

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

REPRESENTATIONS RECEIVED IN RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ISSUED ON 19TH AUGUST 2013 AND
RETURNING OFFICER'S RESPONSE

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BETHNAL GREEN	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"Although we have some concern over one polling district crossing Roman Road, we have no objection to the proposed districts."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Councillors Amy Whitelock, Sirajul Islam, Lesley Pavitt and Carlo Gibbs made the following comments:-</p> <p>"For BG1, we believe St James the Lesser Church would be the better option as it is more accessible and visible, more central within the polling district and more of a focal point (whereas the alternative proposed school is tucked away and less well known within the local area).</p> <p>For BG2, we are concerned about the proposal of using Globe Primary as it is not on a main road which means it is not be an obvious landmark for some residents plus the roads surrounding the school are very narrow. We already have residents complaining during the school run about the volume of traffic along the roads, cars getting damaged etc, so this could likely be exacerbated on polling day as there is very little room for those who wish to drive to vote. Bonner School was the previous polling station for MGT1 (which constitutes much of BG2). We feel strongly that this school should be retained as a polling station as it is very well known among the community and also much more accessible being on a main road.</p> <p>For BG3, we feel strongly we need to keep the</p>	<p>BG1 – suggestion to use St James the Lesser Church Hall – <i>accepted</i></p> <p>BG2 – suggestion to use Bonner Primary School – <i>accepted</i></p> <p>BG3 – suggestion to use Request to use the Tramshed – <i>accepted</i></p> <p>BG5 – suggestion re: description of the proposed polling place - <i>accepted</i></p>

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BETHNAL GREEN (cont)		<p>Tramshed. It is very well known and iconic and has been the polling station for years. Rachel Keeling nursery is smaller and tucked away – many residents will not know where it is – plus its only marginally more central within the polling district. So we urge that the Tramshed is retained as a polling district.</p> <p>For BG4, we agree that John Scurr school should remain the polling station.</p> <p>For BG5, we agree that the Pupil Inclusion Unit should remain the polling station, but recommend it is renamed as Harpley School, as that is how it is known in the community and otherwise it could cause confusion.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group submitted substantially the same representations as the above Councillors in respect of BG1 – BG4, but in relation to BG1, sought additionally to be assured that the proposed polling place is the church hall rather than the church itself.</p> <p>Councillor Shafiqul Haque made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The five proposed polling stations are in well-situated and good choices. The officers have done well to choose locations that are known to local residents in each of the polling districts, and are easy to get to.</p> <p>I strongly support the officers' recommendations, and trust that you will take this to account in coming to a final decision. “</p>	

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BLACKWALL AND CUBITT TOWN	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"BC3 & BC4 – The draft recommendations place one block of the Alexia Square/Baltimore Wharf/Oaklands Quay development in BC4 and the remainder in BC3. Cubitt Town School is a more convenient polling place for the entire development than Jack Dash House and we suggest the entire development be moved to BC4."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"BC1 – We feel it would be more convenient for voters on the Virginia Quay estate, which forms the majority of the district, for the portakabin proposed as the polling place to be moved nearer to the estate, for example on public land under or near East India DLR station.</p> <p>BC2 – The proposed polling place (Bushy Tails Nursery) is closed. There is a lack of community facilities in this district. Perhaps the most suitable place would be in the lobby of New Providence Wharf (this would however require an amendment to the boundary between BC1 and BC2) or perhaps the lobby of the Ibis Hotel, Blackwall way. If neither of these are acceptable, the only alternative is another portakabin. The most suitable location for such would be at the junction of Preston's Road and Raleana Road."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>BC1 – I have reviewed this area and believe the use of Majestic Wine Car Park, Preston's Road, would be a more suitable location for a portakabin.</p> <p>BC2 – Officers have visited both lobbies and they are not large enough to use as a polling place. I have reviewed the junction for the suggested portakabin but there are major road works taking place. I therefore believe a portakabin on the wide pavement area near the secure self storage office on Preston's Road would be a more suitable location.</p> <p>BC3/BC4 – suggestion to include the whole development in BC4 - <i>accepted and polling district boundary redrawn accordingly.</i></p>

