



Reigate & Banstead Borough Council

Interim Polling Place & District Review October 2023

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What are we reviewing

Following the Boundary Commission for England's review of the parliamentary boundaries, this review seeks to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting in elections which are practicable in the circumstances and so far as it is reasonable and practical seeks to ensure that every polling place is accessible to electors who are disabled.

The review will cover:

1. Polling districts, which are the areas created by the division of wards into smaller sections. Within each polling district a polling place can be determined which is convenient to electors.
2. Polling places, which are the locations, normally the buildings, in which polling stations are sited.

The review does not cover the changes required to implement the proposed Surrey County Council boundary changes. These changes will be the subject of the in depth five-year Statutory Polling District & Place Review which will be conducted mid-2024.

Consultation

Comments on the initial proposals may be submitted via email to elreg@reigate-banstead.gov.uk or by post to Electoral Services, Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, Town Hall, Castlefield Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0SH when the consultation opens on 13 October.

Timetable for the review

As part of the review there will be a period of public consultation that runs for an 8-week period between 13 October 2023 until the 30 November 2023.

| Timetable | Date |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Notice of Review | 13 October 2023 |
| (A)RO's Proposals/Comments | 13 October 2023 |
| Consultation Period | 13 Oct-30 Nov 2023 |
| Consider Responses | 15 December 2023 |
| Prepare final proposals | 5 January 2024 |
| Council meeting and decision | 18 January 2024 |
| Conclude Review | 22 January 2024 |
| Republish Register | 1 February 2024 |

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Proposed Changes

1. Summary of proposed changes

| Ward | Polling Districts | Issue | Proposed Change | Impact |
|--|--------------------|--|--|---|
| Banstead | BAN1 & BAN2 | The total number of electors is not balanced across the two polling districts. | Move the boundary between BAN1 & BAN2 to balance the number of electors between the two polling districts. Both polling districts will continue to use the Banstead Civic Centre. | Administrative change to rebalance the allocation of electors in a double polling station, which will therefore operate more efficiently. No change to the designation of polling place for voters. |
| Hooley, Merstham & Netherne | HMN4 & HMN5 | The Oak Room in Merstham Community Hub (MCH) cannot host two polling stations which will be required for a parliamentary election. | Proposed to continue to use MCH for polling district HMN4 and add an additional polling station at St Teresa's Community Room on Weldon Way for HMN5. | Additional polling station in Merstham. |
| Nork | NOR1 | NOR1 has an electorate of almost 5,400 with all electors allocated to a single polling place, St Paul's Church Hall, Warren Road. | Split NOR1 into two polling districts, splitting along Reigate Road and use Nork Community Centre, Nork Way, as the designated polling station for the western partition of NOR1. | Additional polling district and polling station in Nork |
| Redhill East | RDE1, RDE2, & RDE3 | Approx. 6,330 electors are allocated to a single site, St Joseph's on Ladbroke Road. | 1. RDE1 (currently 3,500 electors) to be split into two polling districts, dividing the district along the railway line from north to south so that Watercolours forms a new polling district. Both polling districts to be allocated to the polling place at St Joseph's. [note Corfe Hall, | Two additional polling stations for Redhill East. |

