

# Slough Borough Council Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2022/23 Report of The Returning Officer

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## Introduction and Background

Under the provisions within section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 (as amended by section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013), Slough Borough Council has undertaken a review of its polling districts and polling places.

The previous statutory review of all polling districts and polling places in Slough was undertaken in 2018.

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) has since reviewed all of the ward boundaries in Slough which will now consist of 21 wards, an increase of six. The number of councillors will remain at 42, who will represent 21 two-councillor wards across the borough.

As a result a further review of the polling districts and places is required before the changes are implemented in time for the full local council elections to be held, subject to parliamentary approval, on Thursday 4 May 2023.

A Notice of Review of Polling Districts and Places has been published on 4 January 2023 seeking representations and views from residents, political parties, local councillors and persons or groups possessing particular expertise in relation to access to possible polling places. Representations, comments and feedback is sought on any aspect of the proposed polling districts or polling places set out in this report. The aim of the review is to ensure that:

* All electors have as reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and that
* So far as is reasonable and practicable that the polling places are accessible to all electors having regard to the accessibility needs of disabled persons
* To attempt to take into account current polling districts forming new polling districts or a major part thereof, where this can be achieved to ensure continuity where possible
* To attempt to take into account natural boundaries for example railway lines, major roads and rivers

The deadline to respond to this consultation is **18 January 2023**.

## Roles and responsibilities and definition of terms

### The Council

The statutory responsibility for reviewing UK Parliamentary polling districts and places rests with each relevant local authority in Great Britain for so much of any constituency as is situated in its area.

The decision to make changes to polling districts and polling places will be made at a meeting of the full Council to be held on 26 January 2023.

### The Electoral Registration Officer (ERO)

Where a local authority makes any alterations to the polling districts within its area, the ERO must amend the register of electors accordingly – either on a notice of alteration by publishing a revised register, or by publishing a revised register. The changes to the register take effect on the date that the ERO publishes a separate notice stating that the alterations have been made, which should be done to coincide with the publication of a notice of alteration/publication of a revised register.

Slough intend to republish the revised register of electors based on the new polling scheme on 1 February 2023. The last such register based on the existing wards was therefore published on 1 December 2022.

### The (Acting) Returning Officer

The election rules require the (Acting) Returning Officer to decide how many polling stations are required for each polling place and they must allocate electors to the polling stations in such a manner as they think most convenient.

### The Boundary Commission for England

Legislation has established the Boundary Commission for England to keep under review the boundaries of Parliamentary constituencies and Local Government boundaries in England. Reviews for boundary changes to wards and parliamentary constituencies are the Boundary Commission’s remit and not the Council’s.

## Accessibility Considerations

The Council has a duty to ensure the accessibility of all polling places to disabled voters and has considered this for all polling places as part of this review. Specifically, the Council has given consideration to the Scope 2020 report ‘Polls Apart 2010: Opening Elections to Disabled People’. The main physical access issues identified by scope which have been considered as part of this review are:

* Polling places with steps into the entrance
* Narrow doorways and corridors
* Lack of space within the polling place to manoeuvre motorised wheelchairs
* Lack of space and secrecy for electors and their companions to discuss the elector’s choice of vote
* Lack of low level polling booths that provide voters with the confidence that they can cast their vote in secrecy
* Lack of chairs to enable people to rest
* Inadequate lighting

Unless explicitly discussed in the comments for each polling district, all polling places meet these requirements either through the existing infrastructure of the building or through the provision of temporary auxiliary aids to improve accessibility.

All polling stations are issued with low level polling booths with secrecy screens and temporary ramps are deployed where required. Polling station accessibility is kept under review in advance of each election through inspections and between elections through elector surveys and feedback.

## New Wards Effective May 2023

The boundaries of all wards have changed, none have remained the same.

Below is a table of all the new wards. This also shows how many Councillors will be elected to represent each ward. Some of these new wards may sit within more than one existing parliamentary constituency. Currently proposed parliamentary constituencies as per the initial proposals published by the Parliamentary Boundary Commission for England will change the current arrangement of wards within parliamentary constituencies. Final recommendations are to be published in June 2023.

| New Ward | No. of Councillors | No. of polling Districts | No. of Polling Places | Constituency |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Baylis & Salt Hill | 2 | 3 | 3 | Slough |
| Britwell | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Chalvey | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Cippenham Green | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Cippenham Manor | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Cippenham Village | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Colnbrook & Poyle | 2 | 3 | 3 | Windsor |
| Elliman | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Farnham | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Haymill | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Herschel Park | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Langley Foxborough | 2 | 2 | 2 | Windsor |
| Langley Marish | 2 | 2 | 2 | Windsor  (Part Slough) |
| Langley Meads | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Langley St Mary’s | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough  (part Windsor) |
| Manor Park & Stoke | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Northborough & Lynch Hill Valley | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Slough Central | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Upton | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Upton Lea | 2 | 2 | 2 | Slough |
| Wexham Court | 2 | 3 | 3 | Slough |
| Totals | 42 | 45 | 45 |  |

Total electorate as of 1st January 2023 is 99,635.

