

BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 Bedford Borough Council (the Council) is to carry out a review of its polling districts and polling places.

Relevant information and mapping regarding the current arrangements and proposals for changes can be found on the Council's website <https://www.bedford.gov.uk/review-polling-districts-places> or can be inspected at Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP.

The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the Parliamentary constituencies of Bedford and North East Bedfordshire will comment on the proposals. Those representations will be published on the Council's website and will be available for inspection at Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP in accordance with the timetable set out below.

Electors within the Council area or within a UK Parliamentary constituency which has any part in the authority may make a representation. We invite comments from all electors regarding the convenience of voting at polling stations currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The Council would also welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability, on the proposals, ARO's representations or any other related matters.

Anybody making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

By post	Electoral Services, Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford MK42 9AP
By email	pollingplacereview@bedford.gov.uk

All representations must be made by no later than midnight on Friday 24 November 2023.

Timetable	
Date	
Monday 16 October 2023	Formal notice of review
Friday 24 November 2023	Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments
Monday 16 October 2023	Commencement of public consultation period
Friday 24 November 2023	End of public consultation period
2 January 2023	Final proposals considered by
1 February 2024	Publish revised register of electors

The outcome of the review will be published by the Council in January 2024 and will be available for inspection on the Council's website.

Anybody making representations should be aware that, upon completion of the review, all correspondence and representations received must, by law, also be published.

Dated: 16 October 2023

Laura Church

Chief Executive

Bedford Borough Council