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BOW EAST	<p>During preliminary consultation, Councillor Marc Francis made representations regarding the distance residents living in Fish Island need to travel to reach their current polling place and referring to the fact that the area has been identified for future growth over the next few years.</p> <p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We have no objection to the proposed polling districts and welcome a new district for Fish Island."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We strongly welcome the creation of a new polling district serving Fish Island. We believe that Cadogan Terrace and St Mark's Gate should be retained within BE1 rather than the residents being required to walk through an unfamiliar industrial area to access the new Fish Island polling Place."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for BE1, BE2, BE3 and BE5. We strongly object to the use of Bromley by Bow Centre (if not included by accident) as a polling place for Bow East (BE4). Not only is it located some distance outside of the ward, it would also cause significant confusion to residents in both BN3 and BE4. We would therefore strongly advocate the retention of the Tredegar Centre as the polling place for BE4."</p>	<p>Representations re: Fish Island were accepted and a new polling district was proposed for the residents of Fish Island as part of the consultation proposals.</p> <p>Suggestion to move Cadogan Terrace and St Mark's Gate to BE1 – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>Eastside Youth Centre proposed as polling place for BE3</p> <p>NB: Inclusion of the Bromley-by-Bow Centre under BE4 was a typographical error in the consultation document. The Tredegar Centre is proposed as the polling place for this district.</p>

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BOW WEST	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We do not welcome the merger of the existing BW3 and BW4 districts and the unnecessary confusion this will cause for residents, and suggest the proposed district be split back into the existing districts, along Coborn Road, with the additional polling station at the Central Foundation Girls' School.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We believe that there should continue to be four polling districts in this ward with the proposed BW3 divided into two, with the boundary between the two wards running along Coborn Road.”</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling places in this ward and suggest that should our proposal regarding the division of the proposed BW3 district be adopted, that the polling place for both polling districts be at Malmesbury Primary School.”</p>	<p>Proposal to re-divide BW3 into two districts – <i>accepted</i>. However, I want to move away from using secondary schools and therefore propose the polling place for the new polling district BW3 to be at St Mary and Holy Trinity, Bow Road. BW4 to remain at Malmesbury Primary School, Coborn Road.</p>
BROMLEY NORTH	<p>Councillors Helal Uddin and Khales Uddin Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We support the principle of three polling districts and stations for Bromley North ward, however we have concerns over the boundaries of these districts and one of the proposed polling places.</p> <p>The BN3 district is a sensible proposal which we support, with the exception of the exclusion of Talwin Street area from this polling district.</p> <p>Polling District BN2 should be altered. Firstly it should not include the area along Talwin Street and William Guy Gardens, this should move to BN3. Secondly this polling district should also</p>	<p>Councillors Helal Uddin and Khales Uddin Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>“[BN3]: We support the retention of Old Palace Primary School as the polling place for this area.</p> <p>Additionally we do not support the proposal of using St Agnes RC School as the polling place for BN2. The school is not easily accessed and neither is it well known within the local area, due to its location which is more secluded. We believe that a better location for the polling place in BN2 would be the community centre next to Priestman Point tower block on Rainhill Way. This is a well known landmark and can be accessed easily for residents from the Devons West estate, Bow Cross estate and also residents from</p>	<p>Suggestion to move Campbell Road, Eagling Close, Mornington Grove, Tomlins Grove and Arnold Road area from BN1 to BN2 - <i>Arnold Road and Mornington Grove not moved as the electorate figures would become imbalanced. All other changes accepted.</i></p> <p>Suggestion to move the area along Talwin Street & William Guy Gdns from BN2 to BN3 – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>BN2 polling place – suggested use of Bow Cross Community Centre, Rainhill Way – <i>accepted</i></p>

