

POLLING DISTRICT REVIEW 2018

TIMETABLE AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

24 th July 2018	Report to Council, including Terms of Reference Public notice of intention to review polling district boundaries and designated polling places by: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advertisement in local papers inviting representations on arrangements:• Notice to be placed on notice boards and Website.
3 rd September – 26 th October 2018	Consultation / Representations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consultation with Borough councillors• Local groups and interested parties to be consulted• Information pack to be sent as requested• Representations /proposals to be sent to Slough Borough Council.
27 th November 2018	Draft Proposals prepared and submitted to Council for Consideration.
December 2018 – January 2019	Amended Draft Proposals published for consultation.
29 th January 2019	Final Proposals prepared and submitted to Council for Consideration.
30 th January 2019	Final Proposals published.
February 2019	Register is re-structured where necessary.
Publication in 2019	Final Recommendations implemented. (May 2019)

Terms of Reference for the Review of polling districts and polling stations

Polling Districts

The Review will consider and propose **polling districts** with the aim of ensuring that:

- The Borough of Slough area is divided into polling districts.
- Each polling district offers reasonable facilities for voting for all its electors, as far as is practicable in the circumstances.
- Each Parish is contained within a polling district(s).

Polling Places

The Review will consider and propose **polling places** with the aim of ensuring that:

- All electors in a constituency within its area have such reasonable facilities for voting as are practicable in the circumstances.
- Polling places are sited in buildings that are suitable for use as polling Stations by all sections of the community.
- Polling places have appropriate access for disabled voters.
- Polling places are located in an area of the corresponding polling district unless special circumstances make it desirable to designate an area that is wholly or partly outside of the polling district.
- Polling places are not so large that it is not clear to electors how they will be able to gain access to the polling station.

Glossary of Terms

A polling district

This is a geographical sub-division of a district ward or Parish within which a polling place is designated. Polling districts cannot include more than one of either a Parish or a District ward, whichever is the smaller. You can make suggestions about changes to polling districts as part of this review. For example if you feel that part of a polling district is ill served by the current structure you could suggest splitting the polling district up into smaller parts. This would mean that the Returning Officer would have to provide a polling station in the new smaller districts. You could also suggest that polling districts could be merged.

A polling place

A 'polling place' is an area or building in which a polling station is usually located and can be a complete polling district. You can make suggestions about changes to polling places as part of this review. There cannot be more than one polling place for each polling district.

A polling station

This is the room in which electors vote at the time of an election. This review is not concerned with the location of polling Stations. The location of polling stations remains at the sole discretion of the Returning Officer.