### Parishes

All parish areas are completely contained within their own polling district. Further amendments to parish ward boundaries affected by ward changes will need to be undertaken by Community Governance Reviews.

### Situation of New Polling Stations

The proposed scheme includes a total of 10 new polling stations which have all been assessed and have been deemed suitable to be used as polling stations.

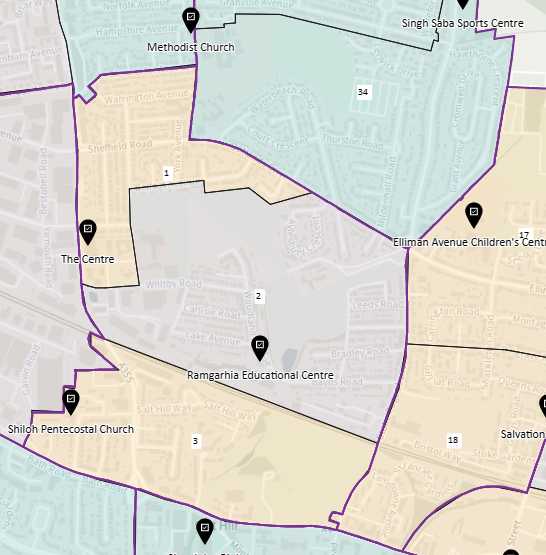
| Polling District | Polling Station | Address |
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| BAA | The Centre | Farnham Road, SL1 4UT |
| CAA | Pakistani Welfare Association | 50 Davills Lane, SL1 2PH |
| CGA | St Andrew’s Shared Church | Washington Drive, SL1 5RE |
| CMB | Montem Primary School | Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE |
| CVA | The Westgate School | Cippenham Lane, SL1 5AH |
| CPA | The Marriott Hotel | Ditton Road, SL3 8PT |
| CPB | The Holiday Inn | London Road, SL3 8QB |
| LAA | Langley Library | Trelawney Avenue, SL3 7UF |
| LAB | Marish Primary School | Swabey Road, SL3 8NZ |
| SCB | The Curve Library | 10 Wellington Street, SL1 1XY |

#### **Options for Specified Wards**

Comments or observations are particularly sought for 2 wards where 2 potential locations for polling stations have been identified in each:

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### Baylis and Salt Hill Ward



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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 1 | BAA | The Centre, Farnham Road, SL1 4UT | 1492 | New |
| 2 | BAB | Ramgarhia Education Centre, Woodland Avenue SL1 3BU | 2178 | Existing |
| 3 | BAC | Shiloh Pentecostal Church,  17 Pitts Road SL1 3XG | 1266 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4936**

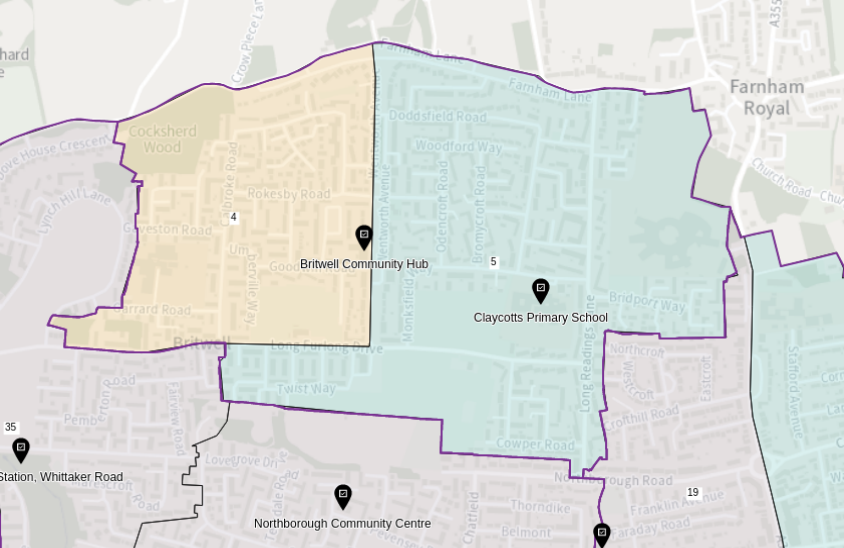
Ward has been divided into 3 polling districts due to the high number of voters (over 3,500) north of the railway line (BAC).

BAA New polling district and place to serve area previously part of Farnham ward.

BAB Covers existing polling district BSC and part of Elliman ward (ELB).

BAC Provides a polling place for voter’s south of the main railway line

### Britwell Ward



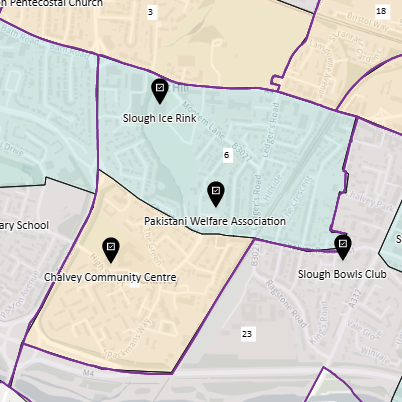
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 4 | BRA | Britwell Community Hub, Wentworth Avenue, SL2 2DS | 1807 | Existing |
| 5 | BRB | Claycots School, Monksfield Way,  SL1 3UQ | 3166 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4973**

BRA Contains the whole area of Britwell parish ward which must retain its own polling district.

