| <b>SE3</b>       | Silver Road Community Centre    | Sewell | Sewell   | Yes       | No     |
| <b>SE4</b>       | Mary Magdalene Church           | Sewell | Sewell   | Yes       | No     |

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## Thorpe Hamlet Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place   | Ward          | Division      | Confirmed                | Change                                  |
|------------------|---|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|---|
| <b>TH1</b>       | Crown Room,<br>Wensum Lodge                           | Thorpe Hamlet | Thorpe Hamlet | Awaiting<br>Confirmation | No                                      |
| <b>TH2</b>       | Norwich Historic<br>Churches Trust, St<br>Marys Plain | Thorpe Hamlet | Thorpe Hamlet | Yes                      | Yes – Maids Head<br>Hotel not available |
| <b>TH3</b>       | The Norwich Hotel                                     | Thorpe Hamlet | Thorpe Hamlet | Yes                      | No                                      |
| <b>TH4</b>       | St Matthews<br>Church                                 | Thorpe Hamlet | Thorpe Hamlet | Yes                      | No                                      |

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The Maids Head Hotel is no longer available but the ARO suggests using Norwich Historic Churches Trust, St Marys Plain as a suitable alternative.

## Town Close Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place            | Ward       | Division   | Confirmed | Change |
|------------------|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| <b>TO1</b>       | Melbourne Cottages       | Town Close | Town Close | Yes       | No     |
| <b>TO2</b>       | Cambridge Street Hall    | Town Close | Town Close | Yes       | No     |
| <b>TO3</b>       | St Albans Church Hall    | Town Close | Town Close | Yes       | No     |
| <b>TO4</b>       | East Anglian Squash Club | Town Close | Town Close | Yes       | No     |
| <b>TO5</b>       | St Albans Church Hall    | Town Close | Town Close | Yes       | No     |

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It is proposed that the East Anglian Squash Club will now be a double station (TO4 Town Close Ward and Division and EA3A Eaton Ward and Town Close Division). Due to social distancing the ARO is suggesting St Albans Church is continued to be used for TO5 with TO3 as a double polling station in 2021. The long-term aim is to use a mobile polling station or a building in TO5 (this was agreed at the last polling district review).

## University Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                 | Ward       | Division   | Confirmed             | Change  |
|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>UN1</b>       | St Marys Church Hall          | University | University | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>UN1A</b>      | West Earlham Community Centre | University | Bowthorpe  | Yes                   | Yes - Moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>UN1B</b>      | Cadge Road Community Centre   | University | Wensum     | Yes                   | Yes - Moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>UN2</b>       | UEA, University Plain         | University | University | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>UN3</b>       | George Carver Court           | University | University | Awaiting confirmation | No  |
| <b>UN4</b>       | St Annes Church Hall          | University | University | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>UN4A</b>      | Cadge Road Community Centre   | University | Wensum     | Yes                   | Yes - Moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>UN5</b>       | St Peters Jessopp Road Church | University | University | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>UN5A</b>      | St Peters Jessopp Road Church | University | Wensum     | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>UN6</b>       | St Mary Church Hall           | University | University | Yes                   | Yes - Moved from division to ward polling station |
| <b>UN6A</b>      | West Earlham Community Centre | University | Bowthorpe  | Yes                   | No  |

University Ward and University Division are now very different in size. This is due to changes made at the 2017 Local Government Boundary Commission for England review. To avoid voters having to go to two different venues, the proposed scheme is very different to the schemes used at the three elections in 2019 and the one agreed at the polling district review last year.

As UN2 is not affected by any boundary differences it remains the same, but the polling place is proposed to be designated as the UEA so to give flexibility on what space/room to use on campus.

St Marys Church Hall – It is proposed that this venue is used as a polling station for UN1, UN4 and UN6 (University Ward and University Division)

West Earlham Community Centre – It is proposed that this venue is used as a polling station for UN1A and UN6A (University Ward and Bowthorpe Division)

Cadge Road Community Centre – It is proposed that this venue is used as a polling station for UN1B and UN4A (University Ward and Wensum Division). This will be a double station with WE4.

George Carver Court UN3 is not affected by any boundary differences so remains the same, although we are awaiting confirmation on sheltered housing schemes.

It is proposed due to distance from Cadge Road Community Centre that UN5A (University Ward and Wensum Division) remains at St Peters Church, Jessopp Road. UN5/UN5A will now be a double station (UN5 University/ University and UN5A University/Wensum). This will be in a separate room from NE4.

## Wensum Ward

| Polling District | Polling Place                   | Ward   | Division | Confirmed             | Change  |
|------------------|---------------------------------|--------|----------|-----------------------|---|
| <b>WE1</b>       | Marlpit Community Centre        | Wensum | Wensum   | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>WE2</b>       | Wensum Community Centre         | Wensum | Wensum   | Yes                   | Yes - moved from Waddington Court Housing Scheme  |
| <b>WE2A</b>      | Russell Street Community Centre | Wensum | Mancroft | Awaiting Confirmation | Yes - moved from ward to division polling station |
| <b>WE3</b>       | Wensum Community Centre         | Wensum | Wensum   | Yes                   | No  |
| <b>WE4</b>       | Cadge Road Community Centre     | Wensum | Wensum   | Yes                   | No  |

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Due to the small electorate size in WE2 it is suggested that it is combined with WE3 polling district. WE2A (Wensum Ward and Mancroft Division) is proposed to be moved to Russell Street Community Centre as a double station with MA1 in Mancroft Division.

Cadge Road Community Centre WE4 will no longer be split (WE4/1 and WE4/2) so it can be a double station with UN1B/UN4A.

### Notes

There are circumstances where due to boundary differences, we are asking some residents to vote in adjoining polling districts (although these are usually in the same ward or division) with the exception being NE4.

There will be an additional recommendation that we revert to the 2019 polling station scheme after the elections in May 2021.