



NORWICH
City Council

**(Acting) Returning Officer (A)RO for
Norwich South Proposals – 2023-24
Polling Districts, Places and
Stations Review**

Bowthorpe Ward (Norwich South constituency)

	Polling Station	Electorate at Polling Station
BO1	Chapelbreak Village Hall, Harpsfield	1120
BO2	Clover Hill Village Hall, Humbleyard	1724
BO3	Compkey Healthcare Centre, Stevenson Road	760
BO4	Bowthorpe Church Centre, Bowthorpe Hall Road	1530

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Bowthorpe Ward.

Catton Grove (Norwich North constituency)

Current

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate at Polling Station
CG1	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	1530
CG2	Mile Cross Methodist Church, Aylsham Road	517
CG3	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	1112
CG4	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	1273
CG5	Shipfields Community Centre, Shipfield	1169

Proposal

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate at Polling Station
CG1	Greenfields Community Centre, Ives Road	1530
CG2	Catton Grove Community Centre, Jewson Road	1478
CG3	Oak Grove Chapel, 70 Catton Grove Road	1637
CG4	Shipfield Community Room, Shipfield	1972

(A)RO Initial proposal

It is proposed that the existing CG2 is removed. The areas west of Weston Road to be added to CG3, the area east of Weston Road to be added to CG4.

The existing CG3 to be renamed CG2, existing CG4 to be renamed CG3 and the existing CG5 to be renamed CG4

No other changes to polling stations in the ward.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

Responses from Norwich Labour Party and Norwich City Council Labour Group:-

We support the proposal to abolish the CG2 polling district, and as such re-naming the current CG3, CG4 and CG5 the new CG2, CG3 and CG4. We agree with moving the area to the east of Weston Road in the current CG2 to the new CG3 (current CG4). We agree with moving the rest of the current CG2 to the new CG2 (current CG3).

Crome (Norwich North Constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
CR1	Pilling Park Community Centre, 23 Pilling Park Road	1290
CR2	Frere Road Community Centre, Frere Road	1701
CR3/CR3A	Plumstead Road Library, Plumstead Road	1086/1
CR4	St Francis Church, 100 Rider Haggard Road	1165
CR5	Norwich Judo Club, Heathgate	841

(A)RO Initial proposal

It is proposed that no boundary changes are made to Crome Ward.

Due to UK Parliamentary Boundary Review moving the existing CR3(S) and CR5(S) to the Norwich North Constituency, it is suggested that these polling districts are renamed CR3A and CR5.

It is proposed that the polling stations in Crome remain the same. All five venues are established in the local community.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

Responses from Norwich Labour Party and Norwich City Council Labour Group:-

We support moving the electors at the current CR3(S) (new CR3A to align with new parliamentary constituency boundaries) to the Heathgate Judo Club polling station. We support the re-naming of the current CR5(S) CR5 to align with the new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

Response from Clive Lewis, MP for Norwich South:-

I support moving the electors at the current CR3(S) (new CR3A to align with new parliamentary constituency boundaries) to the Heathgate Judo Club polling station. I support the re-naming of the current CR5(S) CR5 to align with the new parliamentary constituency boundaries.

Eaton (Norwich South constituency)

Current

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
EA1	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	1452
EA2	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	698
EA3/EA3A	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	779/383
EA4	The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Greenways	1589

Proposed

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
EA1	Eaton Park Community Centre, South Park Avenue	1452
EA2	United Reformed Church, Ipswich Road	698
EA3/EA3A	Eaton Parish Hall, Colman Road	779/383
EA4	Eaton St Andrews Church Hall	1589

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

Please note that residents in EA3A will vote at a venue in the Town Close division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

Since the publication of the initial proposal, we have been informed that The Church of the Latter Day Saints, Greenways, is no longer available to Norwich City Council to be used as a polling station. The (A)RO is recommending that we use Eaton St Andrews Church Hall as the replacement.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Eaton Ward.

Lakenham (Norwich South constituency)

Proposed

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
LA1	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	1460
LA2/LA2A	Old Lakenham Community Centre, 71-75 Harwood Road	975/39
LA3/LA3A/LA3B	Seeking new venue	1008/210/160
LA4	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	1662

Proposed

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
LA1	Tuckswood Library, Robin Hood Road	1460
LA2/LA2A	Old Lakenham Community Centre, 71-75 Harwood Road	975/39
LA3/LA3A/LA3B	Carrow House	1008/210/160
LA4	Jubilee Centre, Long John Hill	1662

(A)RO Initial proposal

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.

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 standalone county (by) election.

Residents in LA2A and LA3B will vote at a venue in the Thorpe Hamlet division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

It is proposed that Carrow House, King Street is used as the polling station for LA3/LA3A/LA3B.

Public Consultation

Responses from Norwich Labour Party and Norwich City Council Labour Group:-

We would like to find a polling station within LA3 if at all possible or on the opposite side of Hall Road to the polling district. Jubilee Community Centre is a long walk for some parts of the ward following the City Council boundary changes in 2019. No proposed polling station for LA3B in the event of a Thorpe Hamlet County Council by-election before May 2025.

Response from Clive Lewis, MP for Norwich South:-

I would like to find a polling station within LA3 if at all possible or on the opposite side of Hall Road to the polling district. Jubilee Community Centre is a long walk for some parts of the ward following the City Council boundary changes in 2019.