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BROMLEY NORTH (cont)	<p>include Campbell Road, Eagling Close, Tomlins Grove and Arnold Road area. The new road access on the Bow Cross estate means allows for better links and access, compared to the proposed BN1 district, the remainder of which is separated significantly by main line railway lines.</p> <p>The BN1 polling district, reflecting comments above should cover the area from Brokesley Street to Tidworth Road and Eleanor Street.”</p> <p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We welcome the division of these wards [Bromley North and Bromley South] into three districts each, reflecting the increased populations, and have no objection to the districts or polling places.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We believe that the Talwin Street area and William Guy Gardens should be moved from BN2 to BN3. We also believe that the area incorporating Arnold Road, Campbell Road, Eagling Close, Mornington Grove and Tomlins Grove should be moved from BN1 to BN2. The new road and pedestrian access from Campbell Road to Rainhill Way means that the BN2 polling place will be much more accessible to these residents that that proposed at Wellington Way Primary School.”</p>	<p>Campbell Road/Eagling Close (as per our proposal).</p> <p>[BN1]: We support the continued use of Wellington Way Primary School as the polling place for this district.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We support the continued use of Wellington Way Primary School as the polling place for BN1. We do not support the proposal of using St Agnes RC School as the polling place for BN2. The school is not easily accessed and neither is it well known within the local area, due to its location which is more secluded. We believe that a better location for the polling place in BN2 would be the community centre next to Priestman Point tower block on Rainhill Way. This is a well known landmark and can be accessed easily for residents from the Devons West Estate, Bow Cross Estate and also residents from Campbell Road/Eagling Close (as per our proposal regarding polling district boundaries).We support the retention of Old Palace Primary School as the polling place for BN3.”</p>	

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BROMLEY SOUTH	<p>Councillors Helal Uddin and Khales Uddin Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The proposal to retain what is currently BBB3 polling district as a new polling district BS3 is welcome.</p> <p>The area that is presently BBB2 (Covering the Lincoln Estate and areas around Violet Road and Gale Street) is a large polling district. Therefore it seems sensible to divide this into two polling districts, and Devons Road is the obvious division for this.”</p> <p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We welcome the division of these wards [Bromley North and Bromley South] into three districts each, reflecting the increased populations, and have no objection to the districts or polling places.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The area that is currently BBB2 (covering the Lincoln Estate and areas around Violet Road and Gale Street) is a large polling district. We propose splitting this into two with Devons Road as the boundary between the two new polling districts.”</p>	<p>Councillors Helal Uddin and Khales Uddin Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>“[BS3]: We also support the continued use of Marner School as the polling place for this area.</p> <p>In terms of the polling place for the new BS1 polling district, we support the continued use of Clara Grant Primary School as we feel this is an accessible location and more well known locally for residents to access. We do not believe that it makes sense to move this polling place to the Lincoln Hall Playgroup.</p> <p>We do not have any opposition to, or alternative suggestions for, the proposed polling place for BS2.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We support the continued use of Clara Grant Primary School as we feel this is an accessible location and more well known locally for residents to access. We do not believe that it makes sense to move this polling place to the Lincoln Hall Playgroup. We do not have any opposition to, or alternative suggestions for, the proposed polling place for BS2 and we support the continued use of Marner School as the polling place for BS3.”</p>	<p>Proposed polling place for BS1 at Clara Grant Primary School – <i>accepted.</i></p>

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CANARY WHARF	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“CW1/CW2 – We note that some of the area of the existing M14 district (current polling place in the City Pride car park) have been moved into the CW2 district where the polling place is Seven Mills School. In the north of the proposed CW2 district, Seven Mills School is not convenient and would not be a place residents naturally pass. Particularly where such residents work on the Canary Wharf Estate, a polling place on that estate would be more convenient. We therefore suggest the southern boundary of the CW1 district be moved to go along Byng Street, and then on the southern side of the Millennium Harbour Estate.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward.”</p>	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“CW1: We note in our original submission we suggested the East Wintergarden, Bank Street as a polling place. We feel the East Wintergarden would be a more central and convenient polling place, that economies of scale could be achieved if it were used as a counting centre after the election, and that (as postal votes can be returned to any polling place) it would be convenient for the thousands of residents who work on the Canary Wharf Estate for this purpose.</p> <p>If, however, the East Wintergarden cannot be obtained, the Skillsmatch Centre at Heron Quay is a suitable alternative.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward.”</p> <p>Councillor Maium Miah made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The three proposed polling stations in Canary Wharf ward are in excellent locations, very convenient for local voters and well-known landmarks in the local area. I commend the officers for their diligence in selecting them.</p> <p>Please place on record my strong support for the retention of these three proposals.”</p>	<p>Proposal to change the boundary between CW1 and CW2 – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>East Wintergarden not proposed as polling place on cost grounds.</p>

