TARGETED REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES 2026

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 targeted review of polling districts and polling places limited to the Bishop Hall Lane area, following recent boundary changes by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The proposal is to move Bishop Hall Lane from Rectory Lane polling district back to Springfield Chelmer polling district, realigning the polling district boundary with the city ward boundary (making the boundaries coterminous) in preparation for the 2027 elections. The polling district boundary was previously changed to accommodate changes to county division boundaries made by the Local Government Boundary Commission for England.

The purpose of this targeted review is to consider polling arrangements in the Bishop Hall Lane area following those boundary changes and to seek to ensure that:

- all electors in the area under review have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances; and
- so far as is reasonable and practicable, the polling places serving the area under review are accessible to all electors, including those who are disabled.
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The (Acting) Returning Officer for Chelmsford may comment on existing and any proposed polling stations serving the area under review.

Any elector within the City may make representations on this targeted review. Representations are sought only on the size and boundaries of polling districts, the location and suitability of polling places and the polling stations within them insofar as they relate to the Bishop Hall Lane area.

In addition, the Council would welcome comments or representations relating to polling arrangements in the Bishop Hall Lane area 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	Contact us: Electoral services · Chelmsford City Council

Comments are welcome from 4 to 16 November 2026 inclusive. The targeted review and any comments received will be considered by the Governance Committee on 18 November 2026. Any changes agreed will be reflected in the register of electors on 1 December 2026.

The proposed change is described in this notice. Comments should relate to this proposed realignment of the polling district boundary in the Bishop Hall Lane area.

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

Nick Eveleigh
Chief Executive, Chelmsford City Council
4th November 2026