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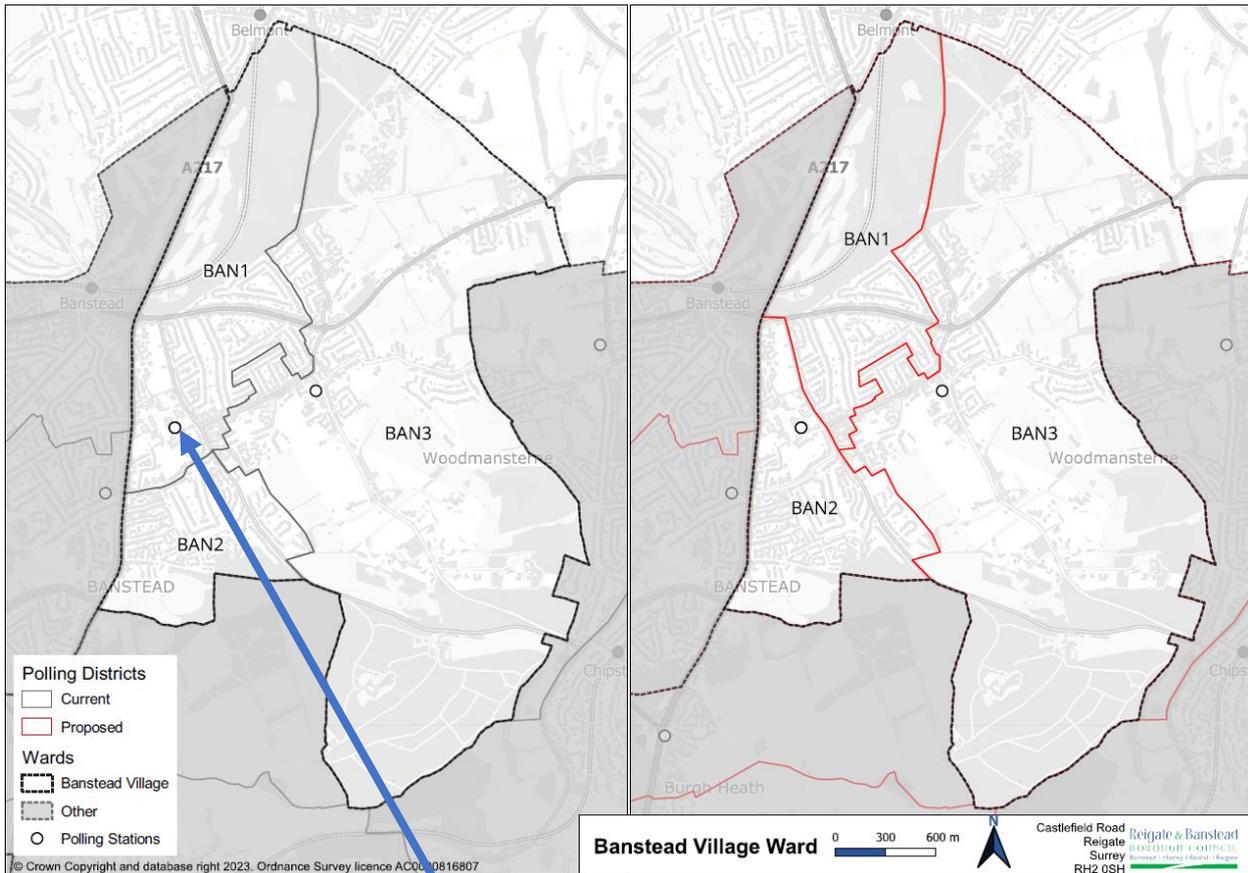
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| | | | <p>Watercolours, was rejected a possible polling station due to limited parking.]</p> <p>2. Propose expanding RDE3 to include all streets south of the A25 (Redstone Hill/ Nutfield Road) increasing RDE3 from approx. 600 electors to 900 and reducing RDE2 from approx. 2350 to 2050 electors. Designate a polling station at St John's Ambulance Centre in Kingsway Business Park, Hooley Lane.</p> <p>3. Propose that RDE2 is allocated to a polling station in the Carrington Academy, Noke Drive</p> | |
| Reigate | RGT4 & RGT5 | <p>Currently allocated to St Mary's Church Centre on Chart Lane which where MSJ3 is also allocated. This results in approx. 4,150 electors St Mary's</p> | <p>Propose to move the electors from RGT4 & RGT5 to the Colman Redland Centre.</p> | <p>Designated polling place change for RGT4 & RGT5 polling districts.</p> |
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2. Banstead

Proposal: Expand BAN2 by splitting BAN1 from A2022 along Bolters Lane up to Garratt's Lane and merge this section with BAN2.

No change to the polling station designated for both polling districts, the Banstead Civic Centre.



Banstead Civic Centre, The Horseshoe, Bolters Lane

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3. Hooley, Merstham & Netherne

