

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2023/24

In accordance with Section 17 of the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 notice is given that Chelmsford City Council is to carry out a review of polling districts and polling places within the City of Chelmsford.

Relevant information regarding the current arrangements and proposals for changes can be found on the Council's website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/polling-review or can be inspected at Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford CM1 1JE.

The purpose of the review is to seek to ensure that:

- all electors in the City have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
- so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places in the City are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.

The (Acting) Returning Officer for Chelmsford will comment on existing and any proposed polling stations in the City, as will the (Acting) Returning Officers for the Maldon and North West Essex (currently Saffron Walden) Constituencies in respect of those stations in the City that are in their constituencies.

Any elector within the City may also make representations in relation to the size and boundaries of polling districts, the location and suitability of polling places and the polling stations within them.

In addition, the Council would welcome comments or representations from:

- any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability;
- any councillor or Member of Parliament representing electors within the City;
- parish and town councils within the City and any organisations representing particular groups of persons in the City;
- past or potential candidates, their agents, and local political parties.

Any person or body making representation should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places if that is what their comments concern.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

By post	Electoral Services, Chelmsford City Council, Civic Centre, Duke Street, Chelmsford CM1 1JE
Online	www.chelmsford.gov.uk/polling-review

All representations must be received no later than 15 December 2023.

Timetable	
27 October 2023	Formal notice of review
27 October 2023	Commencement of initial consultation
24 November 2023	Publication of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments and start of secondary consultation
15 December 2023	End of public consultation period
17 January 2024	Final proposals presented to Governance Committee
1 February 2024	Publish revised register of electors

The consultation period for this review begins on 27 October 2023 and the initial proposals will be made public 24 November 2023. All representations and comments must be received by 15 December 2023. The results of consultation will then be considered and the final proposals from the review presented to Governance Committee 17 January 2024.

Details of the proposals and summaries of representations are and will be available for inspection on the Council's website www.chelmsford.gov.uk/polling-review or at the council offices.

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