BRB Area east of Wentworth Avenue and part of current Britwell & Northborough ward (BNB).

### Chalvey Ward



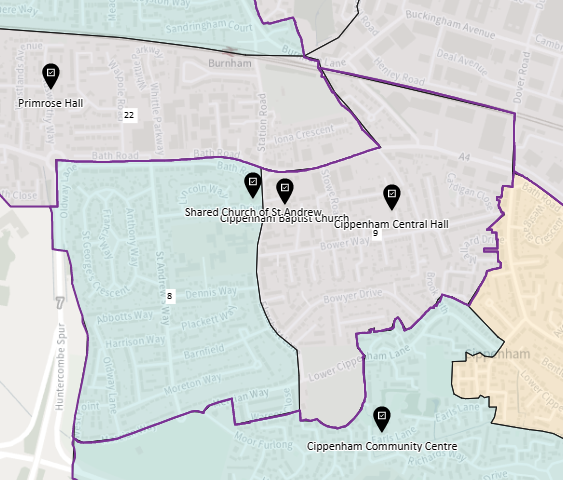
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 6 | CAA | Slough Ice Rink,  Montem Lane, SL1 2QG  or  Pakistani Welfare Association(PWA),  50 Davills Lane, SL1 2PH | 2498 | Slough Ice Rink: Existing  and  PWNA: New |
| 7 | CAB | Chalvey Community Centre,  Ladbrooke Road, SL1 2SR | 1319 | Existing |

**Total electors: 3817**

CAA Options are to continue the use of Slough Ice Rink to the east of the polling district or relocate the polling station to a new more central location for voters at Pakistani Welfare Association (availability subject to building works).

CAB Ward divided into 2 polling districts by Church Street (North/South) split. NB: previous PD CHC (680 voters) in CAA PD to locate to CAB if PWA unavailable.

### Cippenham Green Ward



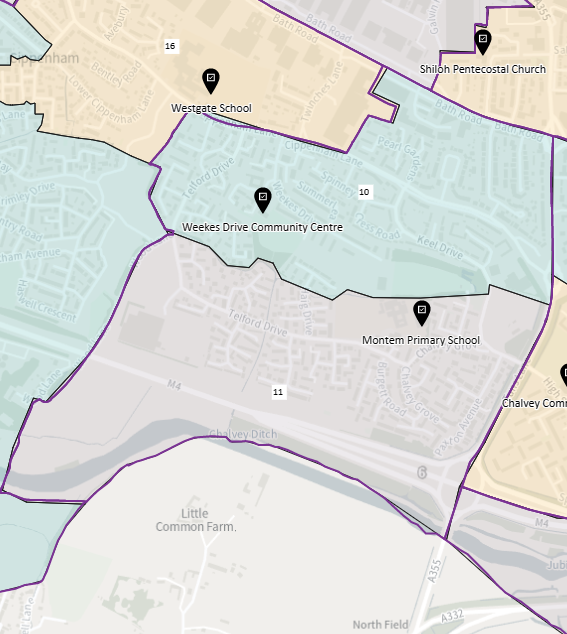
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 8 | CGA | Cippenham Baptist Church,  11 Elmshott Lane, SL1 5QS  or  St Andrew’s Shared Church,  Washington Drive, SL1 5RE | 2847 | Baptist Church: Existing  and  St Andrew’s: New |
| 9 | CGB | Cippenham Central Hall,  Central Drive, SL1 5DD | 2199 | Existing |

**Total electors: 5046**

CGA Options are to continue the use of Cippenham Baptist Church just outside the polling district or relocate to a new location of St Andrew’ Shared Church just west of Elmshott Lane (subject to availability).

CGB Ward divided into 2 polling districts by Elmshott Lane (East/West) split.

### Cippenham Manor Ward

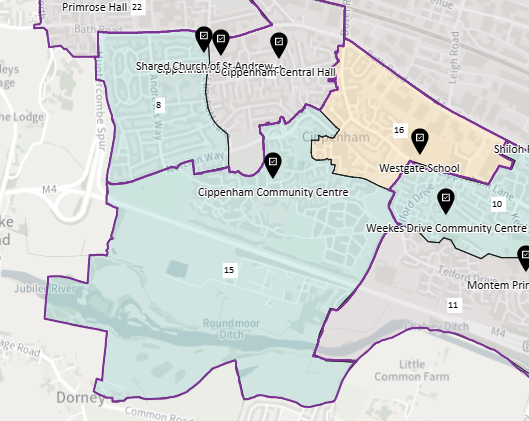


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 10 | CMA | Weekes Drive Community Hall,  4 Tamarisk Way, SL1 2YN | 2895 | Existing |
| 11 | CMB | Montem Primary School,  Chalvey Grove, SL1 2TE | 2323 | New |

**Total electors: 5218**

CMA & CMB Ward divided into 2 polling districts (North/South) split by stream.

