

Reference	Date	Polling District	Observation	Officers Recommendation
PD1	02/10/23	CW1-3	CW1 - Canary Wharf Consideration could be given into whether the current arrangements are the most convenient for residents who live within CW1 polling district and who live on or south of Marsh Wall, specifically whether it would be more appropriate for their polling station to be located on the Isle of Dogs at one of the two other existing polling stations	The provision of polling places in Canary Wharf has been the subject of concern for a number of years. It is proposed that this is prioritised in 2025, a fallow election year, alternatives identified and a further report considered by GPC prior to the local elections to be held in 2026 once the information and provision is identified.
PD3	06/10/23	SB2	Option to choose between Emouth Hall and Stepney Park Primary School	Emouth Hall is no longer available
PD2	06/10/23	BW2	Recommendation not to use Olga Primary School (Response from the Headteacher)	Schools have a duty in law to provide facilities to the (Acting) Returning Officer this encouraged by Government taking into consideration the familiarisation of the locations and the cost of hire which is significantly lower than private accommodation and the hire charges restricted in law to heating, lighting and ancillary costs relating to caretakers and restoring rooms back to pre polling day if applicable. All schools are informed at least 12 months in advance of scheduled polls of the precise date to enable arrangements to be put in place e.g. inset days and for parents to be informed by the school of the arrangements in place. Reminders are also sent to all premises on at least two occasions in the 12 months prior to all scheduled polls.
PD4	25/10/23		Refers to observations made in May 2023 relating to Cyril Jackson School.	Withdrawn
PD5	26/10/23		Observation withdrawn - re Cyril Jackson School	Withdrawn
PD6	10/07/24	BC2	Inconvenience of getting to the Radisson Blu Hotel	It is considered that this observation is with merit and it is proposed that this is prioritised in 2025, a fallow election year, alternatives identified and a further report considered by GPC prior to the local elections to be held in 2026 once the information and provision is identified.
PD10	10/10/24	BW1	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD12	10/10/24	BE2	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD7	10/10/24	BW1	Recommendation not to use Chisenhale Primary School	See comments in E4
PD22	10/10/24	BW1	Comments received re legislation and use of alternatives rather than close schools	See comments in E4
PD20	10/10/24	IG2	Supports use of Harbinger Primary School	
PD23	10/10/24	WE3	Observation not to use Brick Lane School	See comments in E4
PD18	10/10/24	CW1-3	Reiterates observations made on 02/10/2023	
PD19	10/10/24	SH1	Supports use of Bigland Green Primary School	
PD15	10/10/24	CW1	Supports the status quo	
PD17	10/10/24	WH3	Retain status quo particularly Harry Gosling School	
PD11	10/10/24	BN2	Supports the use of Bromley by Bow Community Centre	
PD25	10/10/24	BGW4	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD24	10/10/24	SG2	Emouth Community Hub is excellent	Emouth Hall will no longer be available after the GE
PD21	10/10/24	LA3	Comments re maps on polling cards	Maps have been placed into polling cards for at least 10 years and it is recommended that they are retained but they will be subject to review in 2025. It is proposed that the maps are brought up to date with the latest GIS data and to make them clearer for electors to see the location.
PD9	10/10/24	IG2	Supports the use of Harbinger Primary School	
PD14	10/10/24	ME1	Observers re access to Bonner Primary School	Bonner School access will be reviewed in 2025 but there will be issues with having two accesses into the premises with security and the cost of providing supervision if another access point is allowed.
PD13	10/10/24	BW1	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD8	10/10/24	BW2	Recommendation not to use Olga Primary School	See comments in E4
PD16	10/10/24	SG2	Emouth Hall is not available and in disrepair	An alternative to Emouth hall will need to be found
PD29	11/10/24	BW3	Move the polling station back to Mile End Road – Gateway Building?	Gateway Housing have been contacted and the ground floor usually used for polling, is now being taken over by Sainsbury's and will no longer be available.
PD27	11/10/24		Observation re undue influence at polling station in 2019 (Not part of the review)	Not part of review
PD26	11/10/24	ME1	Access to school not appropriate	See comments in E4
PD28	11/10/24	BGE1	Supports use of St James the Less Church Hall	
PD30	12/10/24	PO1	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD31	12/10/24	LI1	Supports use of the Cruising Association	

PD32	12/10/24	BC1	Does not support the change to the Virginia Quay Community Centre.	The addition of Virginia Quay polling place proved popular with the majority of electors who have had to travel to the City Island or to the Town Hall in Mulberry Place at recent polls. It is accepted that the signage to the venue should be better but it is recommended that the premise is used with familiarisation and better signage to be improved in time for 2026. The provision of a double portacabin under the East India DLR station is cost prohibitive now with the cost reaching almost £10,000 which is not acceptable to Government with an alternative venue available.
PD33	14/10/24	All wards	Detailed response recommending changes for deaf electors	The email received from DEVA has been acknowledged and the electoral services team will liaise with them directly to see if what is being proposed is reasonable and can be implemented. Accessibility for disabled electors is at the forefront of polling place provision and those with no hearing or impaired hearing, no sight or impaired sight should be accommodated and arrangements are being made to discuss this and where possible for improved facilities to be arranged where reasonable. Talks are also taking place with Government to see if funding under new burdens can be arranged but this would be a national decision and not exclusive to Tower Hamlets.
PD34	14/10/24	BN1	Observation not to use schools	See comments in E4
PD35	18/10/24	SK2	Observation not to use St Peters London Docks School	See comments in E4
PD36	23/10/24	BGE2	Observation not to use Bonner School	See comments in E4
PD37	24/10/24	SK2	Change to St Pauls Church unacceptable	The address where the observation has been made is at the bottom of polling district SK1 with St Peters Primary School located in close proximity in polling district SK2. Geographically the observations are with merit and it is recommended that the polling districts are looked at to revisit the SK1 and SK2 boundaries to best fit the geographical layout in the area. This will be reviewed in 2025 during the fallow year.
PD38	26/10/24	PO2	Polling station unsuitable because accessibility not good e.g. roads to cross	This request is for elector to cross Borough Ward boundaries from Poplar to Blackwall & Cubitt Town. This is not recommended but it is acknowledged that in this area there are a number of major roads within very short distances of travel but no alternative option is known in the Poplar Ward in this area.
PD39	16/11/24	CW1-3	Request for comprehensive review of Canary Wharf	See comments in E2 above