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ISLAND GARDENS	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We welcome all three districts and proposed polling places. We welcome the transfer of the Maritime Quay Estate to IG2 as residents there have, in the past, had to walk past Harbinger School to get to their own polling place at St Edmund's School."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We broadly agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward but suggest that the east/west boundary between the three polling districts follow the eastern side of East Ferry Road rather than Spindriff Avenue and Undine Road as currently proposed."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>Proposal re: the boundary between the three polling districts to follow the eastern side of East Ferry Road rather than Spindriff Avenue and Undine Road - <i>accepted</i>.</p>
LANSBURY	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"The proposed arrangement is for all five polling districts to remain unchanged except for the addition of the small part of the existing LI2 district to LA2. This matches our proposal in our original submission and we welcome these proposals."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>No changes to draft proposals, which attracted general agreement.</p>

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LIMEHOUSE	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"LI1/LI2: We welcome the creation of the LI1 district crossing the Limehouse Basin and welcome the proposed polling place of the Cruising Association, Northey Street. However, we feel the Cruising Association would be a more convenient polling place for the residents of Basin Approach and Island Row, who can more easily walk (via the footbridge over the Limehouse Cut) there than to Cyril Jackson School, which involves walking back to Commercial Road, along that road and down Three Colt Street. Accordingly, we suggest the eastern boundary of LI1 be moved eastwards to the Limehouse Cut."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>Proposed change to the eastern boundary of LI1 – <i>accepted subject to a visit to the Cruising association to ensure it is DDA compliant and can accommodate two polling stations.</i></p>
MILE END	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"The five proposed districts largely accord with our original submission, including the transfer of Turners Road and Locksley Street to ME3, and we welcome the proposals."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>Proposed polling place for ME1 – Professional Development Centre, English Street (revised description for venue – as existing)</p> <p>No other changes to draft proposals, which attracted general agreement.</p>

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POPLAR	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We have no objection to either proposed district, nor to the transfer of the polling place for PO2 to All Saints Church (which would in fact be more convenient for residents than the Town Hall)."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the use of Holy Family Roman Catholic School as the polling station for PO1 but believe that the use of a current place of worship for PO2 is undesirable for PO2. We suggest that Woolmore Primary School would be a more suitable venue."</p>	Proposal to use Woolmore Primary school, Woolmore Street as polling place for PO2 – <i>accepted</i> .
SHADWELL	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We have concerns about an area currently covered by four existing districts and large parts of two others being reduced down to three proposed districts. With SH1 being unchanged from the existing SH1 this means a great deal of change in the remaining two proposed districts.</p> <p>We understand that there were good reasons for the existing Shadwell Ward containing six districts, and although we do not propose an alternative, we hope consideration will be given as to whether those reasons still remain and whether there is a case for a larger number of districts here."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	No changes to draft proposals

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SHADWELL (cont)	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p> <p>Councillor Rabina Khan made the following comments:-</p> <p>"The three current polling stations serve the ward well and I strongly support your proposal to retain them in their current locations. I hope that you will take this into account."</p>		
SPITALFIELDS AND BANGLATOWN	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"SB1/SB3: A small area between Heneage Street and Chicksand Street seems to have been moved into SB3 whereas currently it is in the existing SPB1 district whose successor is SB1. The number of electors in the area is small and therefore the only result of the change would be to confuse electors here whose polling place would change. We suggest moving the area back to the SB1 district.</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for SB1 and SB3. We strongly suggest the adoption of Thomas Buxton Junior School as the polling place for SB2 as this venue is more central to the new polling district and is more easily accessible."</p>	<p>Proposal to move area between Heneage Street and Chicksand Street to SB1 - <i>accepted</i></p> <p>Proposal to constitute the existing BGS4 district as a new SB4 district, voting at Whitechapel Sports Centre as currently - <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>SB2 – Proposal re: Osmani Centre not accepted - As there are now four polling districts in this ward the use of Osmani Centre would not be</p>