### Cippenham Village Ward



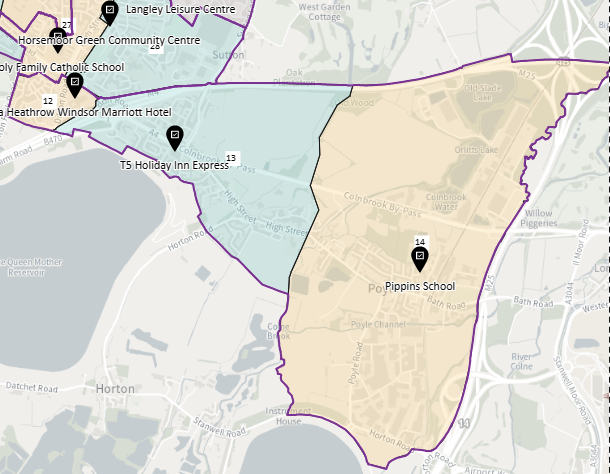
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 15 | CVA | Cippenham Community Centre,  Earls Lane, SL1 5TD | 1733 | Existing |
| 16 | CVB | Westgate School,  Cippenham Lane, SL1 5AH | 3205 | New |

**Total electors: 4938**

CVA Current polling district CMA from Cippenham Meadows ward.

CVB Current polling districts CGB & CGC from Cippenham Green Ward.

### Colnbrook & Poyle Ward



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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 12 | CPA | The Marriott Hotel,  Ditton Road, SL3 8PT | 826 | New |
| 13 | CPB | The Holiday Inn,  London Road, SL3 8QB | 2607 | New |
| 14 | CPC | Pippins School,  Raymond Close, SL3 0PR | 1576 | Existing |

**Total electors: 5009**

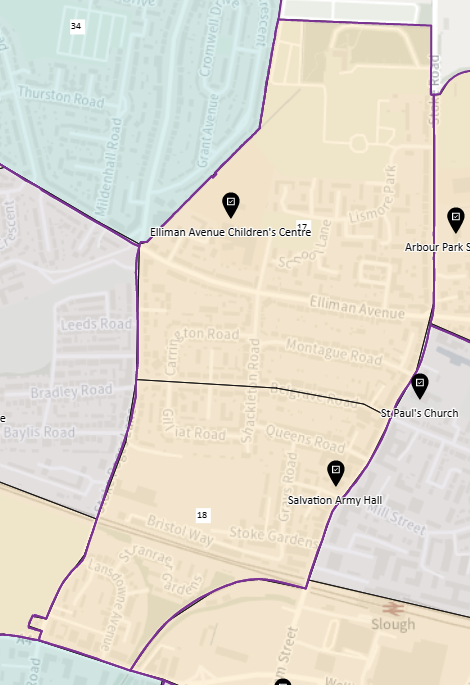
Ward has been divided into 3 polling districts due to geographical size of the area and to accommodate Colnbrook With Poyle parish.

CPA New polling district and station covering small area from Langley Kedermister ward (LKC). *NB: this area is not a part of Colnbrook With Poyle parish.*

CPB Existing CPA polling district and part of CPB.

CPC Existing parts of CPB & CPC polling districts west of stream.

### Elliman Ward

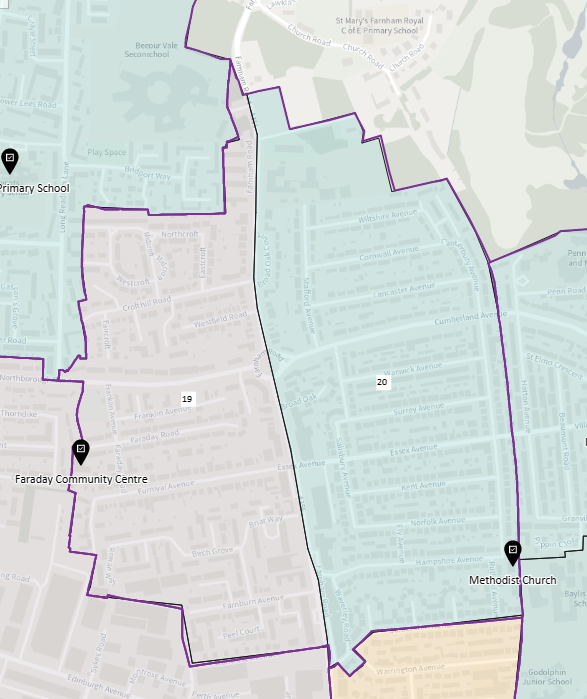


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 17 | ELA | James Elliman Academy, (Children’s Centre),  Elliman Avenue, SL2 5BA | 1953 | Existing |
| 18 | ELB | The Salvation Army Hall,  53 Stoke Road, SL2 5BW | 1632 | Existing |

**Total electors: 3585**

ELA & ELB Existing polling districts ELA and ELB (part) retained. Boundary to run along Belgrave Road (North/South) split – no significant change.

