

Wealden District Council

Notice of Polling Districts and Polling Places Review 2023

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Section 18C of the Representation of the People Act 1983 Wealden District Council (the Council) is to carry out a review of its polling districts and polling places.

Relevant information and location maps regarding the current arrangements and proposals for changes can be found on the Council's website <https://www.wealden.gov.uk/>, or can be inspected at these locations:

The Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX

The following Town/Parish Council Offices:

- Crowborough – Pine Grove, Crowborough, TN6 1DH
- Uckfield – Uckfield Civic Centre, Uckfield, TN22 1AE
- Polegate – Council Offices, 49 High Street, Polegate, BN26 6AL
- Heathfield and Waldron – 73 High Street, Heathfield, TN21 8HU
- Forest Row – The Community Centre, Hartfield Road, Forest Row, RH18 5DZ
- Willingdon & Jevington – Council Office, The Triangle, Willingdon, BN20 9PJ
- The Library, Wadhurst High Street, TN5 6AP

The (Acting) Returning Officer (ARO) for the current Parliamentary constituencies of Bexhill and Battle, Lewes, Eastbourne and Wealden will be invited to comment on the proposals. Once received, their comments will be published on the Council's website and will also be available for inspection at the above locations in accordance with the timetable set out below.

Electors within the Council area or within a UK Parliamentary constituency which has any part in the authority may make a representation. We invite comments from all electors regarding the convenience of voting at polling stations currently used for elections and would welcome suggestions for alternative sites.

The Council would also welcome the views of all residents, particularly disabled residents, or any person or body with expertise in access for persons with any type of disability, on the proposals, ARO's representations or any other related matters.

Anybody making representations should, if possible, give alternative places that may be used as polling places.

Comments and representations may be submitted as follows:

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| By post | Electoral Services PDR, The Council Offices, Vicarage Lane, Hailsham, BN27 2AX |
| By email | PDR@wealden.gov.uk |

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| By completing | the online feedback form at https://letstalk.wealden.gov.uk/ |
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All representations must be made by no later than 30th November 2023.

| Timetable | |
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| 2 nd October 2023 | Formal notice of review |
| 2 nd October 2023 | Commencement of public consultation period |
| 30 th October 2023 | Deadline for receipt of (Acting) Returning Officer's comments and publication within 30 days |
| 30 th November 2023 | End of public consultation period |
| 24 th January 2024 | Final proposals considered by Audit, Finance and Governance Committee |
| 1 st February 2024 | Publish revised register of electors |

The outcome of the review will be published by the Council in February 2024 and will be available for inspection on the Council's website and the locations listed above.

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

Dated: 2nd October 2023

Trevor Scott

Chief Executive

Wealden District Council