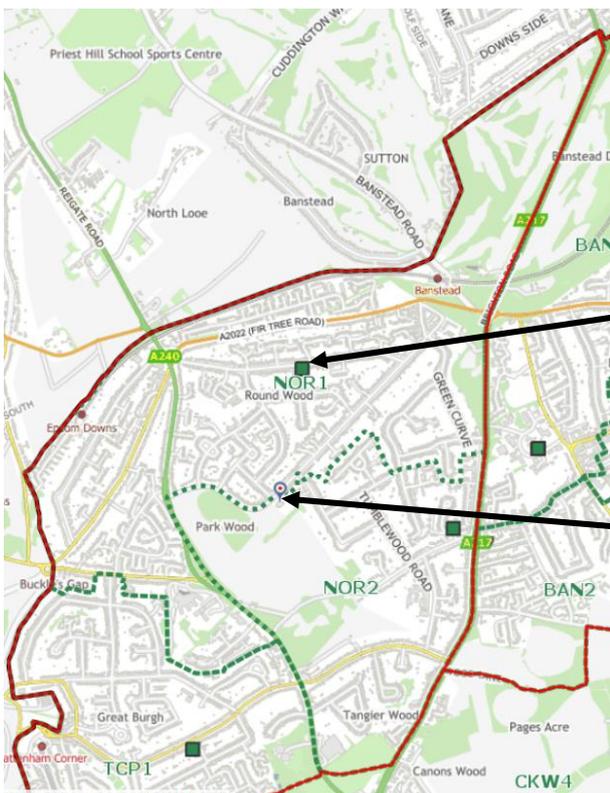
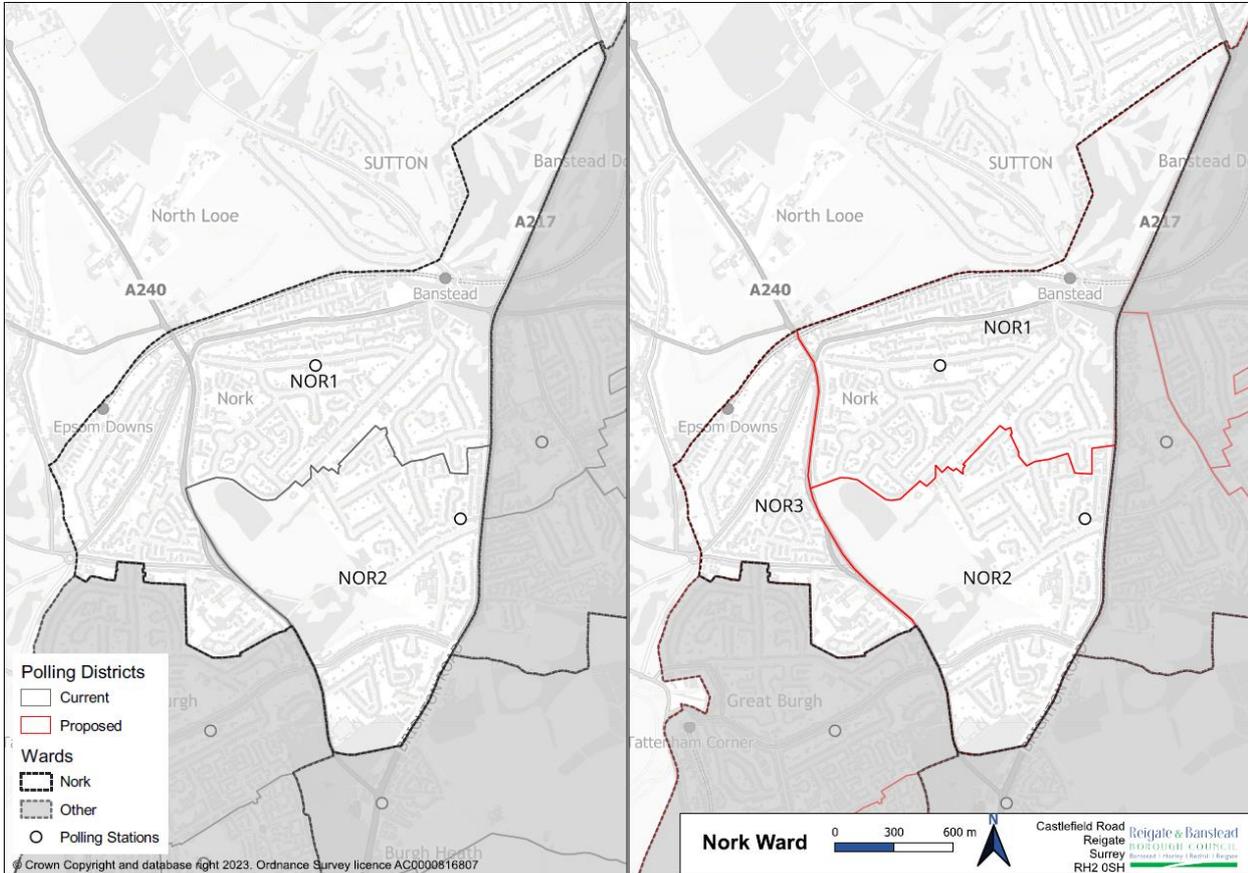
Proposal: To use St Teresa Church Community Room as a polling station for polling district HMN5. Polling district HMN4 will continue to use the Merstham Community Hub as a polling station.