### Farnham Ward

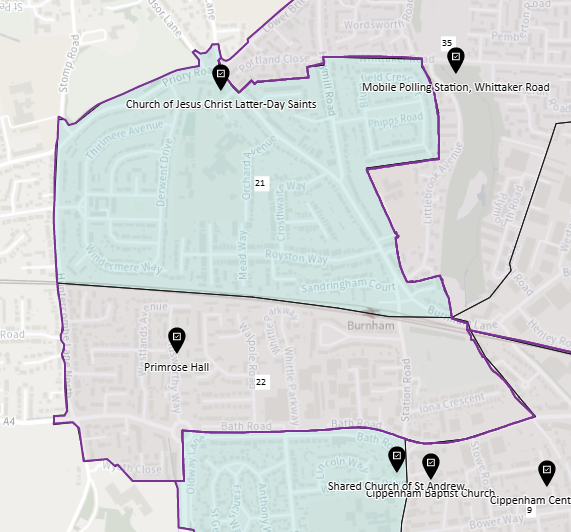


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 19 | FAA | The Faraday Social Club,  Faraday Road, SL2 1RP | 2175 | Existing |
| 20 | FAB | Methodist Church,  Hampshire Avenue, SL1 3AQ | 2753 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4928**

FAA & FAB Retention of existing polling districts FAA & FAB (East/West) spilt.

### Haymill Ward

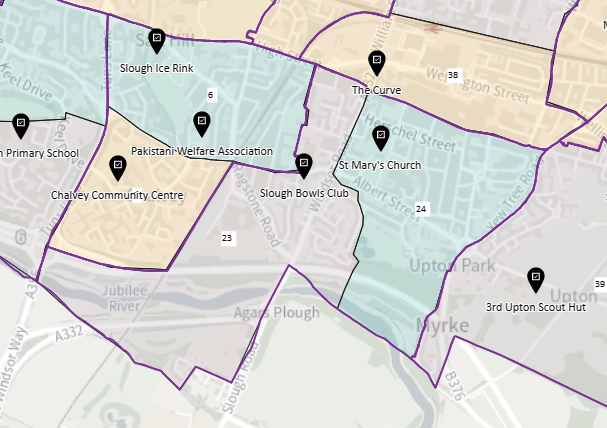


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 21 | HLA | Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Leaholme Gardens, SL1 6LD | 2813 | Existing |
| 22 | HLB | Primrose Hall,  48 Goldsworthy Way, SL1 6AG | 2201 | Existing |

**Total electors: 5014**

HLA & HLB Ward divided into 2 polling districts split by railway line (North/South) split – no significant change.

### Herschel Park Ward

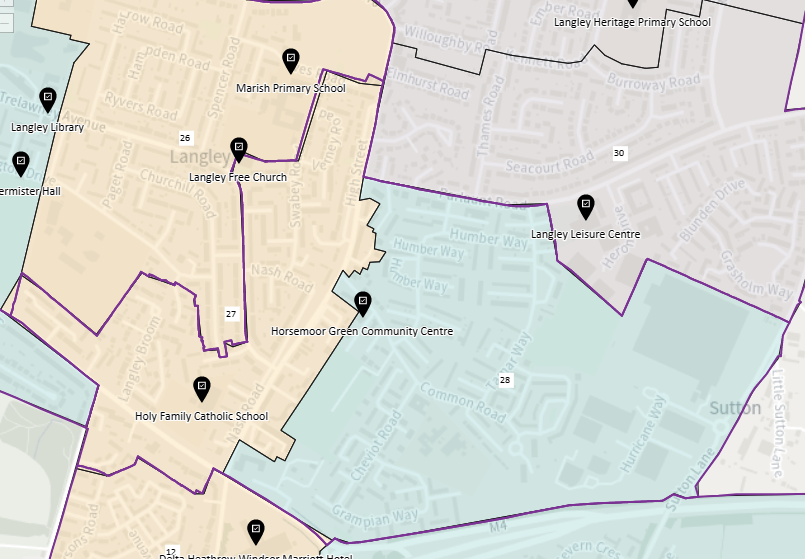


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 23 | HPA | Slough Bowls Club,  50 Chalvey Road East, SL1 2LR | 2349 | Existing |
| 24 | HPB | St Mary’s Church,  34-40 Church Street, SL1 1PJ | 2521 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4870**

HPA & HPB Ward divided into 2 polling districts split by A332 running down Upton Park (East/West) split – no significant change.