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SPITALFIELDS AND BANGLATOWN (cont)	<p>SP2: We note the addition of the entire existing BGS4 district, which comes into the Spitalfields Ward, to the proposed district. Electors here would have to cross the busy Vallance Road to vote. We suggest this is inconvenient and would instead suggest the existing BGS4 district constitute a new SB4 district, voting at Whitechapel Sports Centre as currently.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward.”</p> <p>Councillor Gulam Robbani made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The number of primary schools being used as polling stations is a concern, since it interrupts children’s education and parent’s working routines. Therefore, I would suggest that the Osmani Centre be used for SPB2 polling district. If this is impossible, the two proposed locations are satisfactory in every other respect.”</p>		<p>central for electors in the new polling district.</p> <p>Proposed polling place for SB3 – St Anne’s RC Primary School, which is a current polling place and convenient for the revised polling district.</p>

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ST DUNSTAN'S	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We acknowledge the degree of change here which is due to the new ward boundaries crossing existing polling districts, and we welcome the proposed arrangements introducing as little change as necessary."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for SD1, SD3 and SD4. We strongly recommend the designation of Alice Model Nursery School as the polling place for SD2 as it is a better known venue."</p> <p>Councillor Rofique Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>"There must be no more than 4 polling stations, which is the number currently proposed. SD2 polling station should be at Joseph Stern Community Hall, not at Alice Model. Please avoid using any schools as polling stations. This is extremely important as young children's education is disrupted by this practice. Therefore, please propose alternative polling stations for SD3 and SD4."</p>	<p>SD2 polling station – I propose to use Alice Model Nursery School but officers will carry out a DDA compliance visit to ensure it is fit for purpose.</p> <p>Regarding the proposal to avoid use of any schools as polling stations – the concerns are noted but there are very few locations suitable to use as polling places in some areas of the borough.</p>
ST KATHARINE'S AND WAPPING	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We welcome the division of the ward into four districts and welcome each of the proposed polling places.</p> <p>SK1/SK2: We note the suggestion to move the area north of the Ornamental Canal, between Wapping Woods and Wapping Lane, from SK2 to SK1. A number of the residents here will commute from Shadwell DLR station and for them it may be more convenient to vote at St Paul's, Shadwell on the Highway before returning home, than to vote at St Peter's London Docks School.</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for this ward."</p>	<p>Proposal to include in SK1 polling district electors at the north of Garnet Street – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>Proposal to move development at Kennet Street/Asher Way, and closes leading off Kennet Street, to SK4 – <i>accepted</i>.</p>

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<p>ST KATHARINE'S AND WAPPING (cont)</p>	<p>We are not formally suggesting this change but would not view the suggestion unfavourably.</p> <p>We certainly would not support the suggestion made at the Members' Seminar on the issue to move the southern boundary of SK1 from Shadwell Basin to Garnet Street. This would involve residents of Milk Yard, Garnet Street and Wapping Wall having to walk past St Peter's London Docks School to get to their own polling place at St Paul's Shadwell which is plainly undesirable.</p> <p>SK3/SK4: We welcome the transfer of the Spirit Quay Estate from SK3 to SK4. Again, residents here have often had to walk past Hermitage School to get to their own polling place at John Orwell Sports Centre.</p> <p>However, the same applies to the development at Kennet Street and Asher Way. We suggest these streets and the closes leading off Kennet Street, also be transferred to SK4."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We note that the proposed SK1 polling district has relatively few electors and suggest that consideration is given to the inclusion of electors around the north of Garnet Street. We agree with the remaining proposed polling districts for this ward."</p>		