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4. Nork

Proposal: Split the polling district NOR1 into two polling districts, splitting along Reigate Road and use Nork Community Centre as the designated polling station for the new polling district NOR3, (the western partition of NOR1.) No changes are proposed to polling district NOR2.

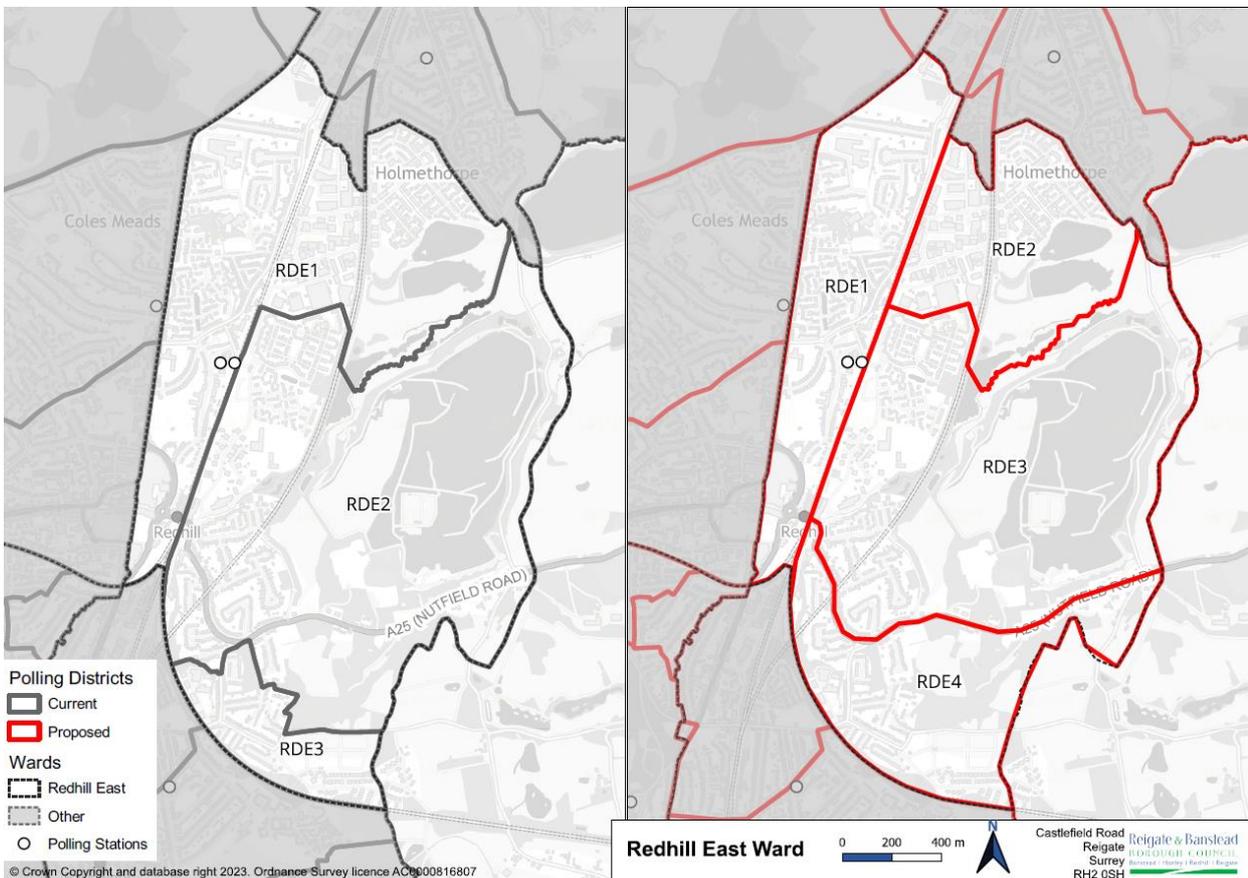


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6. Reigate

Proposal: Currently RDW2 & RDW3 comprising of only 890 electors are allocated to the Colman Redland Centre. It has a large hall with plenty of parking and can cater for two polling stations. Propose to move RGT4 & RGT5 to Colman Redland Centre.