### Langley Foxborough Ward



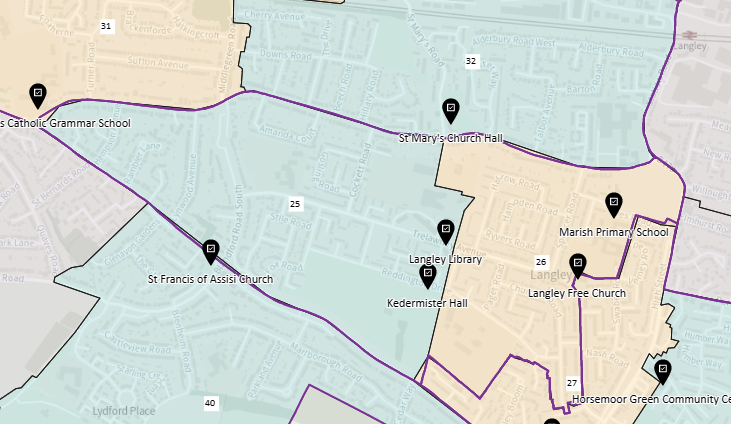
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 27 | LFA | Holy Family Primary School,  High Street, SL3 8NF | 1868 | Existing |
| 28 | LFB | Horsemoor Green Community Centre, Spitfire Close, SL3 8JU | 2540 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4408**

LFAFormed by parts of polling districts LKB & LKC from Langley Kedermister ward (East/West) split.

LFB Extensively the old FOX polling district from Foxborough ward – no significant change.

### Langley Marish Ward



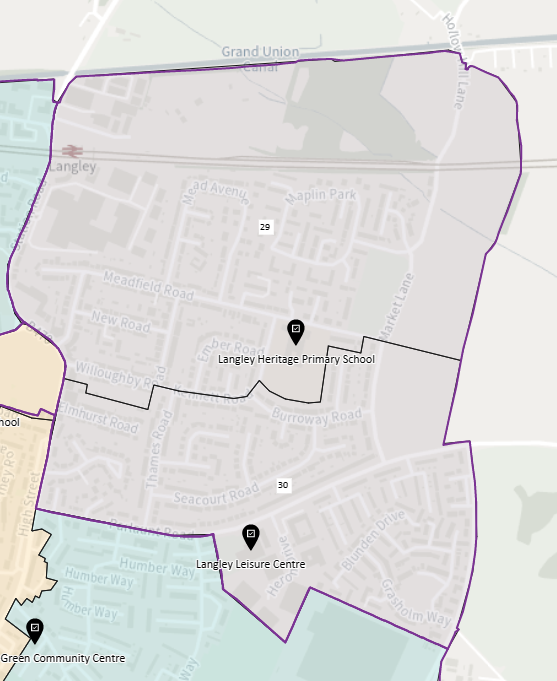
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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 25 | LAA | Langley Library, Trelawney Avenue, SL3 7UF  or  Kedermister Hall, Kedermister Park, Reddington Drive, SL3 7TP | 2764 | **Library:** New  and  **Kedermister Hall:** Existing |
| 26 | LAB | Langley Free Church, 100 Trelawney Avenue,SL3 8RW  or  Marish Primary School,  Swabey Road, SL3 8NZ | 2041 | **Free Church:** Existing  and  **School:** New |

**Total electors: 4805**

LAA Options are to continue the use of Kedermister Hall or move to Langley Library (single polling station).

LAB Options are to use Langley Free Church or Marish Primary School.

### Langley Meads Ward

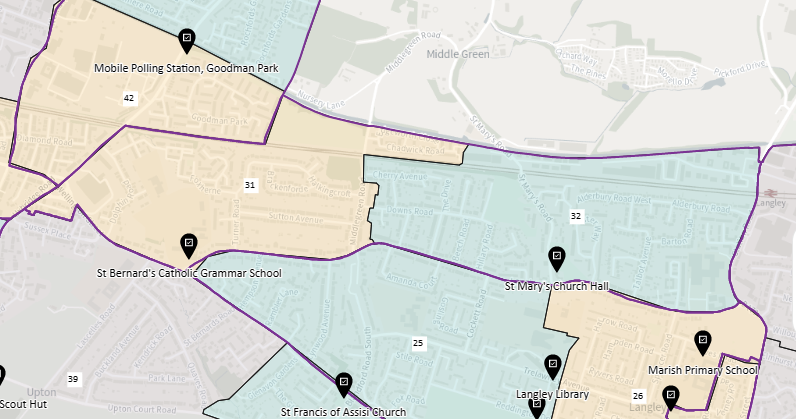


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 29 | LMA | Langley Heritage Primary School,  Kennett Road, SL3 8EQ | 2280 | Existing |
| 30 | LMB | Langley Leisure Centre,  Parlaunt Road, SL3 8BA | 2340 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4620**

LMA & LMB Ward split into 2 polling districts (North/South) split along existing polling districts LMB and LMC (Langley St. Mary’s ward) – no significant change.