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ST PETER'S	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“As with Bethnal Green, we have concerns about residents having to cross main roads to go and vote, in this case Old Bethnal Green Road in SP2. We do not however wish to propose an alternative.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We note that other three member wards have five polling district and suggest that consideration be given to dividing SP1 into two polling districts with Cambridge Heath Road as the boundary between the two new polling districts.”</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling places for SP1 (if polling districts are unamended), and SP3. We recommend the designation of Stewart Headlam School as the polling place for SP4 as it is more central and Wilmot Street is a relatively busy road with very narrow pavements. We would also recommend the adoption of Lawdale Primary School as the polling place for SP2. If SP1 is divided as per our recommendation, we would suggest the adoption of Mowlem Primary School for the polling district east of Cambridge Heath Road and Pritchards Road Day Centre for the polling district west of Cambridge Heath Road.”</p>	<p>Proposal to divide SP1 into two polling districts – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>Proposed polling place for new SP1 – Pritchards Road Day Centre</p> <p>Proposed polling place for SP2 – Lawdale Junior School</p> <p>Proposed polling place for SP4 – Hague Primary School, which is a current polling place and convenient for the new polling district including residents in the north west of the district.</p> <p>Proposed polling place for new SP5 – Mowlem Primary School</p>
STEPNEY GREEN	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“As with St Dunstan's we note the changes resulting from new ward boundaries cutting across existing polling districts and welcome the proposals as the best way of dealing with this and with the problem of the existing district being too large.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We believe that the proposed division of the</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling places for SG1 and SG3. We strongly recommend the designation of Marion Richardson School as the polling place for SG3 as it is a better known venue. This argument is strengthened further should our recommendation on polling districts for this ward be adopted.”</p>	<p>Proposal to include the whole of the Clichy Estate in SG1 – <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>Proposed polling place for SG3 - Redcoat Community Centre, <i>subject to DDA compliance visit</i>.</p>

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STEPNEY GREEN (cont)	<p>Clichy Estate between two polling districts (SG1 and SG3) is undesirable and risks creating unnecessary confusion for residents.</p> <p>We therefore propose that instead of dividing this estate, the boundary between SG1 and SG3 run along Jamaica Street, thus incorporating the whole of the Clichy Estate within SG1.”</p> <p>Councillor Alibor Choudhury made the following comments:-</p> <p>“Redcoat Community Centre should certainly be preferred over Marion Richardson School. It is more accessible, and easier to get to for less able residents. It is easier to find - the school is somewhat tucked away in comparison.</p> <p>Additionally, using the school would mean the very narrow Head Street would be congested, and this would be very disruptive for local residents.</p> <p>The other proposed polling stations are supported.”</p>		

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WEAVERS	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“WE1/WE2: We note the degree of change to the districts here is a function of imbalances in the number of electors in the three existing districts. While this is desirable, we note some electors in the north of the proposed WE1 district would have some way to travel to Virginia School while Columbia School is almost on their doorsteps. Accordingly we suggest moving the western boundary of the WE2 district from Ravenscroft Street to Georgina Gardens and Diss Street. This would not seriously impact the differences in the number of electors in each district.”</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward.”</p> <p>Councillor Kabir Ahmed made the following comments:-</p> <p>“The two polling stations at Virginia and Columbia Primary Schools are perfectly good and I would leave them unchanged.</p> <p>In respect of WE3, I would <u>strongly</u> prefer William Davis to the current station at St Matthias. It is a far more convenient location for elderly or less able residents. The Population density is centred much more around William Davis. The current polling station is on the peripheries of both the ward and the polling district.”</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>“We agree with the proposed polling places for WE1, and WE2 and believe that St. Matthias CE Primary School would be the most appropriate polling place for WE3. It is the current polling station and is easily accessible by residents in this polling district.”</p>	<p>WE1 - the boundary has been changed to run through Columbia Road. Electors in the north of WE1 will now vote at Columbia Primary School.</p> <p>Proposed polling place for WE3 - William Davis Primary School for the reasons given, <i>subject to DDA compliance visit.</i></p>