Mancroft (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
MA1	Russell Street Community Centre, Russell Street	1115
MA2	Norwich Central Baptist Church, Duke Street	933
MA3	Chantry Hall, Chantry Road	1272
MA4/MA4A	The Julian Centre, Rouen Road	732/603
MA5	St Augustines Church Hall	1052

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

Please note residents in MA4A will vote at a venue in the Thorpe Hamlet division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Mancroft Ward.

Mile Cross (Norwich North constituency)

Current

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
MX1/MX1A/MX1B	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	2080/9/5
MX2	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	1780
MX3	Community Room, Larners Way	845
MX4	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	1117

Proposed

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
MX1/MX1A/MX1B	St Lukes Church Centre, Aylsham Road	1844/9/5
MX2	Norman Centre, Bignold Road	1780
MX3	Community Room, Larners Way	1081
MX4	St Catherines Church Hall, Mile Cross Road	1117

(A)RO Initial proposal

It is proposed that the polling stations in Mile Cross remain the same. Larners Way Community Centre was a new venue in 2023. The other polling stations are established in the local community.

It is proposed that the area west of the pathway next to Belmont Roofing to be removed from MX1 and placed in MX3. This would add Havers Road, Hemming Way, Old Farm Lane, Bobbin Road and the eastern part of Mile Cross Lane to MX3. This would allow electors in this area to vote in their nearest venue.

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

(A)RO final proposal

No changes to the initial proposal

Public Consultation

Responses from Norwich Labour Party and Norwich City Council Labour Group:-

We support the proposal to remove the following from MX1 and move into MX3: Havers Road; Hemming Way; Old Farm Lane; Bobbin Road; and the southern side of Mile Cross Road.

Nelson (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
NE1/NE1A	Belvedere Centre, Belvoir Road	1341/271
NE2	St Thomas Parish Hall	1560
NE3	Trinity United Reformed Church, 1 Unthank Road	1380
NE4	St Peters Jessopp Road Church	959
NE5	Douro Place Chapel, Douro Place	612

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

Please note residents in NE1A will vote at a venue in a Wensum division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Nelson Ward.

Sewell (Norwich North constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
SE1	Rosebery Road Methodist Church, Rosebery Road	1107
SE2	Christchurch Centre, Magdalen Road	1457
SE3	Silver Road Community Centre, Silver Road	1465
SE4	St Mary Magdalene Church, Sliver Road	1827

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Sewell Ward.

Thorpe Hamlet (Norwich South constituency)

Current

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
TH1	New Venue Sought	1542
TH2	St Martin At Palace Church	1103
TH3	Canary Social Club	1454
TH4	St Matthews Church	1770

Proposed

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
TH1	Dragon Hall, King Street	1542
TH2	St Martin At Palace Church	1103
TH3	Canary Social Club	1454
TH4	St Matthews Church	1770

(A)RO Initial proposal

New polling station sought as Wensum Lodge is unavailable.

It is proposed that the polling stations for TH2, TH3 and TH4 in Thorpe Hamlet remain the same. All four venues are established in the local community.

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

(A)RO final proposal

It is proposed that Dragon Hall, King Street is used for TH1 Polling District.

Public Consultation

Responses from Norwich Labour Party and Norwich City Council Labour Group:-

Possible new polling stations for TH1 are the Kings Centre or a room at Norwich City Football Club.

Response from Clive Lewis, MP for Norwich South:-

Possible new polling stations for TH1 are the Kings Centre or a room at Norwich City Football Club.

Town Close (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
TO1	Jenny Lind Community Room, Suffolk Square	1836
TO2	Holy Trinity Church Hall (formerly Cambridge Street Hall)	1362
TO3	St Albans Church Hall	1399
TO4	East Anglian Tennis & Squash Club	275
TO5	St Albans Church Hall	934

(A)RO Initial proposal

It is proposed that the polling stations in Town Close remain the same. The (A)RO would like the opportunity to source a new venue within the TO5 polling district and welcomes suggestions.

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

(A)RO final proposal

No suitable alternative to using St Albans Church Hall has been identified. Will continue to use St Albans Church Hall until further notice. The (A)RO will continue to welcome suggestions for a new permanent venue

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Town Close Ward.

University (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
UN1/UN1A/UN1B	St Marys Church Hall	576/454/200
UN2	The Hive, UEA	684
UN3/UN3A	St Annes Church Hall	1811/215
UN4/UN4A	St Peters Jessopp Road Church	978/259
UN5/UN5A	West Earham Community Centre	139/838

(A)RO Initial proposal

It is proposed that the polling stations in University remain the same. All five venues are established in the local community.

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

Please note residents in UN1A and UN5A will vote at a venue in a Bowthorpe division at a standalone county (by) election.

Please note residents in UN1B, UN3A and UN4A will vote at a venue in a Wensum division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for University Ward.

Wensum (Norwich South constituency)

Polling District	Polling Station	Electorate
WE1	Marlpit Community Centre, Hellesdon Road	1576
WE2/WE2A	Alive House, Nelson Street	202/1039
WE3	Wensum Community Centre, Hotblack Road	1034
WE4	Cadge Road Community Centre, Cadge Road	2023

(A)RO Initial proposal

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

We are not recommending any changes to polling district boundaries.

Please note residents in WE2A will vote at a venue in a Mancroft division at a standalone county (by) election.

(A)RO final proposal

No change to initial proposal.

Public Consultation

No responses were received for Wensum Ward.