### Langley St Mary’s Ward

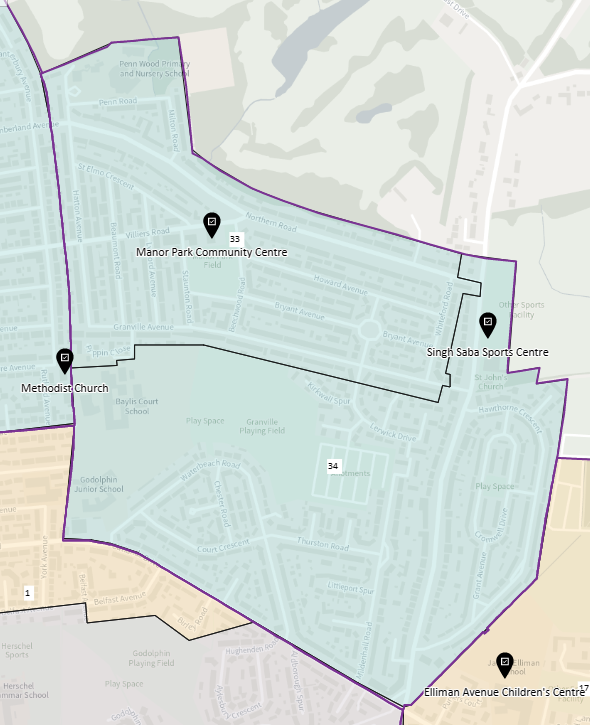


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 31 | LSA | St Bernard’s Catholic Grammar School, Langley Road, SL3 7AF | 1817 | Existing |
| 32 | LSB | St Mary’s Church Hall,  2 St Mary’s Road, SL3 7ER | 2791 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4608**

LSA & LSB Ward split into 2 polling districts (East/West) split by current polling districts UPA (Upton Ward) and LMA (Langley St Mary’s ward).

### Manor Park & Stoke Ward

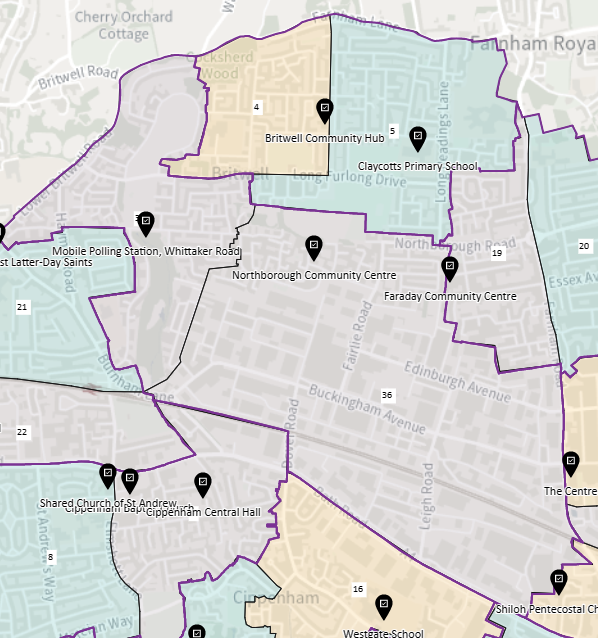


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 33 | MPA | Manor Park Community Centre,  Villiers Road, SL2 1NP | 2781 | Existing |
| 34 | MPB | Singh Sabha Sports Centre,  Stoke Poges Lane, SL1 3LW | 2618 | Existing |

**Total electors: 5399**

MPA & MPB Existing polling districts (BSA & BSB) from Baylis & Stoke ward and part BSC polling district retained – no significant change.

### Northborough & Lynch Hill Valley Ward



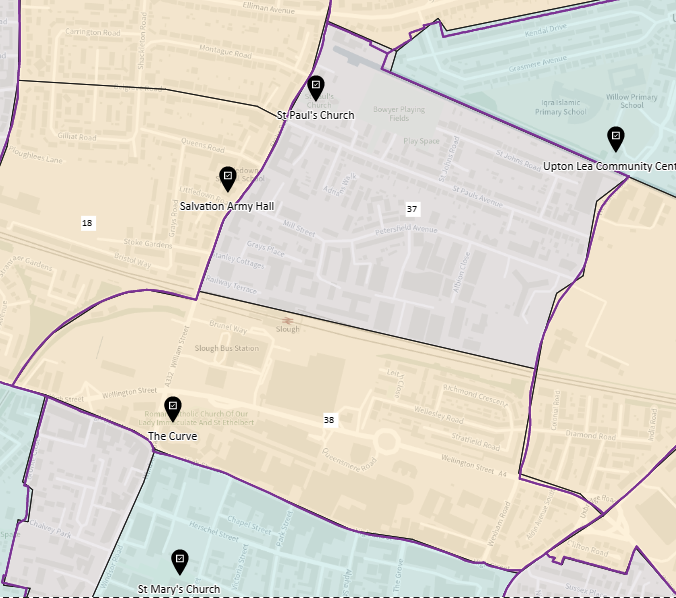
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| 35 | NLA | Mobile Unit (portacabin),  Whittaker Road, SL2 | 2411 | Existing |
| 36 | NLB | Northborough Community Hall,  101 Pevensey Road, SL2 1UG | 2195 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4606**

NLA Extensively existing polling district HLB from Haymill & Lynch ward.

NLB Extensively existing polling district BNC from Britwell & Northborough ward.