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WHITECHAPEL	<p>LBTH Conservative Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We welcome the proposed arrangements, including the division of the existing WH4 district into two proposed districts, reflecting the geographic size and number of electors."</p> <p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling districts for this ward."</p> <p>Councillors Abdul Asad, Shahed Ali and Aminur Khan made the following comments:-</p> <p>"WH5P: As explained [under 'polling places'], the addition of this 5th Polling station is completely unnecessary. However, the electorate of the proposed WH5P should be renamed and identified as WH3. In addition to the unnecessary closure of English Martyrs RC Primary school, it would also require unnecessary additional staffing and policing requirements which can be avoided by endorsing our overall proposals.</p> <p>Therefore, there is no need for the creation of another polling district, i.e. WH5P. This should be identified as WH3."</p>	<p>Tower Hamlets Labour Party and LBTH Labour Group made the following comments:-</p> <p>"We agree with the proposed polling places for WH1, WH2, WH3 and WH4 and believe that Shapla Primary School should be used as the polling place for WH5."</p> <p>Councillors Abdul Asad, Shahed Ali and Aminur Khan made the following comments:-</p> <p>"With reference to the above, we the three current ward councillors representative of the Whitechapel ward wish to submit the following recommendations.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Councillor Abdul Asad has been continuously serving as a councillor in this Polling district since 1990, therefore has a vast array of practical experience of the local demographics. 2. Councillor Shahed Ali has lived for 42 years in the Berner Estate, and a current serving councillor for the same polling district since May 2006. 3. Councillor Aminur Khan has lived for 23 years in the Sidney North Estate, and a current serving councillor for the current polling district since 2010. <p>Having had detailed discussions amongst ourselves, and with various TRA's and ward based community groups, we have strongly come to the following conclusion for Polling Places we all feel would be most relevant and appropriate to meet the demands of this Polling district for the May 2014 council elections. May we stress that our combined experience of the demographics as described above has ascertained our opinion. Therefore we propose the following;</p>	<p>WH2 - proposal to use East London Central Synagogue as polling place - <i>accepted</i>.</p> <p>Proposal to merge WH3 and WH4 polling districts - <i>accepted, with Harry Gosling Primary School as the polling place and WH5P to become WH4P.</i></p> <p>Proposal to delete separate WH5P polling district - <i>not accepted as this polling district forms part of a parliamentary constituency boundary split, so will need to be identified separately. This proposed polling district is now WH4P, with a polling place at Shapla Primary School.</i></p>

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		<p>WH1: To remain as current.</p> <p>WH2: Ayasofia is absolutely not suitable to serve as a Polling Station. It is situated away from the core residential areas, surrounded by mainly non-residential buildings. This route we believe is not safe for families and children as Cavell Street is extremely congested with road traffic flow, especially due to buses and cars which find it difficult to flow pass each other in addition to parked vehicles. The building itself serves as industrial units to many different businesses.</p> <p>We propose the use of 'East London Central Synagogue', 30/40 Nelson Street, London E1 2DS, also known as 'Nelson Street Synagogue'. We believe this location is centrally located for easy access to mainly surrounding residential properties. If not available, then we suggest the current 'Tower Hamlets Community Housing' office on Commercial Road, at its junction with Sydney Street. Actually, this was the current Polling Station for this district and we are therefore surprised why this was not included? It is well known, on the main road, and already familiar with local electorate.</p> <p>WH3: We believe English Martyrs School should not be used as a Polling station, and historically has not done so at least during the last two council elections. Our electorate has not increased and as such, does not call for an additional polling station. This Polling district should remain part of WH4, as was the case in previous council elections. This location is not familiar to the electorate whom are already familiar with, and accustomed to voting at Harry Gosling Primary School. Furthermore, it is unnecessary to close English</p>	

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		<p>Martyrs school on Polling day which can be accommodated already as current at Harry Gosling School, and should continue to be the case.</p> <p>WH4: To remain as current (but with the inclusion as stated above).</p> <p>WH5P: As explained above, the addition of this 5th Polling station is completely unnecessary. However, the electorate of the proposed WH5P should be renamed and identified as WH3. In addition to the unnecessary closure of English Martyrs RC Primary school, it would also require unnecessary additional staffing and policing requirements which can be avoided by endorsing our overall proposals.</p> <p>Therefore, there is no need for the creation of another polling district, i.e. WH5P. This should be identified as WH3. However, we do agree with St. Paul's CE primary school serving as the Polling station for our proposed polling district of WH3.</p> <p>We therefore agree in summary, Whitechapel ward should continue to consist of four Polling districts, with the maximum of four Polling stations;</p> <p>WH1: Kobi Nazrul Primary School. WH2: Nelson Street Synagogue or Tower Hamlets Community Housing Office, Commercial Road. WH3: St. Paul's CE Primary School. WH4: Harry Gosling Primary School.</p>	

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GENERAL		<p>Mr Frank West, Chair of the Disabled Staff Forum, made the following comments:-</p> <p>“As Chair of the Disabled Staff Forum the only comment is to ask if provision is being made so disabled staff will be able to undertake Polling Station duties.”</p>	The necessary provision will be made.