### Slough Central Ward

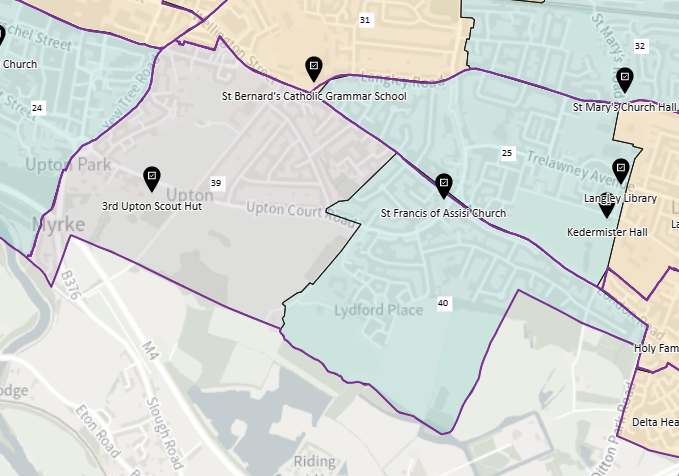


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 37 | SCA | St Paul’s Church,  132 Stoke Road, SL2 5AS | 2245 | Existing |
| 38 | SCB | The Curve Library,  10 Wellington Street, SL1 1XY | 1372 | New |

**Total electors: 3617**

SCA & SCB Ward divided into 2 polling districts (North & South) split by main railway line.

### Upton Ward

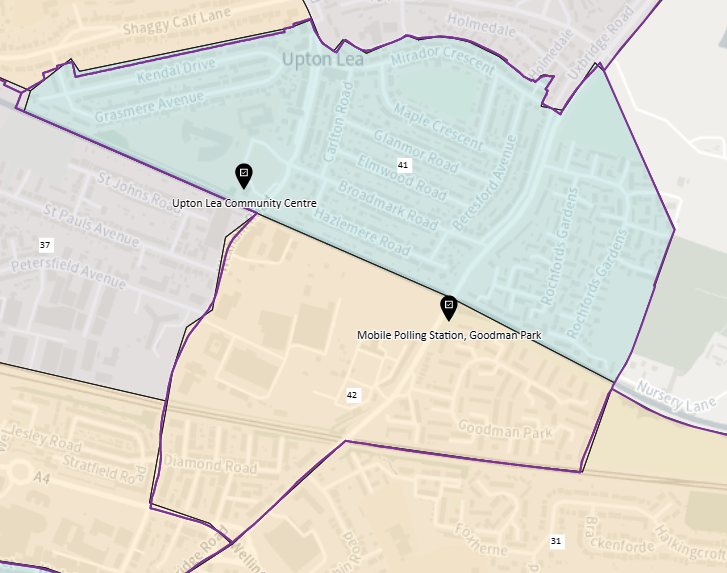


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 39 | UAA | 3RD Upton Scout Hut,  Upton Court Park, SL3 7LU | 2438 | Existing |
| 40 | UAB | St Francis Church,  Upton Court Road, SL3 7HR | 2541 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4979**

UAA & UAB Ward split into 2 polling districts (East/West) from existing polling districts UPB and UPC of Upton ward – no significant change.

### Upton Lea Ward

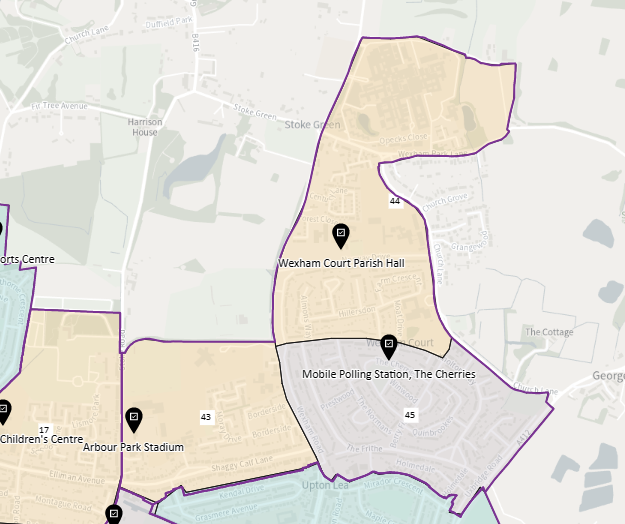


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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 41 | UPA | Upton Lea Community Centre,  Wexham Road, SL2 5JW | 3798 | Existing |
| 42 | UPB | Mobile Unit (portacabin),  Goodman Park, SL2 | 1597 | Existing |

**Total electors: 5395**

UPA & UPB Ward split into 2 polling districts (North/South), made up of parts of existing polling districts from Elliman (ELC), Wexham Lea (WLC), and Central (CEB) wards.

### Wexham Court Ward



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| **PD No.** | **Polling District** | **Polling Place** | **No. of Electors** | **Status** |
| 43 | WCA | Arbour Park Stadium,  Stoke Road, SL2 5AY | 1042 | Existing |
| 44 | WCB | Wexham Court Parish Hall,  Norway Drive, SL2 5QP | 1490 | Existing |
| 45 | WCC | Mobile Unit (portacabin),  The Cherries, Wexham, SL2 | 2332 | Existing |

**Total electors: 4864**

To accommodate Wexham Court parish area the ward has been split into 3 polling districts.

WCA Existing polling district from Elliman ward (ELC). Non-Parish part.

WCB Existing Wexham Lea polling district WLA – no change.

WCC Existing Wexham Lea polling district WLB – no change.